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Wicklow County Council

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st January, 1973 at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman,

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. L. Byrne, Planning Assistant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Hawkins to build a bungalow for his own use at Drummins, Annamoe."

- (d) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford."
- (e) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, B.S.C. Phelan and S. Costello:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to put into operation the refuse collection for the following areas:- Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove."
- 2 Decision on application for Outline Planning Permission for use of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for purposes of National School and Sportsground.
- 3 Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe, Wicklow.
- 4 Circular N. 5/72, from Department of Local Government regarding measures to facilitate planning and implementation of housing programmes and to increase the flexibility, rationalisation and degree of local discretion in relation to the programmes.
- 5 Supplementary Grants for private water supply and sewerage installations — to amend Scheme.
- 6 Scheme for making of loans for purchase of existing houses — to amend schemes.
- 7 Supplementary Loans for house purchase — Letter from Department of Local Government in reply to Council's Resolution.
- 8 Sites for housing at Knockananna — Report of County Engineer arising from Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan.
- 9 Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) subdivision of vested cottage plots.
- 10 Housing at Shillelagh.
- 11 Application from Carnew Traders for reception of deputation in relation to water rates in Carnew.
- 12 Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, in regard to showing of promotional film.
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that Appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruction to the established order which both he and his fellow revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay."

- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 18 Cottages repaired during the month of December, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of January, 1973.

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

The following Recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer in relation to the Planning Applications to be considered at the Meeting had been circulated to the Members of the Council:-

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- (b) Proposed bungalow at Goldenhill, Manor Kilbride — Mr. Richard E. Coe. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-
 - 1 The proposal taken in conjunction with existing development and other proposals for the area would give rise to urban type ribbon development along a minor road in the rural area. Such development would be seriously injurious to the amenity of the area and would tend to cause serious obstruction and traffic hazard for other road users along this minor road.
 - 2 The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area by being located in a rural area lacking in public services and facilities. Such development would give rise to demand for public services such as school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, as well as rural improvements, water supply, sewerage, public lighting and scavenging which could not economically be provided from revenue deriving from such development.
 - 3 The location of the proposed house in such close proximity to the adjoining industrial premises would be detrimental to the amenities of the dwellinghouse because of overshadowing by the industrial buildings and also by the emission of noise from the industrial area.
- (c) Proposed bungalow at Drummin, Annamoe, Bray, Co. Wicklow — Mr. Michael Hawkins.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1 The proposed house would seriously injure the amenity of this area of outstanding natural beauty by reason of its unscreened position prominently located in the foreground of scenic views of the Avonmore Valley obtained from the adjoining major tourist road.

2 The proposed house, by giving rise to an increase in turning movements to and from the proposed entrance, would prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic along this newly aligned and heavily trafficked road.

1. (d) Proposed bungalow at Killiskey, Ashford — Mr. Patrick J. O'Leary.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal is contrary to the proper planning and development of this area as it would result in an extension of ribbon development along Roundwood/Ashford road at a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Killiskey Cross Roads. Further residential development as proposed would give rise to demands for the uneconomic provision of urban services such as public lighting, scavenging, sewerage and footpaths. The proper planning and development of the area require that new development in this area should take place within the existing nucleus and not in ribbon form along a main road away from that existing settlement.
2. The proposed bungalow would result in an injury to the visual character of this area by being prominently located in an elevated and unscreened position above the adjoining road which is an important tourist route. The height of the proposed roof level, 34 feet over existing road level, on this steeply sloping site (approximately 1 in 4 gradient proposed) would render proper screening of the development non feasible.
3. The proposed development on this steeply sloping site would be unsatisfactory from the public health point of view as there would be a possibility of back flow from the proposed septic tank.
4. The proposed gradient of the access, approximately 1 in 4, would be likely to give rise to traffic hazard on the public road.
- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been before the Council at a previous meeting but had been deferred to clarify the position as to whether an alternative site was available. The Chief Planning Assistant reported that he had met Mr. C. Sutton at the site on the 12th December, together with Councillors J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill, and with Mr. P. Hickey, B.E. who was acting for Mr. Sutton. Mr. Sutton indicated that the field under discussion was the only one in which his uncle would apparently give him a site. The Chief Planning Assistant again examined the field and

found that the site chosen was the best one in the field from the amenity point of view as a site could not be provided in the southern end due to the spring being utilised by the Council for a public water supply. The Chief Planning Assistant pointed out, however, that the objections previously raised still applied and accordingly recommended refusal for the reasons as reported to the Council at the previous meeting and copy of which had been circulated to the Members of the Council on the 1st December, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello, Mr. L. Byrne, Planning Assistant, stated that there was a suitable alternative site on other land in the ownership of Mr Sutton's uncle and that he would be prepared to recommend the grant of Planning Permission for a house on this alternative site. The revised application submitted on behalf of Mr. Sutton related to the original site for which Planning Permission had been refused previously. Councillor Costello expressed the view that since a suitable alternative site was available the Council should not use Section 4 of the 1955 Act to direct the grant of Planning Permission for a site which was not recommended by the Council's Planning staff. The Resolution was declared passed with Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining. Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood that the objections on the grounds of traffic hazard could be overcome by consultation with the Engineer for the applicant, Mr. Sutton.

- (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that it was recommended that Permission be refused for the reasons as set out in the report circulated to the Members of the Council on the 29th December, 1972 (as attached).

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

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

County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride.

In proposing the Resolution, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that Permission had been granted for a number of houses on the same road including one on an adjoining site and he did not see any reason why this particular application should be refused. In regard to the proximity of the proposed house to the adjoining Industrial premises he felt that this was a matter for the applicant and could not be a ground for refusal of Permission. Councillor F. Hynes referred to the difficulties being experienced by persons wishing to build their own houses in obtaining a site for a house at a reasonable cost and asked what policy would the Council's Planning Staff recommend to overcome such difficulties. The County Manager stated that the Council had been purchasing land in a number of localities in the County and it was the intention to provide serviced sites where there was a demand for such sites. Councillor Costello expressed the view that the Council's Planning Staff was following a reasonable and logical policy in endeavouring to ensure that new development was located either in or adjacent to existing towns or villages where services could be provided at a reasonable cost.

The Resolution was declared passed with Councillor Costello and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended that as there was a water course at the rear boundary of the site the septic tank be located at the point where the trial hole digging had been made. He recommended also that the well be a deep bore as there was a drain conveying land drainage at the well point indicated on the layout map. The Council agreed that conditions requiring compliance with the recommendation of the County Medical Officer be attached to the grant of Permission in this case.

- (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Hawkins, to build a bungalow for his own use at Drummins, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the reasons as indicated in the report circulated to the Members of the Council on the 29th December, 1972, copy of which was read to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the site of the proposed house adjoined the main Roundwood to Laragh Road just south of Annamoe at a point where the Council had recently completed road improvement works. Land for the purposes of road improvements had been acquired from the Hawkins family, and Planning Permission had been granted for two houses for two members of the family on adjoining sites, one of these having been granted following a direction by the Council under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Councillor Costello inquired whether a suitable alternative site could not be found and stated that he understood that there was about two acres of land owned by the applicant's mother adjoining her house in the village of Annamoe, and that the applicant was prepared to build anywhere on his mother's land. Councillor Gregory stated that the applicant was prepared to

build on a site at Goatsbridge, but it was doubtful if a suitable site would be available on the lands at Annamoe. Councillor Costello urged that the Council agree to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting of the Council so that the matter of obtaining a suitable alternative site could be examined.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

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

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the reasons as set out in the report circulated to the Members of the Council on the 29th December, 1972, and which was read to the Meeting. In regard to the third ground of refusal the County Secretary in reply to inquiry from Councillor F. Hynes, stated that the County Medical Officer recommended refusal on the grounds indicated. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th January, 1973, to allow time for further investigation as to whether the septic tank could be satisfactorily located on the site and also whether there was any alternative site available to the applicant which would not meet with the objections indicated by the Chief Planning Assistant.

- (e) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, and S. Costello:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to put into operation the Refuse Collection for the following areas:— Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove."

The County Secretary stated that in order to provide a refuse collection service for Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove it was necessary to complete the arrangements for the acquisition of additional land for dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy as it had not been possible to obtain land for a dumping ground at Newcastle or Kilquade. There had been legal difficulties in regard to the acquisition of the extra lands but these had now been overcome, and it was expected that the Council could complete the acquisition of the lands very shortly and applications could then be invited for the provision of the service.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to put into operation the refuse collection for the following areas:— Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove.

Passed.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Patrick J. Foley who had been an Assistant County Engineer with the Council for a great many years, and had previously been Surveyor to the Board of Health. The County Manager asked that he and members of the staff be permitted to join in the Council's expression of sympathy, and he referred to Mr. Foley's lengthy service with the County Council, and previously with the Board of Health. He pointed out that a son of Mr. Foley had also been a member of the Council's Engineering Staff for a while.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. William Pollard who had been Contractor to the Council for the erection of houses at Tinahely.

Item No. 2—Decision on application for Outline Planning Permission for use of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for purposes of National School and Sportsground.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council, the Council had agreed to refer the matter of the application for Outline Planning Permission for the use of a site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for the purpose of a National School and Sportsground for further consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, and had agreed that the Members of the Council for the area should also meet representatives of the Select Vestry. The Meeting was held on the 18th December, 1972 and the Members of the Council for the area considered a report of the Chief Planning Assistant on possible alternative sites for a school in the Greystones area and also alternative sites for recreation areas. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area agreed to recommend to the Council that there be no departure from the provisions of the Development Plan in relation to the use of the site at Victoria Road. It had been indicated to the Rev. Canon Elliott and Mr. O. Spurling, who represented the Select Vestry, that it was proposed to refuse Permission for the application but that the Council would be prepared to assist the Select Vestry in acquiring a suitable site for a school and would be prepared to use compulsory purchase powers for this purpose if required. Two possible alternative sites were suggested to the representatives of the Select Vestry. Canon Elliott and Mr. Spurling indicated that it was likely that they would appeal to the Minister against the Council's refusal of Outline Planning Permission.

Item No. 3—Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe, Wicklow.

The following report in regard to the proposed Development at Blainroe, Wicklow, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

28th December, 1972

To the Chairman and each Member
of Wicklow County Council:—

Application for Outline Planning Permission for Development
at Blainroe, Co. Wicklow, submitted by Blainroe Estates, Ltd.

Dear Councillor,

With reference to Item No. 3 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st January, 1973, it is desired to inform the Members of the Council of the details of an application received on 17th May, 1972, from C. G. Cooney, Limited, Garryville Drive, Rathgar, Dublin 6, on behalf of Blainroe Estates, Ltd., c/o Cooney-Jennings, Ltd., Albert Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, in respect of "a comprehensive, residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe Co. Wicklow." A decision on the application has not yet been taken as it was necessary to obtain additional information from the applicants and not all of the necessary information is yet available.

The proposed development will be sited about three miles south of Wicklow town on the Coast Road to Arklow and covers an area of approximately 550 acres, which stretches about one mile inland from the coastline to the surrounding hills. Planning Permission had been granted by the Minister on Appeal, on 16th August, 1968, for 20 dwellings on the site and these are nearing completion.

The present proposal provides for the building of approximately 667 houses, on a total area of 124 acres, these including houses built at a density of ten to the acre and houses built at a density of five to the acre, together with some houses at a density of one to the acre. The provision of 16 chalets is also proposed. An area of 17 acres is allocated to industry, with a further 23 acres available for expansion.

The proposal also includes for the provision of a hotel on 12 acres, a restaurant, an 18 hole golf course and clubhouse on 124 acres, together with sites for schools, a church, shops, and an indoor sports centre. Over 20 acres is being reserved as open space and 175 acres retained as farm land.

The 20 houses for which Planning Permission had been granted represent Phase 1 of the development and the second Phase includes the provision of the golf course which will take about three years to complete, and concurrent with this work, about 80 to 100 dwelling units are proposed to be provided. The other facilities and amenities will be provided subsequently.

The Plans submitted and any further details that may be required will be available for examination by the Members of the Council at the Meeting on 1st January, 1973.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

The County Manager pointed out that the development as proposed would when completed have a population of at least 3,000 persons which might possibly increase to 4,000 during the Summer time. In view of the size of the development he wished to consult the Members of the Council in regard to the application which involved the matter of planning policy. He pointed out that the development would generate substantial additional traffic on the road to and through Wicklow, and that if such a development were proceeded with a contribution should be sought towards the cost of the road improvements which would arise. On the matter of water supply it was noted that the water would be provided from bored wells and it would be necessary to ensure that such a source was adequate for so large a development. He suggested also that it would be desirable that Wicklow Urban District Council be informed of the proposed development having regard to its possible effects on the Urban area. Councillor Costello agreed that the proposal required careful and detailed examination and urged that the Council engage independent consultants who would advise the Members of the technical aspects of the application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That whatever necessary advice be obtained and that a report and recommendation be submitted to the Council, and that Wicklow Urban District Council be consulted.

The County Manager suggested that it would be desirable to obtain the views of the Industrial Development Authority as part of the proposal related to the provision of the lands for industry, and also to obtain the views of Bord Fáilte in regard to the effect of the development on tourism, especially in relation to the provision of the golf course and other facilities. He suggested that An Foras Forbartha, who had carried out a study of the water resources might be asked for advice on the matter of the proposal to provide the water supply from bored wells. The Council agreed that the reports of Consultants and of the bodies referred to be obtained and that these reports, together with the recommendations of the Council's Staff be then submitted to the Council. Councillor Costello also drew attention to the possible effect of the development in relation to the matter of Health Services, and asked that regard be had to this factor also.

Item No. 4—Circular N. 5/72 from Department of Local Government regarding measures to facilitate Planning and Implementation of Housing Programmes and to increase the flexibility, rationalisation and degree of local discretion in relation to the programme.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of Circular N. 5/72 had been circulated to the Members of the Council and he referred to the provisions in this Circular in relation to the devolution of responsibility for the planning of housing schemes and the proposed arrangements for annual capital allocations. Councillor Costello stressed the importance in future, of the Council's determining accurately, prior to the commencement of each financial year, the housing needs and their programme for the building of houses during the

following financial year, so as to ensure that an appropriate capital allocation was obtained. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Manager stated that the amount of the capital allocation would be determined by the Minister, having regard to the capital funds available and the level of housing need in the various areas. Councillor J. Temple referred to the houses being built at Fassaroe for Bray Urban District Council and complained of their condition and expressed criticism of the supervision exercised by the National Building Agency. He suggested also that Members of the Council should visit the Scheme at Oldcourt where houses were being built by Sisks for the County Council and for Bray Urban District Council. Councillor F. Hynes supported this suggestion. The County Manager stated that Members who might visit the site would find that satisfactory progress was being made.

Housing Schemes at Glenealy, Aughrim and Tinahely—Rigid Frames, Limited

The Council considered, in committee, a report of the County Manager and County Engineer in regard to difficulties experienced in completing the housing schemes at Glenealy, Aughrim and Tinahely. The Council noted that Notice had been served on the Contractor requiring him to proceed with work on the housing schemes without delay.

Housing Scheme at Aughrim

One Tender received in response to public advertisement for the erection of 22 houses at Aughrim and for the development of 50 sites was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tender was from McIlvenna, Limited, and was in the sum of £130,684 in respect of the erection of the houses, and the total development, of which sum £21,000 related to the cost of development. The Council noted that the Tender would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

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

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Miss N. O'Neill and K. Ryan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Owen O'Neill and Kevin O'Neill, for the provision of two bungalows at Knockenree, Avoca."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to L. Tynan, 10 Laurel Avenue, Dundrum, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission

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under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Geraldine Kealy, 3 Wilson Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin, 4, for the provision of a bungalow at Rathnabo, Blessington."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay the money due to the landowners in West Wicklow, now long overdue:- Frank Tutty, Holly-wood; Thomas Clarke, Srugahan; Martin Cummins, Carrig; Liam Cummins, Carrig; L. M. Byrne, Blessington; William Thornton, Clough, Baltinglass; Mrs. Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass; John Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council request the Department of Local Government to increase water grant from £50 to £100."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (1) "That this Council refuse to pay the estimated cost to the Eastern Health Board that will occur due to the issuing of Medical Cards to University and other students that come from outside our area; (2) that this Council arrange a meeting with the other authorities in the region with a view to meeting the Minister of Health about this matter."

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Held on

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th January, 1973.

The following Members attended:

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman,

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss Mary Walsh, M. J. O'Neill, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

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

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (deferred from meeting held on 1st January, 1973):-
In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th and 18th September, 1972.
- 3 Amenity Grants Schemes for 1972/'73 and 1973/'74: Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th December, 1972, re proposed additional schemes for 1972/'73 and report of County Engineer re schemes for 1973/'74.
- 4 Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Area — To authorise supplementary loan towards cost of Scheme.
- 5 Extension of Stratford on Slaney water supply to serve Manger.
- 6 Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, in regard to showing of promotional film.
- 7 Eastern Health Board — Estimate of Expenditure for 1973/'74.

- 8 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation issued by Minister for Local Government.
- 9 Revision of Polling Scheme.
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- 20 Fire Prevention — Proposed appointment of Second Fire Officer (Prevention).
- 21 Road from Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew/Dublin Road — Report of County Engineer.
- 22 Application for plot of ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 23 Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford on Slaney.
- 24 Industrial Development in Bray Area — Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 25 Rating of Community Halls.
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the "Sphinx" Road from Tigrone Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 29 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:- "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the

Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night, while in the area."

- 30 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 31 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council bore two wells for the three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
- 32 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
- 33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacaded."
- 34 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry; both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."
- 35 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
- 36 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:- "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
- 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and the money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/74 for this purpose."
- 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templarainey Church a "Black-Spot-Area" and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."
- 40 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:- "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."

- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
- 43 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council build a wall around the Cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this Cemetery is now closed."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 47 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (1) "That this Council refuse to pay the estimated cost to the Eastern Health Board that will occur due to the issuing of Medical Cards to University and other Students that come from outside our area; (2) That this Council arrange a meeting with the other authorities in the region with a view to meeting the Minister of Health about this matter."
- 48 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (deferred from Meeting held on 1st January, 1973:-
In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been under consideration by the Council at the Meeting on the previous Monday, but had been deferred for further information. The following report had been submitted by the County Engineer:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
 Wicklow.
 5th January, 1973

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
 County Secretary.

Re/ Proposed bungalow at Killiskey, Ashford, for
 Mr. Patrick J. O'Leary, Ref. 5997/72.

A Chara,

Further to the Council Meeting of 1st January, 1973 and the questions raised thereat concerning this application, I now give the following information:

- (1) According to the records of the Rates Office and valuation lists maps available there, the site of about 1.20 acres, located 0.4 miles

from Killiskey Cross, is part of the holding of Mr. P. Smyth of Killiskey, whose holding comprised approximately 62 acres which are shown on maps ref. planning and development 5997 herewith.

- (2) Approximately half of the holding is located on the north side of the main road and this parcel of land also has access on the County Road running north from Killiskey Cross. Mr. O'Leary's site is to the north side of the main road.
- (3) The map shows, also, the record of permission granted for houses on Mr. Smyth's lands and are as follows:
- ref. 1259 applicant Scanlon
 ref. 3755 applicant Pallas
 ref. 4093 applicant Hume (in lieu of ref. 1259)
 ref. 4680 applicant Williams
 ref. 4859 applicant Stead
 ref. 4490 applicant Crean
- All these permissions were granted since July, 1967.

Only two of these permissions relate to sites with access on the Main Road, viz:

- (a) Ref. 4680 (K. Williams), located only 0.11 miles from Killiskey Cross forms a close part of the existing cluster about Killiskey Cross.
- (b) Ref. 4490 (W. Crean), located adjacent to Mr. O'Leary's site, 0.4 miles from Killiskey Cross, constitutes an extension of ribbon development. Permission for a demountable dwelling was granted to Mr. Crean in pursuance of a "Section 4" resolution.

The remaining permissions relate to sites with access, either directly or indirectly, on the Co. Road to the north of Killiskey Cross. In addition, at the present time consideration is being given to the possibility of granting permission for a scheme of 10 houses with a single access on the County Road south of Killiskey Cross and further information has been sought relative to that application (ref. 5802/72).

The number of permissions granted shows that the policy in relation to applications for permissions for developments in this area has not been restrictive and it is considered that a suitable site could be found on Mr. Smyth's lands in the vicinity of those developments with access on the County road north of Killiskey Cross.

- (4) On Mr. Smyth's lands to the north of the main road a gravel pit has been re-opened. Removal of the gravel would eventually result in additional lands being available which are likely to prove suitable for development in a comprehensive manner with access on the county road or a single access to suitable standard on the main road.

Since, to date, development of Mr. Smyth's lands has been on a piecemeal basis it is recommended that the landowner be requested to state his future intentions regarding further development of his lands.

Refusal is recommended in the case of this current application by Mr. O'Leary for the reasons stated previously (with the exception of the public health reason) viz.:

- (1) The proposal is contrary to the proper planning and development of this area as it would result in an extension of ribbon development along the Roundwood/Ashford road at a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Killiskey Cross Roads. Further residential development as proposed would give rise to demands for the uneconomic provision of urban services such as public lighting, scavenging, sewerage and footpaths. The proper planning and development of the area require that new development in this area should take place within the existing nucleus and not in ribbon form along a main road away from that existing settlement.
- (2) The proposed bungalow would result in an injury to the visual character of this area by being prominently located in an elevated and unscreened position above the adjoining road which is an important tourist route. The height of the proposed roof level, 34 feet over existing road level, on this steeply sloping site (approximately 1 in 4 gradient proposed) would render proper screening of the development non feasible.
- (3) The proposed gradient of the access, approximately 1 in 4 would be likely to give rise to traffic hazard on the public road.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

A copy of the Report had been circulated to the Members of the Council, at the Meeting. In reply to inquiries from Councillor Temple, the County Secretary stated that the difficulty in regard to the siting of the septic tank referred to at the previous Meeting had been overcome, but it would be noted that the County Engineer recommended that Permission be refused on the grounds as indicated in the report circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford.
Passed — Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

Councillor S. Costello who was not present in the Council Chamber at the time the matter was under consideration asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the proposal.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 11th and 18th September, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 11th and 18th September, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Amenity Grants Schemes for 1972/'73 and 1973/'74: Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th December, 1972, re Proposed Additional Schemes for 1972/'73 and Report of County Engineer re Schemes for 1973/'74.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

33/34 Lower Mount Street,
Dublin 2.

28th December, 1972

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Amenity Grants Scheme 1972/'73

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th December, 1972, setting out the schemes on which the Council propose to spend the supplementary grant of £5,000 made under the above described scheme.

In connection with the schemes proposed I would bring to your notice the terms of the Memoranda issued in November, 1971 and May, 1972, setting out the aims of the scheme and in particular the requirement that priority be given to projects which improve community facilities for recreation and leisure pursuits. The list of schemes submitted include three items related to the clearing of derelict sites for which the grant scheme, previously operated has been terminated in order to concentrate available funds on works of a more positive amenity value. It is not proposed for the future to permit general use of the scheme for the clearance of derelict sites. The street widening proposal at Knockananna Village and the provision of a rugby pitch at Ashdown are outside the scope of the scheme and may not be allowed for grant purposes.

I am to request that the proposals for the expenditure of the supplementary allocation be reviewed in the light of the above and with due regard to the requirement that the Department grant is only available provided payment on foot of properly certified claims, setting out expenditure can be made within the current financial year. For your information a copy of the Minister's speech delivered to the General Council of County Councils on 13th December, 1972, is enclosed and I would bring to your notice the Minister's views on the implementation of the Amenity Grants Scheme set out on pas 3 and 4.

Mise, le meas,

M. HANNON

EXTRACT FROM SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ON THE 13th DECEMBER, 1972

"The provision of community and recreational facilities is a matter in which I am deeply interested. I firmly believe that local authorities and local voluntary bodies can do a great deal to develop a real community spirit and to make their areas more pleasant to live in and

more attractive to industry. Help from central funds is necessary, of course, but essentially it is the local people — and among these I class local authority members and staff — who realise what facilities are necessary and most beneficial in their areas. Self-help is the best help and facilities provided by local people will be better used, better managed and better maintained.

It may not be generally realised that nearly £½ million has been made available in the current year to help local authorities and voluntary bodies under the Amenity Grants Scheme. Local Authorities have been given a wide discretion in the use of the grants allocated to them. This is a healthy development. However, I feel that not all authorities have used their discretion wisely. Some of them tend to spend too much of their allocation on roadworks, car-parks, lowering fences, etc. While I realise that these works are desirable and have for the most part been carried out in areas of tourist and scenic significance, I appeal to local authorities to give a higher degree of priority in the future to the provision of community centres, recreational centres, both indoor and outdoor, and better facilities for the use of increased leisure time. I appreciate that car-parks and other works of a utilitarian nature may form some part of such schemes but I am disappointed to see some local authorities spending a large part of their allocations on such works. I feel that the development of an area and its community can be advanced considerably by provision of community centres and recreational facilities and I am glad to see that some local authorities at least are not only of like mind but are also giving financial assistance out of their own funds to local voluntary bodies providing such facilities."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary

8th January, 1973

Re AMENITY GRANTS, 1973/'74

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 29th ultimo.

The Scheme for Knockananna may not have been described in sufficient detail to enable the Department to assess where the scheme comes within the scope of the grants for works of public utility. The widening is necessary for the provision of seats and the planting of trees to improve the amenities of the village for the enjoyment of the general public and would, in my opinion, therefore, qualify under the above Grants.

The scheme proposed for the Rugby Club will, apart from the provision of two playing pitches, include for indoor basket ball, tennis and badminton and lawn tennis courts, which would be available to the general public. The scheme, therefore, would as well as providing playing fields, would also provide community facilities for recreation and leisure pursuits. It would seem, therefore, that it would qualify under Paragraph 3 of the Department's Circular on Amenity Grants. The final cost of the scheme would be in the nature of £18,000. The present programme would cover Phase 1 of the Scheme to include for levelling and drainage as a preparatory work which would later form

part of the development. I would, therefore, suggest that the scheme be again submitted to the Department, as the description already submitted to them did not give them full details of the proposal.

If these two schemes do not qualify, a sum of £2,000 would be available from the Supplementary Department's Grant of £5,000 schemes to absorb this £2,000. This would be taken from the list of proposed schemes for the coming financial year.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that of the Schemes estimated to cost £10,000 submitted for absorbing the Supplementary Grant of £5,000 under the Amenity Grants Scheme, the Schemes approved consisted of the following:-

The Scenic Car-Park at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue	£800
Community Centre, Carnew	£2,000
Provision of Children's Play Ground, Blessington	£800
	<hr/> £3,600

The remaining Schemes submitted had not been approved as indicated in the Department's letter. It would be necessary consequently to submit alternative schemes covering a total cost of £6,400. On the proposal of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, the Council agreed to re-submit the Scheme proposed in respect of Knockananna Village and on the proposal of Councillor Timmins, T.D., the Council agreed also to re-submit schemes in relation to the derelict sites at Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Rathmew. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, and having regard to the recommendations of the County Engineer, the Council agreed to re-submit also the scheme in relation to the Rugby Pitch at Wicklow. The Council agreed that if the schemes re-submitted were not approved by the Minister that the Council could proceed with Schemes as suggested by the County Manager for the acquisition and provision of Playing Fields at Rathmew and Newtownmountkennedy. The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Department of Local Government as to whether schemes in relation to Playing Fields such as the Scheme proposed by Wicklow Rugby Club or Schemes for 1973/'74 submitted by G.A.A. Clubs would qualify for grants under the Amenity Grants Scheme.

The Council decided to arrange meetings of the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area for the purpose of considering Schemes for Amenity Grants for the year 1973/'74 and also to consider the revision of the Polling Scheme, and it was arranged that meetings be held at the dates and times as proposed:-

Arklow Electoral Area at Assistant County Engineer's Office, Tinahely, on Monday, 15th January, 1973, at 3.30 p.m.

Baltinglass Electoral Area at the Courthouse, Baltinglass, on Friday, 12th January, 1973, at 3.00 p.m.

Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall Bray, on Tuesday, 16th January, 1973, at 8.00 p.m.

Wicklow Electoral Area at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th January, 1973, at 8.00 p.m.

Item No 4—Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Area — To Authorise Supplementary Loan towards cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was requested to the raising of a supplementary loan to defray the additional cost incurred to date on the Bray U.D.C./Wicklow County Council Joint Sewerage Scheme. Based on the original estimate for the Scheme of £210,000 loans of £105,000 had been raised by the County Council and by Bray Urban District Council, but it was necessary in order to meet expenditure incurred to date that a further £58,000 be raised by each local authority. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary to approach the Council for a further supplementary loan when the final cost of the Scheme had been determined.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a supplementary loan in the sum of £58,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years to finance additional costs incurred to date in the Bray U.D.C. / Wicklow County Council Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Extension of Stratford on Slaney Water Supply to Serve Manger:

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a Scheme for the extension of Stratford on Slaney Water Supply to serve Manger. The Scheme would serve 7 houses at an estimated cost of £1,278 or approximately £183 per house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Scheme prepared by the County Engineer for the extension of the Stratford on Slaney Water Supply to serve Manger and note that the estimated cost of the Scheme is £1,278. We approve of the Scheme being submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, in regard to showing of Promotional Film.

The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited had indicated that they would be pleased to arrange a showing of the promotional film for the benefit of the

Members of the Council at a time and place that was convenient and they had suggested that the film might be shown following a Council Meeting, and that the Tourism Organisation would be prepared to book a room in a local hotel to show the film and to invite the Members of the Council for some light refreshment subsequently. The Co. Secretary suggested that the showing of a film might be arranged for the evening of the next County Council meeting which would be held on the 5th February, 1973 and the Council agreed that this was a suitable date.

Item No. 7—Eastern Health Board — Estimate of Expenditure for 1973/'74.

The County Manager stated that a copy of the Estimates of the Eastern Health Board for the year 1973/'74 had been received, but he regretted that it was not possible at present to give any indication as to grants which might be made available by the Minister towards the cost of health services in the coming financial year and the resultant amount which would have to be met by the Council from Rates. For the year 1972/'73 the estimate which had been prepared by the Eastern Health Board had been reduced by the Minister but it had been found that the original estimate had not been understated and that the actual expenditure of the Board for the year 1972/'73 would exceed the estimate as revised by the Minister by the sum of £2,540,000. The County Manager pointed out that the Minister had indicated that grants were being made available towards the cost of health services for 1972/'73 of such an amount as would enable local authorities contributing to the Eastern Health Board to limit the increase in the rate for health services to the figure of 30p in excess of that provided by each local authority for the year 1971/'72. As the rate for health services determined by Wicklow County Council for the year 1972/'73 had been at a figure 30p in excess of that which had been determined by the Council for the year 1971/'72 the Council had met the requirements determined by the Minister and it seemed that the Council should expect that any debit balance arising as a result of operations of the Eastern Health Board during the year 1972/'73 should be met from a Health Grant. The Members of the County Council indicated their agreement with the views of the County Manager that additional grants should be provided by the Minister for Health so as to ensure that no debit balance would arise on the operations of the health services for the year 1972/'73.

In regard to the estimate of expenses for the year 1973/'74 the County Manager stated that this estimate showed an increase of £5,973,400 over the original Estimate for 1972/'73. It would appear that of this sum £2,164,200 represented development of services which it was felt should be met in full by Health Services Grant. Assuming that the cost of these services were met in full by a Health Grant and that a 50 per cent. grant was available towards the balance of the estimate it would seem that the increase in the rate for health services for the coming year should be about 26p in the £. If, however, a 100 per cent. grant was not available for what was described as development items the rate for health services could show an increase of 44.8p in the £.

Following a reference by Councillor J. Temple to the position in regard to the financing of the cost of running St. James' Hospital and The James Connolly Memorial Hospital for which no provision had been made in the estimates submitted by the Eastern Health Board, the County Manager pointed out that if the Board had to meet the

cost of operation of these Hospitals in full for the year 1973/'74 it was understood that the estimated cost would be £3½ million and that this could involve a further 31p in the pound in the rate in County Wicklow. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Health Board had already sent a deputation to the Minister in connection with the matter of financing the cost of these two Hospitals. Councillor Temple expressed the view that it would be desirable that a meeting be arranged between Members of the local authority responsible for contributing to the expenditure of the Eastern Health Board for the purpose of considering the estimates of expenses of the Board for the coming financial year and the provision which will have to be made in the Estimates of the contributing local authorities in respect of health services and the matter of the amount of the Health Grant which should be made available towards the amounts which would require to be provided by the contributing authorities. The Council approved of the suggestion made by Councillor Temple and agreed that 8 Members of the Council would attend at the proposed Joint Meeting, these Members being: Councillor M. Deering, Chairman; Councillors J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Sweeney, the Council's Representatives on the Eastern Health Board, and Councillors F. Hynes, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and Miss M. Walsh. It was agreed, however, that the County Secretary communicate with the Corporation of Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, Dublin County Council and Kildare County Council to seek their agreement to the proposed Joint Meeting to be held at the Dublin County Council Offices, Parnell Square, Dublin, on a date to be determined.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the Notice of Motion in his name at Item No. 47 on the Agenda and stated that by a recent decision of the Minister students residing in the area covered by the Eastern Health Board were now being issued with Medical Cards to entitle them to free Medical Services. He pointed out that in the area of the Eastern Health Board there would be a much greater number of such students than in the area covered by any of the other Regional Health Authorities, and he further pointed out that many of the students concerned were from outside the Country and in many cases their parents would have ample funds to meet the cost of any health services which they might require. He felt that the decision of the Minister in this regard would impose a considerable extra charge on the funds of the Eastern Health Board and consequently on the contributing local authority. He pointed out that many persons in County Wicklow who might not be accepted as entitled to Medical Cards had very low incomes as compared with the incomes of the families of some of these students. The Members of the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Eastern Health Board on the matter raised by Councillor Hynes and that the views of the Members as expressed to the Meeting in regard to the matter of issue of Medical Cards to such students without regard to the income of their families be conveyed to the Board.

Item No. 8—White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation Issued by Minister for Local Government.

The Council considered the White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation a copy of which had been issued to each Member. At the request of the County Council, the County Manager drew attention to the recommendations made in the White Paper and pointed out that it was intended to retain the rates as the major local system of taxation. It was proposed to reform the existing Valuation System and to transfer the responsibility for the Valuation Office to the Minister

for Local Government. Rate Reliefs for new grant aided houses and for houses which were reconstructed or improved with the aid of grants would be continued but other rate reliefs such as those which had been allowed on larger houses, office blocks, etc., were being phased out. The County Manager also pointed out that it was proposed that the maximum possible amount of revenue should be derived by local authorities from charges for services, fees and other non-tax sources and that in this regard it was suggested that a fee should be charged for applications for Planning Permissions. The County Manager added that there had been no recommendation for the introduction of a capital gains tax which he suggested in view of gains arising from sales of land might produce a substantial yield.

On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the White Paper and to consider it at a special meeting to be held at a later date. On the suggestion of Councillor Costello the Council agreed that a copy of the White Paper be furnished to the Secretary of The Wicklow Rural Organisation and to the Secretary of the Trade Union Councils at Bray and Arklow, and that these Bodies be asked to convey in writing their views in regard to the proposal in the White Paper for consideration by the County Council.

Item No. 9—Revision of Polling Scheme

The County Secretary stated that proposals for the revision of the Polling Scheme which would involve a reduction of the number of Polling Stations from 148 to 113 had been prepared and it would be circulated to the Members of the Council for their respective Electoral Areas. The Council agreed that proposals be considered by the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area at the Local Meetings which had been arranged earlier in the Meeting.

Item No. 10—Provision of Accommodation for Itinerants

The County Secretary referred to the decision at the Meeting of the Council on the 20th November, 1972 at which the Council had decided not to approve of proceeding with the proposal to provide a Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmurphy nor to approve of the Co. Engineer's estimate of cost for the work. An objection had been received from the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association objecting to the proposal to establish a Halting Place at Kilmurphy Quarry, and against any similar proposal in relation to the Electoral Division of Kilmacanogue. In the meantime it had not been possible to suggest any alternative site and the County Secretary inquired if Members of the Council could put forward any suggestions. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, the Council agreed that the Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee be requested to provide information on the current position in regard to the accommodation needs of Itinerants in County Wicklow and any views they might be in a position to offer in regard to the suitable locations for a site for the provision of a Halting Place. The Council agreed that the matter of the provision of accommodation for Itinerants be further considered when the information requested was received. Councillor J. Whelan stated that he expects to be in a position to suggest a possible site for a Halting Place for Itinerants and that he would supply the details to the County Secretary.

Item No. 11—Request by Council for Additional Gardai in County Wicklow — Letter from Minister for Justice.

The following letter from the Office of the Minister for Justice was noted by the Council:-

13 Nollaig, 1972.

Office of the Minister for Justice,
Dublin.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Mr. D. O'Malley, T.D., to refer further to your letter of 21st September, 1972 in regard to Garda strength in Co. Wicklow.

The Minister has now received a detailed report from the Commissioner on the matter. The position is that over the past two years there has been an overall increase in permanent strength in Co. Wicklow of 1 Sergeant and 12 Gardai and, over the past year, radio cars have been allocated to Wicklow, Arklow, Gorey and Greystones. On the other hand, however, because of unusually high demands for police services in certain areas over the past few months (border areas, for example) some men have had to be transferred temporarily from the county thus reducing to some extent the effectiveness of the increase in manpower and equipment. The extra allocations made to the county are, in the Commissioner's opinion, the maximum which can be made in present circumstances, having regard to demands for garda services elsewhere. As previously announced, the overall strength of the Force is being increased by a further 920 over and above normal recruitment in the current financial year. Arrangements are being made for the recruitment of the additional Gardai as soon as possible and the police needs of Wicklow will receive further consideration, in conjunction with those of other centres, according as the extra men become available for assignment.

In his report the Commissioner refers to representations, and deputations received by local Garda District officers about Garda strength, policing, crime, etc. in the county and it is clear that they are fully aware of views held locally about these matters. In view of this, and also because of his heavy official commitments, the Minister, while appreciating your Council's concern in this matter, regrets that he is not in a position to receive a deputation at the present time.

Mise, le meas,

J. KIRBY,

Runai an Aire.

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

The County Manager referred to difficulties which had been experienced by the Council in relation to the Direct Labour Schemes by the theft of materials and damage to equipment. He stated that a substantial quantity of timber had been stolen from the site at Newtownmountkennedy while the Council were erecting houses even though the site was in the centre of a built up area. While the matter had been reported to the Gardai no person has yet been apprehended in respect of the theft and it appeared that the Gardai were not receiving any co-operation from local persons who it was felt might be able to assist. In reply to inquiries from Members as to whether watchmen were employed, the County Engineer pointed out that the cost of

employing watchmen, particularly on a small Scheme would not be justified because of the additional cost which would be reflected in the price for the houses. The County Manager also pointed out that the cement mixer, the property of the Contractor, employed on the Road Works near Bray had also been stolen recently, and in this case also it had not been possible so far to ascertain the person responsible. He pointed out that because of the theft and vandalism, the cost of the Council houses was being effected as it could be expected that Contractors would have regard to the risk of such losses when submitting tenders for Schemes in the County. The County Engineer agreed that it would be difficult to continue with Direct Labour Schemes if thefts of material and equipment continued.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, J. Miley, T. J. Keenan and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Myler, 5, Griffith Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyraine Upper, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch, to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Sean Quinn, for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That the Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the erection of a National School at Blessington."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (owner C. Byrne) which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council purchase Messrs. Goulding's and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane, at Coolroe, Tinahely."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Priestnewtown, Delgany— (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Members of the Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th February, 1973 at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, and Staff Officer for Planning and Housing and Sanitary Services were present.

AGENDA

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Miss N. O'Neill, and K. Ryan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Owen O'Neill and Kevin O'Neill, for the provision of two bungalows at Knockenree, Avoca."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to L. Tynan, 10 Laurel Avenue, Dundrum, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Geraldine Kealy, 3 Wilson Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin, 4, for the provision of a bungalow at Rathnabo, Blessington."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, J. Miley, T. J. Keenan and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on

us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Myler, 5 Griffith Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyrairie Upper, Arklow."

- (e) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Lynch, to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."
- (f) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Sean Quinn, for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay the money due to the landowners in West Wicklow, now long overdue:- Frank Tutty, Hollywood; Thomas Clarke, Srugahan; Martin Commins, Carrig; Liam Commins, Carrig; L. M. Byrne, Blessington; William Thornton, Clough, Baltinglas; Mrs. Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass; John Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass."
- 2 Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe, Wicklow.
- 3 Supplementary Grants for private water supply and sewerage installations to amend Scheme.
- 4 Scheme for making loans for purchase of existing houses — to amend scheme.
- 5 Supplementary Loans for house purchase — Letter from Department of Local Government in reply to Council's Resolution.
- 6 Sites for housing at Knockamanna — Report of County Engineer arising from Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan.
- 7 Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) subdivision of vested cottage plots.
- 8 To receive deputations from (a) Carnew Traders in relation to Water Rates in Carnew, and (b) Messrs Michael Brown and Andrew O'Reilly re road at Kilpoole Hill.
- 9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that Appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruc-

- tion to the established order which both he and his fellow revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them."
- 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay."
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, (tenant James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council request the Department of Local Government to increase water grant from £50 to £100."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at the Chapel Lane, Shilleagh."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That the Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington, for the erection of a National School at Blessington."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, (owner: C. Byrne) which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council purchase Messrs Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."
- 18 Council houses repaired during January, 1973, and to be repaired during February, 1973.

Item No. 1:- Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-

The following Reports of the Chief Planning Assistant as recommended by the County Engineer in regard to the proposed Resolutions had been circulated to the Members of the Council:-

REPORTS. . .

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

- (a) Proposed 2 bungalows at Knockenree, Avoca, Co. Wicklow—Kevin and Owen O'Neill.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed residential development of this elevated rural site would detract from the scenic character of this area and would

create demands for the provision of public services which could not be adequately provided for from resultant rates revenue. The proper planning of this area requires that residential development be located within, or adjacent to, existing residential development areas where services are or can economically be made available and where injury to amenity would be minimised.

2. The steep gradient of the proposed access onto this narrow public road would give rise to a traffic hazard at the access point.

(b) Proposed house at Ballyfolan, Co. Wicklow—L. Tynan.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in an unserviced rural area remote from existing settlements and community facilities and from such services as public water supply, sewerage, public lighting and refuse collection. Further, it would create a future demand for public services in this area which could not be provided economically from the public revenue deriving from such development.
2. The proposed site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply. There is no evidence before the Planning Authority to show that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system without giving rise to possible pollution of the reservoir.
3. As there is a spring issuing from the ground in the area immediately east of the proposed bungalow and uphill from it, the proposed site would be excessively damp for a dwellinghouse.
4. The proposed development would be injurious to visual amenity by reason of its prominent location in a mountain area of outstanding natural beauty. The proper planning and development of the area require that it be retained as far as possible in its natural state.

(c) Proposed bungalow at Rathnabo, Blessington, Co. Wicklow—Miss Geraldine Kealy.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because:—
- (a) The adjoining public road is too narrow to allow any further development without causing possible traffic hazard and obstruction of other road users.
- (b) The proposed development is in an unserviced rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services which in time are likely to be demanded.
- (c) It would seriously injure the amenities of the area by destroying the scenic and rural character of the area.
- (d) It would set a precedent for other unsuitably located sites.

2. The proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply. There is no evidence before the Planning Authority to show that the ground conditions are satisfactory for the disposal of sewage effluent by means of a septic tank without giving rise to possible pollution of the reservoir.
- (d) Proposed bungalow at Ballyraine Upper, Arklow, Co. Wicklow—Patrick Myler.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The traffic generated by the proposed development would give rise to a serious traffic hazard by reason of the location of the proposed entrance at a point on the public road adjacent to a blind bend where visibility is very restricted.
 2. The area of the site is insufficient to adequately accommodate a septic tank and the proposal to locate the septic tank outside the boundaries of the site is not considered acceptable.
- (e) Proposed 2 bungalows at Whitestown Lower, Stratford on Slaney, Co. Wicklow—Seán Quinn.

This is an outline application for permission to erect 2 bungalows on land beside national secondary road N 81 at Whitestown Lower. The proposed access points to the bungalows would be situated on the inside of a curve on this road on which visibility is limited and inadequate for the purposes of an entrance to dwellings. An entrance in this location would lead to a traffic hazard due to the high speed of traffic on this road. Permission was previously refused for these 2 bungalows (Register reference 5516/72) and also for 2 other bungalows (Register reference 4791/71 and 5970/72) on this field. One of these was subsequently granted in pursuance of Section 4, Resolution to Mr. G. O'Connor (Register reference 5089/72). The other application was that of Mr. S. Clynnch.

The possibility of getting an alternative site off the national secondary road was investigated. The landowner, Mr. William Manly, does have land fronting on to County Road number 314 of approximately 600 yards in length. This land would be suitable for building houses and has an electricity supply at present at each end of this frontage. However, on inquiry, Mr. Manly stated that he would not be prepared to sell sites on this frontage. The reasons he gave were that it was good agricultural land and that there was gravel under it which he hoped to work in the future. It was pointed out to him that the land he was selling for building sites was also good land and also contained gravel as was evident from the excavations carried out for building going on at present. However, he remained adamant that he was not prepared to sell any sites for building on the alternative site suggested.

I recommend that permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposed access point to the bungalows would be situated on the inside of a curve at which visibility is limited and inadequate for the purposes of an entrance. An entrance at this point—
- (a) Would negate recent improvements carried out to the road in this area.

- (b) Would lead to a traffic hazard due to the high speed of traffic on this road and the restricted visibility and the obstruction which would be caused to the free flow of traffic along the road by vehicles entering and leaving the proposed entrance.
2. Having regard to the existing planning permission granted for a dwelling on the adjacent site, the proposed erection of two additional dwellings would initiate ribbon development along the National Secondary route and would be seriously in conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the manner stated in reason number 1 above.
3. The proposed development would be isolated from existing settlements and community facilities and services and accordingly would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
4. The site of the proposal is elevated above the adjoining public road and lacks natural screening. The erection of dwellings thereon would seriously injure amenity in the area by reason of undue prominence.

(A) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Miss N. O'Neill, and K. Ryan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Owen O'Neill, and Kevin O'Neill, for the provision of two Bungalows at Knockenree, Avoca."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the reasons as indicated in the Report 1 (a) as circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan,

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan.

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Owen O'Neill, and Kevin O'Neill, for the provision of two bungalows at Knockenree, Avoca.

In proposing the Resolution, Councillor Keenan stated that the sites for these houses were on lands of the applicants' uncle and had access from a road which did not carry heavy traffic, and he contended that the erection of houses on this site would not detract from the scenic character of the area. As the road carried very limited traffic he did not agree that a traffic hazard was likely to arise. The Resolution was declared "Passed," with Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

(B) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, T.D., and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to L. Tynan, 10, Laurel Avenue, Dundrum, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused on the grounds as set out in 1 (b) of the Reports circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to L. Tynan, 10 Laurel Avenue, Dundrum, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

(C) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Geraldine Kealy, 3, Wilson Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin 4, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Rathnabo, Blessington."

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in this instance was withdrawn. The Council noted that the Motion was not being moved.

(D) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Myler, 5 Griffith Street, Arklow, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballyrairie Upper, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of Outline Permission on the grounds set out at 1 (d) in the Reports circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Myler, 5, Griffith Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyrairie Upper, Arklow.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the applicant had obtained Permission to site the septic tank on adjoining lands and that he had submitted confirmation to this effect. He stated that the applicant could obtain right of access to the proposed site for the septic tank if required. In reply to inquiries from Members as to whether the entrance to the site could be improved, the Chief Planning Assistant stated that it would be necessary to level the fences on both sides of

the proposed entrance to provide vision and this would require the agreement of the adjoining landowner. Councillor Sweeney and Councillor Cleary agreed to an amendment to the Motion as follows: "Subject to applicant submitting confirmation of right of access to the proposed site for septic tank on lands of Mr. Leslie Hill, and soil being found suitable for disposal of effluent, and fences on both sides being levelled to provide vision."

The Resolution as amended was declared passed.

(E) In the Names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch to Build a House at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney"

(F) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Sean Quinn, for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney"

Councillor G. Timmins referred to the Report of the Chief Planning Assistant which had been circulated to the Members in which reference was made to other sites in the same ownership which were considered suitable for use for housing and asked that consideration of these proposals be deferred to the meeting to be held on the 5th March, 1973, in order to see if alternative sites could be obtained.

(G) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Pay the Money Due to the Landowners in West Wicklow, Now Long Overdue—Frank Tutty, Hollywood; Thomas Clarke, Sruaghan; Martin Commins, Carrig; Liam Commins, Carrig; L. M. Byrne, Blessington, William Thornton, Clough, Baltinglass; Mrs. Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass; John Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay the money due to the landowners in West Wicklow, now long overdue:—Frank Tutty, Hollywood; Thomas Clarke, Sruaghan; Martin Commins, Carrig; Liam Commins, Carrig; L. M. Byrne, Blessington; William Thornton, Clough, Baltinglass; Mrs. Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass; John Farrell, Clough, Baltinglass.

Councillor J. Miley complained that the landowners referred to had been waiting in some cases for many years for payment in respect of land acquired by the Council, and used by the Council. He stated that he had been informed by the applicants or by their Solicitors that the Titles in all cases were in order and there was no reason why pay-

ment for the lands should not be made by the Council. The following letter received from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

J. H. McCarroll and Co.,
Solicitors.

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.

Our Ref: McC/EE.

2nd February, 1973.

Re: Councillor Miley's Resolution for Meeting on 5th Feb., 1973

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query herein we have been unable to certify the titles for various reasons, and as you will appreciate I would be personally liable if I paid Council money without getting a proper title.

In some of the cases the problem is that the land is subject to equities and unless the equities are discharged a Vendor cannot give a good title. In other cases there are Mortgages and the position is that if the Council paid the Land Owner where there is a Mortgage, the Mortgagor could insist on claiming the money from the Council. The purpose of a Mortgage is to insure that the owner cannot sell without first paying the Mortgage.

The Land Owners and their various Solicitors, who will no doubt in due course be able to give me the necessary title, and, in fact, in some of the cases mentioned I have been in touch with the Solicitors and they hope to let me have the necessary data in early course. I am not mentioning the names of the people with Mortgages as I feel it would not be right to do so without their consent.

Yours faithfully,

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

J. H. MCCARROLL.

The Council agreed to defer the matter for one month and asked that in the meantime the Council's Solicitor meet the Solicitors for each of the landowners with a view to settling any outstanding matters and arranging for certifying Title to enable payments to be made by the Council. The County Manager pointed out that he would not be empowered to make a payment for the acquisition of land unless the Council's Solicitor had certified that the Title to the land was in order and that payment could properly be made.

Item No. 2—Application for Outline Planning Permission for Residential, Recreational and Social Development at Blainroe, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at a previous meeting had agreed that advice in regard to this proposed development be obtained from bodies concerned and the views of An Foras Forbartha, Bord Fáilte, the Industrial Development Authority and the Department of Education had been sought, and Wicklow Urban District Council had also been consulted. Replies had been received from An Foras Forbartha, Industrial Development Authority and from Wicklow Urban District Council, but replies were not yet available from Bord Fáilte and the Department of Education. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting to be held on 5th March, 1973, and asked that, in the meantime, copies of the reports received

together with the recommendations of the Council's Planning Advisors be circulated to the Members of the Council.

DEVELOPMENT OF LANDS AT LOWER KINDLESTOWN.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for Bray Electoral Area had recommended that negotiations be entered into with the Contractor at present building houses at Lower Kindlestown, Greystones, for the building by him of houses for sale to persons who would qualify for loans and supplementary grants from the Council. The Contractor, Riversdale Concrete Products, Limited, had agreed to proceed with a suitable Scheme for the building of houses on sites to be leased by the Council and was applying for Planning Permission for the proposed houses. As the proposed development would not be in accord with the zoning provisions of the development plan, it would be necessary for the Council to apply for consent of the Minister to the grant of Planning Permission for the building of these houses, and the approval of the Council to the making of such application was sought.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government to a grant of planning permission for the building of houses at Lower Kindlestown, on sites to be leased by the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Supplementary Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations—To Amend Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme for the payment of Supplementary Grants for private water supply and sewerage installations in respect of works commenced on or after 1st April, 1972, the Scheme to be in similar terms to the current scheme in relation to works commenced on or after 1st April, 1963, subject to the following amendments to the latter scheme:—

- (a) Condition No. 2 on page 1 of the existing Scheme shall be amended to read—(2) "Grants under this Scheme will be payable in respect of works which commenced on or after 1st April, 1972.
- (b) Page 2 of the existing Scheme shall be amended under the heading "Group Installations—Water Supplies" as follows:—
 - (i) Supplementary Grant shall be a sum which together with a State Grant shall not exceed two-thirds of the cost of the work, or
 - (ii) £60 multiplied by the number of houses served by the Scheme, whichever is the lesser amount.
 - (iii) Where the cost per house of group water supply installations exceed £180, a total of one-third of the cost per house or £100 whichever is the lesser amount.

We note that the existing Scheme shall continue to operate in respect of works commenced on or after the 1st April, 1963, and before 1st April, 1972.

Passed.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to a Notice in his name on Item 13 of the Agenda and pointed out that while the Minister had agreed to increase the maximum grant for the provision of a private water supply under a group scheme to £100 the maximum grant to an individual, providing a private water supply remained at £50. He pointed out that where water supplies had to be obtained by means of sinking a well, the cost to an individual could be substantial and urged that the maximum grant be increased to £100 in such cases.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the maximum grant for the provision of a private water supply be increased to £100, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils for their attention.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Scheme for Making Loans for Purchase of Existing Houses—To Amend Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to revise the Scheme of Loans for the purchase of existing houses by increasing the income limits to £1,800 per annum and the valuation limit to £60 in respect of application received after the 1st July, 1972. Because of the increased value of houses it was suggested also that the maximum loan limit be increased from £2,000 to £2,500. Councillor G. Timmins suggested that the maximum loan be increased to £3,000, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the Council's Scheme of Loans for purchase of existing houses be amended to provide for a maximum loan of £3,000 (three thousand pounds) in respect of applications received after the 1st July, 1972, and that revised income and valuation limits of £1,800 per annum and £60, respectively, also apply in respect of applications received after that date—the existing loan limit of £2,000 and existing income and valuation limits of £1,200 per annum and £50 to continue to apply to applications received prior to 1st July, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Supplementary Loans for House Purchase—Letter from Department of Local Government in Reply to Council's Resolution.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach Dhroichead Uí Chonail,
Baile Atha Cliath 2.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.
15 Samhain, 1972.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 9th October regarding a resolution passed by the Council requesting the Minister to allow special loan facilities to an amount of £100,000 repayable over a period of 35 years to the Council to enable the Council to make Supplementary loans available to persons in the Bray Electoral Area to bridge the difference between the present maximum loan limit and the price of houses in the Bray Electoral Area. In this connection I am to refer to previous correspondence on this subject wherein the Council were informed that it would not be possible to alter the decision regarding the revised income and loan limits so as to apply the higher maximum loan limit in the Bray Electoral Area. It is regretted, therefore, that it would not be possible to make special loan facilities available to the Council to enable the Council to make supplementary loans to applicants in the Bray Electoral Area where the maximum loan limit of £3,400 applies. The Council have already been informed that their representations in this regard have been noted and will be borne in mind when the next general revision of loan and income limits is being considered.

Mise, le meas,

R. MEEHAN.

Item No. 6—Sites for Housing at Knockananna—Report of County Engineer Arising from Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had examined sites for housing at Knockananna and had reported on four sites as follows:—

Site A containing 36 sq. perches, property of Mr. J. Whelan, M.C.C.

Site B containing 1 rood, 30 sq. perches, the property of Mrs. O'Callaghan, 58, Anne's Road, Inchicore, Co. Dublin.

Site C containing 1 acre and 3 perches, owner Mr. Foley.

Site D containing 1 acre, 1 rood and 35 perches, also owned by Mr. Foley.

The sites were indicated on the maps submitted.

The County Engineer stated that site A could accommodate two semi-detached two-storey houses, and site B six similar houses, but the area of land in these sites would not accommodate the septic tanks to serve the houses, and extra land would have to be provided for this purpose. The County Engineer further recommended that it would

be desirable to fill in the areas in the village structure by building on sites A and B and if the demand for housing in the area exceeded the number of houses these sites could accommodate, at least site D should also be purchased and a septic tank placed in the south end of the site to accommodate the development on sites A and B.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer, we hereby approve of an offer being made by the Council for the purchase of Site B as shown on map submitted, from Mrs. O'Callaghan, 58, Anne's Road, Inchicore, County Dublin, and approve also of the acquisition of additional land at the rear of this site for the purpose of siting a septic tank to serve houses to be constructed on Site B and also approve of purchase of Site A, Site C and Site D.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Applications for Consent to (A) Sale of Vested Cottage and (B) Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plots.

The County Secretary stated that at a previous meeting of the Council, the Council had approved of proposed sales of vested cottages (a) from John Barry to P. Connolly at Newcastle Middle; and (b) from K. Burke to J. P. Swan at 25, Grattan Park, Greystones.

Particulars of the sales were given to the Council, the sale prices of the cottages being—(a) £1,200; and (b) £4,250.

Councillor Gregory referred to the proposed sale of vested cottage by Mrs. Mernagh at Stump of the Castle which had been deferred for further information in regard to whether or not the proposed purchaser was a qualified person. Councillor Gregory stated that Mrs. Mernagh was prepared to sell the cottage directly to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That be hereby approve of the purchase by the Council of Cottage No. 192/8 at Stump of the Castle of which the tenant purchaser was the late Mrs. Kathleen Godkin, whose legal personal representative is Mrs. Mernagh.

Passed.

Item No. 8—To Receive Deputations from (A) Carnew Traders in Relation to Water Rates in Carnew, and (B) Messrs. Michael Brown and Andrew O'Reilly Re Road at Kilpoole Hill.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh stated that the deputation from the Carnew Traders would not be attending as they had not been aware that the Council had approved of their attending at the Meeting until quite recently. She asked that the deputation be allowed to attend the Meeting on the 12th February, 1973. The Council agreed that the

deputation be received at the Meeting on the 12th February, 1973. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Arthur Quinn of Carnew had been informed by letter of 9th January, 1973, that the Council would receive the deputation at the Meeting to be held on the 5th February, 1973.

The Council received the deputation from Messrs. Michael Brown and Andrew O'Reilly of Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow. Messrs. O'Reilly and Brown addressed the Council and stated that they were concerned in regard to an application by a Mr. Michael Herbst for Planning Permission for the erection of houses on his lands as these houses would be served by a laneway which served their houses and which had recently been improved under a Local Improvements Scheme for which they had made application. They claimed that the laneway in question had never been used by Mr. Herbst until the improvements had been carried out, and there had been no entrance from this laneway into the field on which Mr. Herbst proposed to erect the houses. It was claimed that the lane would be used by Mr. Herbst for farm machinery for bringing slurry to his other fields and that this would involve very heavy traffic on the lane which would destroy the surface of it. They objected to Planning Permission being granted to Mr. Herbst for the erection of these houses. Messrs. O'Reilly and Brown stated that they had undertaken to maintain the road when the work was completed when applying for the Local Improvement Grant in relation to the road. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan pointed out that the houses for which Planning Permission was sought by Mr. Herbst were to accommodate his workmen who were in need of housing. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that the road had been repaired under the Local Improvements Scheme for which Messrs. O'Reilly and Brown had made application. Having regard to their valuations, no contribution had been required from them. The County Engineer proposed to recommend that the laneway in question be taken over and maintained by the Council as was the usual practice when laneways or roads were improved with the aid of grants under the Local Improvements Scheme. Councillor Hynes urged that the matter be adjourned to enable Members of the Council and, in particular local Members, to look into the position and to inspect the road, and it was agreed that a decision on the Planning Application be deferred until the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th March, 1973.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that Appeals Made by Councillor Costello to Him in the Matter of Planning Permissions be Regarded as Continuing Efforts by Him to Disrupt the Working of the Council and Bring Chaos and Destruction to the Established Order which Both He and His Fellow-Revolutionary Socialists Have Indicated is Abhorrent to Them."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That this Council indicates to the Minister of Local Government that Appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruction

to the established order which both he and his fellow-revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them.

Passed.

Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, asked that Councillor Phelan defer his proposal. Councillor Phelan stated that the Motion had been on the Agenda for a considerable time and that the matter should be considered by the Council.

Councillor Phelan urged that a letter be sent from the Council to the Minister pointing out that Councillor Costello's actions in submitting Appeals in respect of Planning Applications where the Council had directed a grant of Permission under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was holding up the provision of housing for people in the county. Members of the Council having expressed their views on the proposal, Councillor Costello stated that he had been elected on the basis of a clear-cut policy and that he intended to follow that policy and to continue as he was doing in regard to certain directions under Section 4 to grant Planning Permissions. A vote having been called for on the proposal, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan—8.

AGAINST—Councillors S. Costello, R. McKeon, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—5.

Councillors T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, and J. Whelan did not vote.

The Motion was declared passed by 8 votes in favour to 5 votes against.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the James Everett Branch of the Labour Party, Glenealy, for the reception of a deputation by the Council in connection with the matter of a water supply at Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, and Housing at Glenealy. The Council agreed that the deputation attend at the Meeting of the Council on the 12th February, 1973.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1955, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the

County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymoneen, Avoca."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan:—"That this Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the scheme for small farmers."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th February, 1973; at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, deferred from Meeting held on 11th December, 1972, as follows:
In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."
- 2 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 9th October and 13th and 20th November, 1972.
- 3 To fill vacancies in Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for (a) Bray, (b) Shillelagh.
- 4 Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—To consider granting waiver from conditions of Section 7 of Act.
- 5 To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.
- 6 Creation of additional post of Clerical Officer in Housing Section.
- 7 Authorisation of excess expenditure—year to 31st March, 1973.
- 8 Carnew Sewerage Scheme—To authorise excess expenditure to defray cost of extension to serve Coolattin Row and new housing scheme.
- 9 Amenity Grants Scheme for 1972/73 and 1973/74.
- 10 Game Birds Protection Order, 1972—Letter from Wicklow Wildfowlers Association requesting that Order be not renewed in its present state in relation to Broad Lough, Wicklow.

- 11 Application of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. for grant towards cost of promotional film.
- 12 Request of West Wicklow Development Association for financial assistance towards cost of employing development officer and administering the Association.
- 13 Settlement of Itinerants—Letter from Department of Local Government and Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee.
- 14 Report on Malicious Injury Claims.
- 15 Fire Prevention—Proposed appointment of Second Fire Officer (Prevention).
- 16 Road from Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew/Dublin Road—Report of County Engineer.
- 17 Application for plot of ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 18 Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford on Slaney.
- 19 Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 20 Rating of Community Halls.
- 21 To receive deputations from (1) Carnew Traders re water charges and (2) Glenealy Branch—Labour Party re Water Supply at Kilmamanagh and Housing at Glenealy.
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the 'Sphinx' Road from Tigrone Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 25 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:— "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 27 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
- 28 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
- 29 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacadamed."

- 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:— "That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry; both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."
- 31 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:— "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
- 32 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:— "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
- 33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
- 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/74 for this purpose."
- 35 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templarney Church a 'black-spot-area' and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."
- 36 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:— "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
- 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
- 39 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
- 40 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 43 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."

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- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 46 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Priestnewtown, Delgany—(1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, deferred from Meeting held on the 11th December, 1972, as follows:—
In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."

The following Report in regard to the application for Planning Permission had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

9th February, 1973.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

Re Notice of Motion to pass a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, requiring that Planning Permission be granted to A. A. D. Auld, for the erection of a bungalow at Blackrock.

Dear Councillor,

Hereunder is a report on the above planning application which will be considered at a Meeting of the Council on Monday next, the 12th instant.

The siting of the house is satisfactory from an amenity point of view provided the eaves level does not exceed 10 ft. above the existing ground level on the downhill side of the site in line with the front wall of the house. It would be necessary to set back the front boundary fence at east 15 ft. at the point where the cross boundary meets the roadside fence and to excavate the bank at this point. The Chief Medical Officer requires that a trial hole be opened on the site for inspection.

However, the traffic generated on this County Road would still be a major objection and accordingly refusal is recommended for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site of the proposed development is on a narrow and winding road which, if such development is allowed to proceed will not be capable of carrying the increased traffic generated unless expensive improvement works are carried out.

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- (2) The proposed development is in an unserved rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services which in time would be demanded.

Yours faithfully,
A. HUGHES,

Staff Officer

AH/AD.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed—Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 9th October and 13th and 20th November, 1972.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 9th October, and 13th and 20th November, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 3—To fill vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committees for (a) Bray, (b) Shillelagh.

Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

That letter from the Clerk of the Sub-Committee was submitted:—

BRAY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Lissadell,
Dargle Vale,
Bray
22nd January, 1973

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I wish to submit the names of Mr. Fergus Quinn, 8 Goldsmith Terrace, Quinsboro Road, Bray, and Mr. Robert Irvine, Clovelly, Galtrim Park, Bray, to fill two vacancies on the Sub-Committee. The vacancies occurred due to the death of Mr. Hugh B. Hipwell, who gave long and dedicated service on the Committee, and due to the resignation of Mr. Patrick Savage.

I take the opportunity to say that it was regrettable to note a member of the Council questioning the appointment of a reverend gentleman on the last occasion when a nomination was sent to you for ratification.

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tion. I feel it my duty to mention that the two clergymen on the Committee have excellent records of attendance and, were it not for them, on many occasions there would not have been a quorum.

Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge, Mr. John Temple and Mr. E. E. Byrne have been absent from Meetings for a considerable period of time, without submitting any reason for their absence. I mention the matter here so that you make take appropriate action.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

V. C. HAYES,

Clerk to Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That Mr. Daniel Byrne, Roselawn Park, Bray, be appointed as a Member of Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Councillor S. Costello proposed that the Bray Tenants Association be asked to nominate a person for appointment on the Sub-Committee, but the proposal was not seconded.

Following a discussion the Council agreed that a vote be taken to determine which two of the three names put forward, i.e. Mr. Daniel Byrne, Mr. Fergus Quinn and Mr. Robert Irvine, be appointed as members of the Sub-Committee. The Poll resulted as follows:—

For Mr. Daniel Byrne:

Councillors W. Cleary, J. Bourke, E. Byrne, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—19.

For Mr. Robert Irvine:

Councillors S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, J. Sweeney—8.

For Mr. Fergus Quinn:

Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, R. McKeon, R. Miley, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—13.

The Council approved of the appointment of Mr. Daniel Byrne, Roselawn Park, Bray, and Mr. Fergus Quinn, 8, Goldsmith Terrace, Quinsboro Road, Bray, to fill the vacancies on the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr. Hugh B. Hipwell and the resignation of Mr. Patrick Savage.

The County Secretary stated that Councillors E. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple who were members of the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee had been absent from Meetings of the Sub-Committee throughout the previous year.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple as members of the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Passed.

Shillelagh O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Clerk to the O.A.P. Sub-Committee stating that Rev. Michael Kaye, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno, had been recommended for appointment to the sub-committee and that the matter had arisen due to the fact that Rev. T. S. McDonald, P.P., had resigned having left the district.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Michael Kaye, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno, to be a member of Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the transfer of Rev. T. S. McDonald, P.P.

Passed.

Councillor K. Ryan who had been proposed for appointment to the Sub-Committee by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Temple, withdrew.

Item No. 4—Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—To consider granting waiver from conditions of Section 7 of Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister, we hereby determine that the making of any allowances under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 and 1967, in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the Rates for financial year ending 31st March, 1973, within such financial year.

Passed.

Item No. 5—To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Monday, 5th March, 1973, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of the Council to consider the Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1974.

Passed.

Superannuation Allowance to County Manager.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Estimates Meeting of the Council, the Council had approved of the provision made in the Estimates for the payment of a superannuation allowance and lump sum to the County Manager on his retirement. Under the pro-

visions of the County Management Act, 1940, a formal Resolution was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the grant to the County Manager on his retirement of a superannuation allowance and lump sum in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Creation of Additional Post of Clerical Officer in Housing Section.

The County Secretary stated that an additional Clerical Officer was required in the Housing/Sanitary Capital Section to cope with the additional duties in relation to Housing Schemes, the introduction of Programme Budgeting and the expansion of the work in the Section.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerical Officer in the Housing and Sanitary Services Section of the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Authorisation of excess expenditure—Year to 31st March, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

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

SERVICE	County at Large	County Health
ROADS	£	£
Other Purposes	7,111	7,984
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:		
Other Purposes	2,628	
GENERAL PURPOSES:		
Public Libraries		1,214
Town and Regional Planning		1,687
Fire Brigades		4,000
Other purposes	6,650	20,065
HOUSING:		
Labourers Acts		5,934
Other Purposes		2,422
Small Dwellings Acts		3,078
SANITARY:		
Drainage and Public Sanitary Works		655
Water Supplies		4,379
Domestic Scavenging		593
Dumping Grounds		1,963
Other Purposes		15,622
	<u>£16,389</u>	<u>£69,596</u>

Passed.

Item No. 8 — Carnew Sewerage Scheme — To authorise excess expenditure to defray cost of extension to serve Coolattin Row and New Housing Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the laying of a new 9" diameter sewer to serve houses at Coolattin Row, Carnew, and the new Council Housing Scheme at an estimated cost of £465 and hereby authorise expenditure of £465 in addition to the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed.

Authorisation of Borrowing in respect of Extensions of Sewerage Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that sanction had been received to the extension of the Tinahely Sewerage Scheme to Chapel Hill, Lugduff, Tinahely, and that sanction was awaited to a sewerage extension to 6 vested cottages at Oldcourt, Boghall Road, Bray, and to sewerage Scheme for cottages at Bellevue, Delgany. The total estimated cost of the Scheme was £5,600.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to cover the cost of the following Schemes:

SCHEME:

- 1 Sewerage extension to six vested cottages at Oldcourt, Boghall Road, Bray.
- 2 Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Bellevue, Delgany.
- 3 Extension of Tinahely Sewerage Scheme to Chapel Hill, Lugduff, Tinahely.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Amenity Grants Scheme for 1972/73 and 1973/74:

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted the following list of Amenity Schemes to absorb the Supplementary allocation for 1972/73:—

AMENITY GRANTS, 1972/73

Original Allocation	£9,000
Supplementary Allocation	£10,000
Total	£19,000

List 1—Original Allocation:

1 Provision of Wall at Glenmacnass	£ 600.00
2 Pitch and Putt Course at Tinahely	£2000.00
3 Provision of Children's Playground at Ballygannon, Rathdrum	£ 500.00
4 Provision of Children's Playground Baltinglass	£ 800.00
5 Scenic Car Park and Picnic Site at Humphreystown Bridge	£2900.00
6 Scenic Car Park, Mottee Stone	£1400.00
7 Drainage of Football Field (Bog Field), Greystones	£ 350.00
8 Recreation Area, Seats, Lower Grattan Park	£ 300.00
9 Seats at Upper Grattan Park, Greystones	£ 75.00
10 Seats at Monteith Park, Kilcoole	£ 75.00
	£9,000.00

List 2—Supplementary Allocation:

11 Community Centre, Carnew	£2000.00
12 Scenic Car Park, Long Hill, Kilmacanogue	£ 800.00
13 Provision of Seats and Planting of Trees, Knockananna	£2000.00
14 Children's Playground, Blessington	£ 800.00
15 Amenity Park, Bus Stop & Seats, Rathnew	£ 900.00
16 Purchase of Land for Recreation Centre and Playing Pitch at Rathnew	£3000.00
17 Levelling and Planting of Trees and Shrubs at Ballinalea Cross	£ 500.00
	£10,000.00
TOTAL	£19,000.00

In submitting the list the County Engineer stated that in view of the short notice received from the Department on the additional allocation, it took some time to prepare the Schemes and that it might not be possible to have them completed before the 31st March, 1973. He suggested that in view of the circumstances the Department be asked for an extension of time of say one month into the coming financial year for the completion of the Schemes. The Council approved of representations being made to the Department of Local Government for the extension of time for the completion of the Schemes as recommended by the County Engineer.

The County Engineer submitted the following list of Schemes for

consideration for carrying out during the year 1973/74 arranged in order of priority:—

AMENITY GRANTS, 1973/74		ESTIMATE
NO.	SCHEME	
1	Community Centre at Carnew	£2,000
2	Playing Pitch and Recreation Centre, Rathnew	£2,000
3	Children's Playground, Kilmagig, Avoca	£ 800
4	Recreation and Community Centre, Greystones	£2,000
5	Children's Playground, Aughrim	£ 800
6	Provision of open air Swimming Pool, Children's Playground and Recreation Centre, Baltinglass	£20,000
7	Contribution to Swimming Pool and Recreation Centre at Blessington	£ 2,000
8	Completion of Pitch and Putt and Community Centre, Tinahely	£ 1,000
9	Fencing and Provision of Footpaths at The Murrough	£ 1,200
10	Playing Ground and Public Park at Enniskerry	£ 2,000
11	Recreation and Playing Field, Newtownmount-kennedy	£ 1,000
12	Surfacing of Scenic Car Park and Road to North Beach, Greystones	£ 800
13	Development of Playing Field at Bray	£ 1,000
14	Provision of Car Park and Pitch and Putt Course, Recreation Centre at Ballyknockan	£ 1,000
15	Recreation and Community Centre, Baltinglass	£ 2,500
16	Scenic Car Park and Picnic Centre, Lockstown	£ 2,000
17	Scenic Walk, Recreation Park, Riversdale	
	Walk, Ashford	£ 1,500
18	Provision of Car Park and Picnic Site, Knockieran	£ 2,000
19	Paths, Scenic Walk and Provision of Seats, Blessington	£ 500
20	Conversion of closed graveyard to Recreation Centre, Dunlavin	£ 1,000
21	Provision of Car Park and Picnic Site, Baltyboys	£ 2,000
22	Pitch and Putt Course at Glendalough	£ 2,000
23	Provision of Car Park and Community Centre, Kiltegan	£ 1,500
	TOTAL:	£52,600

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer for the carrying out of Schemes with the aid of the Supplementary Grant under the Amenity Grants Scheme for 1972/73 and of his recommendations for Schemes to be carried out during 1973/74, as submitted. We hereby authorise expenditure of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the Council's contribution towards the cost of the Schemes indicated, in respect of the year ending 31/3/73.

Passed.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill expressed doubt as to whether it would be possible to carry out the Scheme No. 12 in respect of the Scenic Car

Park at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, and the County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had agreed that if the Scheme could not be carried out within the prescribed period that a Scheme for surfacing the roadway leading to the Cliff Walk at Greystones would be substituted.

Acquisition of Sand Dune Area at Brittas Bay.

At the request of the County Manager, the Council agreed to consider, in committee, his report in regard to negotiations for the purchase of an area of the sand dunes at Brittas Bay which had formerly been in the ownership of Maguire Estates and had been purchased by Mr. B. Leonard. The County Manager stated that agreement had been reached for the acquisition of the area which contained 80 acres for £16,800. A Contract for Sale had been received for completion by the Council. He stated that conditions were attached to the Leases of some of the houses adjoining the sand dunes and also to houses on the western side of the public road in relation to rights of way over the sand dunes to the sea and these conditions were being examined, but subject to it being assured that they would not affect the carrying out of any works proposed by the Council, the Contract for Sale could be completed. The Council's Solicitor was at present looking into the matter. The County Manager stated that application had been made to the Department of Local Government for a grant towards the cost of the purchase of the lands and towards the cost of development and of conservation of the sand dunes, and he hoped that a grant would be forthcoming. The Dublin Authorities had also been approached and it was expected that a contribution would be obtained from these Authorities towards the project. The Members of the Council expressed satisfaction with the terms of the agreement for purchase and congratulated the County Manager on the result of the negotiations.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding immediately with the acquisition of the sand dune area at Brittas.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Game Birds Protection Order, 1972—Letter from Wicklow Wildfowlers Association requesting that Order be not renewed in its present state in relation to Broadlough, Wicklow.

The following letter from the Wicklow Wildfowlers Association was submitted:—

WICKLOW WILDFOWLERS ASSOCIATION

38 Dunbur Park,
Wicklow

4th January, 1973.

Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the "Bird Sanctuary" on and surrounding the Broad Lough at Wicklow.

The members of our Association are no longer able to enjoy a shot on the East Side of the Lough. However, on any part of the west side shooting is allowed by the owners.

I would like to point out that our Association is in no way, whatsoever, opposed to a Bird Sanctuary. However, we are very much opposed to a Sanctuary which allows limited shooting.

Large and frequent shoots have been carried out on the west side since September 1st last.

We are, hereby, applying to the Wicklow County Council in order that the Sanctuary Law will not be renewed in its present state.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. POWER
Hon. Secretary

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Wicklow Wildfowlers Association had asked that a deputation of three members of the Association be received by the Council at their next Meeting to enable them to put forward their views in regard to this matter. The Council agreed to receive the deputation of three persons at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th March, 1973.

Item No. 11—Application of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for grant towards cost of promotional film.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of a grant of £500 to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited, towards the cost of the production of the promotional film "That Pleasant Country." We hereby authorise expenditure of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the grant.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Request of West Wicklow Association for financial assistance towards cost of employing Development Officer and administering the Association.

The following letter from West Wicklow Development Association was submitted:—

WEST WICKLOW DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Shrughaun,
Baltinglass

25th January, 1973.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

On behalf of my Association I wish to request from your County Council Financial Assistance towards the cost of employing a development officer and administering the association.

The work of the association is well known to the council members. In 4 years 260 jobs have been provided in the West and South Wicklow area. It now costs in the region of £5,000 per year to run the Association. As you will realise this places a great burden on the Voluntary Association. Over the past four years the Association has been "Grant aided" by the Department of Finance but the Minister of

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Finance has recently decided to phase out this grant over the next two years.

I trust you will look favourably on this request and place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of your council.

For your information I enclose a copy of our most recent Auditors' Report. I am sending a copy of this letter to each councillor in the West and South Wicklow area.

Is mise, le meas,

P. MURPHY,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Manager pointed out that the Department of Finance had been providing funds for the employment of a Development Officer for the West Wicklow Area and for the West Wicklow Development Association, and as this grant was being phased out, it would seem that the cost of the Association should be contributed by the Industrial Development Authority.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That the Council contribute a sum of £1,500 in the coming financial year towards meeting the costs of the West Wicklow Development Association in providing a Development Officer and other services for the area served by the Association.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Settlement of Itinerants—Letter from Department of Local Government and Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee.

The County Secretary stated that following the last meeting of the Council a letter had been addressed to the Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee requesting that they assist the Council by providing information on the current position in regard to accommodation needs of itinerants in County Wicklow and that they might submit their views in regard to suitable locations for a site for the provision of a halting place. The following letter had been received from the Committee:—

THE BRAY/DUN LAOGHAIRE ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Luan Cuffe, Carrickgolligan, Quarry Road, Shankill.

Hon. Secretary: Askefield, Dublin Road, Bray, County Wicklow.

Your Ref.: KJB/SC

January 17th, 1973.

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

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter dated 10th January which was duly considered by our committee at our last meeting. The Committee were unanimous in their decision that they are not prepared to go on supplying information about itinerant families until there is some positive action on the part of the Council to house or provide 'halts.' We

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have outlined in detail the problem to you over and over again for the past five years, yet nothing has been accomplished by you.

At the first indication that something positive is being done, we will be only too happy to let you have any information that you should require and we would also inform you that we only cover the North Wicklow and Bray areas.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA BUTLER,

Hon. Secretary.

The Department of Local Government had also forwarded a copy of the following letter which had been addressed to the Minister by the Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee:—

THE BRAY/DUN LAOGHAIRE ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Luan Cuffe, Carrickgolligan, Quarry Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin.

Hon. Secretary: Askefield, Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

December 12th, 1972

The Minister for Local Government,
Department of Local Government,
Custom's House,
Dublin 1.

Dear Sir,

Our committee are deeply concerned with the present policy adopted by both Wicklow and Dublin County Councils in relation to the settlement of itinerants. During the past year, two proposals to acquire sites in Wicklow and S. County Dublin areas have in each case been adopted and passed and then, due to local objections, been rescinded. In the first case, a decision was made by Dun Laoghaire Corporation to house four families at Sea Road, Killiney, this was revoked, and in the second case, Wicklow County Council proposed to acquire by C.P.O. a Halting Place at Kilmurray Quarry, Kilmacanogue, this was also defeated. At Cabinteely, land actually owned by Dublin County Council and on which three families are at present camping, no attempt has been made to provide basic facilities despite requests by the local Residents' Association and our committee to the City Manager. Over the past five years, this committee has endeavoured to stress upon both Wicklow and Dublin County Councils the very urgent need for properly serviced sites (there are at present over fifty families camping in the South County Dublin area alone) and to date nothing has been accomplished.

We feel strongly that the policy set forth by your Government, which was published after the report by the Commission set up to study the whole itinerant problem in '63 recommended integration within the settled community is not being implemented in a practical form. Therefore, by the end of January we intend to bring to the public's attention, through radio, television and the press, the complete lack of progress to date in the field of settlement in Wicklow and South County Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA BUTLER,

Hon. Secretary.

Councillor Costello urged that the Council review the decision previously taken and approve of proceeding with the provision of the halting place as recommended by the County Engineer at Kilmacanogue. Councillor Phelan referred to recent reports in regard to a halting place provided by Kildare County Council at Newbridge which indicated that the halting place was not now being used and that considerable damage had been caused to toilets and showers provided on the site. Members of the Council also urged that the Council arrange for providing housing for itinerants. In this regard the County Manager indicated the experience in Arklow Urban District Council where the Council had rehoused two families of itinerants and stated that the Scheme had operated in a very satisfactory way. The Council agreed that the matter of reviewing the decision taken by the Council in regard to the proposed halting place at Kilmacanogue be reviewed at the next Meeting and asked that in the meantime the County Engineer investigate the possibilities of any alternative sites for a halting place in the northern area.

Item No. 14—Report on Malicious Injury Claims.

The County Secretary stated that a report on the position in regard to Malicious Injury Claims had been circulated to the Members of the Council in January. The position was that decrees totalling £19,035.55 in respect of damage caused by explosions at Clogga which had been struck out at the previous Estimates Meeting, but which the Council had agreed to pay at a later Meeting would have to be provided for in the coming year's Estimates. Awards which had been made by the Circuit Court during the year to date amounted to £31,467.17. Provision was required to be made for these awards also in the coming year's Estimates. Claims which had been made but had not yet been heard by the Courts amounted to £91,267 and since the list had been made up, further claims had been received. Some of these claims would be heard in the Court Sessions in the present month, and if awards were made it would be necessary to make provision for them in the Estimates. The awards made during the current year included a sum of £16,636.40 plus costs in the case of damage to buildings at Turlough Hill, and a sum of £3,756 in respect of damage to a bungalow at Clogga as a result of an explosion. The claims which had not yet been heard included one for £25,000 in respect of damage by fire to a telephone exchange at Bray. This claim had been made by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. The Council noted that strong representations had already been made both by the Council directly and through the General Council of County Councils for the acceptance of Criminal Injury Claims as a national charge instead of a local charge, and asked that the Minister for Justice be again urged to relieve local authorities of the responsibility for such claims.

Item No. 15—Fire Prevention—Proposed Appointment of Second Fire Officer (Prevention).

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal to the next Meeting, and to ask that the Chief Fire Officer attend the Meeting.

INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.

The County Secretary stated that following negotiations with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on claims made by the Union, it was proposed to revise the rates of retaining fees for Fire

Brigade Personnel and also stand-to allowance for the Bray Fire Brigade.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister of the proposed revision in remuneration of part-time Fire Brigade personnel with effect from the 1st July, 1972, in accordance with the terms agreed with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of remuneration.

Item No. 16—Road from Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew/Dublin Road—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the works needed to widen and remove bends on the road from the Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue, and had pointed out that the works required were very extensive. The total cost of the works for improvements, including improving the bends at the Bride, amounted to £16,080.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of provision being made in the Road Works Scheme for the year 1973/'74 for improvement of the road leading from the Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew-Dublin Road.

Passed.

DEPUTATION FROM CARNEW TRADERS.

Messrs. B. McCrea, R. Doyle, A. Quinn and J. Byrne representing the Carnew Traders attended and were received by the Council. Mr. B. McCrea, speaking on behalf of the deputation, stated that they were protesting against the water rates assessed on their premises which they regarded as being unjust. They asked that a separate supply be made available to their houses and a separate supply for their business premises and urged that a flat rate be charged instead of the charge being on a metered basis. The Council agreed that the matter of the metered water charges made in Carnew and in Tinahely and Blessington be re-examined and a report submitted to the Council at their next Meeting.

DEPUTATION FROM THE JAMES EVERETT BRANCH—LABOUR PARTY, GLENEALY.

The Deputation consisted of Mr. Pascal Burke, Mrs. Ward, Mr. John Keogh and Mr. Eugene Kinsella. Mr. P. Burke addressed the Council and stated that they were objecting to the type of houses being erected at Glenealy and claimed that the houses were badly built

and would prove costly to maintain. He stated that materials had been wasted and time wasted in the construction of the houses and that they did not want such houses, and that they wished to have houses provided similar to those in Newtownmountkenedy. He asked that the Council provide more money for new houses. Mr. Burke also urged that the houses be allocated on merit and that there be no private deals involved. In regard to water supply, he claimed that during the Summer there was no water at Kilnamanagh and that the water supply should be extended from Glenealy to serve the houses which he stated would cost less than sinking a well as had been suggested. In reply to Councillor Costello, the County Manager stated that the land for the houses at Glenealy had been purchased from Mr. Phillips, who agreed to sell the land at £1,250 per acre, with the proviso that two of the houses built be sold to Mr. Phillips for accommodation of workers employed by him. Members of the Council had been informed of the agreement and approved of it. Councillor Costello urged that the houses at Glenealy remain the property of the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Cleary, it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next meeting for a report on the terms attaching to the purchase of the land.

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

Notice of Intention to Propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and J. Sweeney, as follows:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R. Willis, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."

Wicklow County Council

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MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held on Monday, 5th March, 1973, following the adjournment of the Estimates Meeting which had commenced at 2.30 p.m. on that date.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, Messrs. U. McCabe, and K. Roberts, Staff Officers, Housing and Sanitary Services, the County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. J. B. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer, were present.

AGENDA

- 1 Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynych, to build a house at Whites-town, Stratford on Slaney."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Sean Quinn for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow."

- (d) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymonee, Avoca."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R. Wills, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."
 - (f) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:— "By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."
- 2 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 4th December, 1972, and 1st January, 1973.
 - 3 Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe, Wicklow.
 - 4 Road at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow.
 - 5 Disposal of plot of land at Coolkenno (Notice circulated to Members on 9th February, 1973).
 - 6 To receive deputation from Wicklow Wildfowlers Association.
 - 7 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay"
 - 8 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."
 - 9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant James Davis), so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
 - 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at the Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
 - 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the erection of a National School at Blessington."

- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (Owner: C. Byrne), which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council purchase Messrs Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow Town."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
- 15 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the scheme for small farmers."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."
- 18 Council houses repaired during February, 1973, and to be repaired during March, 1973.

The following Reports and recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to the Notices of Proposals had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Proposed bungalow at Whitestown Lower, Stratford on Slaney — Seamus Lynch.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:

- (1) The proposed bungalow would be sited at a curve on the National Secondary Road N. 81 at a point where improvements were carried out on the roadway in recent years. The formation of a new entrance to serve a dwellinghouse would negative those improvements and would create a serious traffic hazard on this curve because of the restricted visibility and the obstruction which would be caused to a free flow of traffic along the road by vehicles entering and leaving the proposed site.

Consideration of this application was adjourned at the Council Meeting held on the 5th February, 1972, with a view to seeing if a suitable alternative site could be obtained.

B. Proposed 2 bungalows at Whitestown Lower, Stratford on Slaney, Co. Wicklow—Sean Quinn.

This is an outline application for permission to erect 2 bungalows on land beside the national secondary road N.81 at Whitestown Lower. The proposed access points to the bungalows would be

situated on the inside of a curve on this road on which visibility is limited and inadequate for the purposes of an entrance to dwellings. An entrance in this location would lead to a traffic hazard due to the high speed of traffic on this road. Permission was previously refused for these 2 bungalows (register reference 5516/72) and also for 2 other bungalows (register reference 4791/71 and 5970/72) on this field. One of these was subsequently granted in pursuance of section 4 resolution to Mr. G. O'Connor (register reference 5089/72). The other application was that of Mr. S. Clynnh. The possibility of getting an alternative site off the national secondary road was investigated. The landowner, Mr. William Manly, does have land fronting on to County Road number 314 of approximately 600 yards in length. This land would be suitable for building houses and has electricity supply at present at each end of this frontage. However, on inquiry, Mr. Manly stated that he would not be prepared to sell sites on this frontage. The reasons he gave were that it was good agricultural land and that there was gravel under it which he hoped to work in the future. It was pointed out to him that the land he was selling for building sites was also good land and also contained gravel as was evident from the excavations carried out for the building going on at present. However, he remained adamant that he was not prepared to sell any sites for building on the alternative site suggested.

Consideration of this application was adjourned at the Council Meeting held on the 5th February, 1972, with a view to seeing if suitable alternative sites could be obtained.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:

1 The proposed access point to the bungalows would be situated on the inside of a curve at which visibility is limited and inadequate for the purpose of an entrance. An entrance at this point:

- (a) Would negate recent improvements carried out to the road in this area.
- (b) Would lead to a traffic hazard due to the high speed of traffic on this road and the restricted visibility and the obstruction which would be caused to the free flow of traffic along the road by vehicles entering and leaving the proposed entrance.

2 Having regard to the existing planning permission granted for a dwelling on the adjacent site, the proposed erection of two additional dwellings would initiate ribbon development along the National Secondary Route and would be seriously in conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the manner stated in reason number 1 above.

3 The proposed development would be isolated from existing settlements and community facilities and services and accordingly would be contrary to the proper planning and development of area.

4 The site of the proposal is elevated above the adjoining public road and lacks natural screening. The erection of dwellings thereon would seriously injure amenity in the area by reason of undue prominence.

C. Proposed 7 houses at Seabank, Arklow, Co. Wicklow—John Waldron

- (1) Due to the high water table level and the poor soakage condition of the soil the ground conditions are unsuitable for septic tank effluent disposal. The proposal would therefore be likely to give rise to a public health hazard.
- (2) The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area, an objective of which is the preservation of the view towards the sea from the coast road. The proposed development would seriously obtrude on this view.
- (3) The further development of the unserved rural area would:
 - (a) Result in demands for urban type services which could not be economically provided.
 - (b) Result in reduction of the traffic carrying capacity of the relatively narrow and winding public road which provides public access to Drittas Bay area for recreation purposes. The proposal would be likely to give rise to a traffic hazard by virtue of increased traffic movements at the proposed junction in the public road.
 - (c) Further erode the rural and scenic character of the area. It is recommended that outline permission be refused for the above reasons.

D. Proposed bungalow at Kilcashed, Avoca, Co. Wicklow—Hugh Martin
The applicant was refused permission for this development in November, 1972, and he has appealed to the Minister for Local Government against the decision to refuse permission. The site is in an extremely prominent position almost at the top of a hill.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:

- (1) The proposed bungalow would result in a serious injury to the visual amenities and scenery of this area by reasons of being located in an unscreened skyline position and by being unduly prominent in views from the north west and south.

E. Proposed bungalow at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow—Donald R. Wills.

In April, 1972, the applicant was refused outline permission for a bungalow on this site and an appeal has been made to the Minister for Local Government against this decision.

The Chief Medical Officer considers that a trial hole 6 ft. deep should be opened for inspection at the proposed septic tank location and that having regard to the shallow depth of soil in the area the septic tank should be sited not less than 30 ft. from the site boundaries in order to prevent seepage onto adjoining properties. He has also reported that due to the presence of rock it appears that attempts to open a 6 ft. trial hole have been unsuccessful.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development lies within an area which is defined in the County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity in which any development which is obtrusive because of its lack of natural screening or prominence against the skyline will not be permitted. The site proposed does not have natural screening and a house as proposed would be prominent over an arc of approximately 250° as it is situated on the ridge of the hill which forms a local skyline. The proposal would therefore be in serious conflict with the provisions of the County Development Plan.
- (2) Proof has not been submitted to the Council to show that the ground is satisfactory for the disposal of septic tank effluent. This is especially important as the proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is used as a source of public water supply.
- (a) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch, to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."
- (b) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Sean Quinn for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."

The County Secretary stated that these two proposals had been deferred from a previous meeting on the suggestion of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., with a view to seeing if suitable alternative sites could be agreed with the landowner concerned in both these applications. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was unable to be present on that day, and asked that the proposal be deferred to the next Meeting. The County Secretary stated that it would be possible to defer the proposal under I (A) in relation to the application of Mr. Seamus Clynch, but that a decision in regard to the application of Mr. Sean Quinn would have to be issued within a week, and consequently could not be deferred. He pointed out that if a suitable alternative site became available, it would be necessary in any event for the applicant to submit a new application in respect of such site. The Council agreed that Item 1 (A), being the proposal to direct the grant of Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney be deferred to the next Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning permission to Sean Quinn, for two houses at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill indicated that he was dissenting from the proposal and Councillor Costello also objected to a direction to grant Per-

mission in this case as suitable alternative sites were available on the lands of the landowner concerned.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor J. Miley and Councillor Miss Walsh agreed to withdraw the proposal. The Council noted that in view of the recommendation of the County Engineer, the application would be refused.

- (c) In the names of Councillor J. Sweeney, W. Cleary and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

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

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the site for one of the seven houses had been acquired by a person who had previously obtained Planning Permission for a house at Ballinaheese following a direction under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. It appeared that he had built the house at Ballinaheese and subsequently sold it and was now living in a caravan on the site at Seabank, Arklow. Work had already commenced on the site without Planning Permission. Councillor Sweeney stated that the application had been made by Mr. Waldron on behalf of seven persons who wish to build houses on the site. Members of the Council having inquired as to whether the persons seeking to build the houses on these sites were in need of houses and would otherwise have to be re-housed by the Council, Councillor Sweeney stated that he would obtain information as to the individuals concerned and supply the information to the next Meeting of the Council. The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymoneen, Avoca"

In the absence of Councillor T. J. Keenan, the Council agreed on the suggestion of Councillor J. Sweeney, to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R.

Wills, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The Council agreed that a Notice be served on the applicant requiring the provision of a trial hole six feet deep at the site of the proposed septic tank location, and that the Members of the Council be notified when the trial hole was ready for inspection. The Council agreed that consideration of the proposal be deferred to the next Meeting.

(f) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that the application by Mr. John Walshe had been received only on the previous Friday, and there had been inadequate time to have it fully examined and reported on. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 4th December 1972, and 1st January, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 4th December, 1972, and the 1st January, 1973. Passed.

Item No. 3—Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential recreational and social development at Blainroe, Wicklow.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow
1st March, 1973.

To the Chairman and each Member
of Wicklow County Council.

Proposed Development at Blainroe, near Wicklow.

Dear Councillor,

With reference to Item No. 3 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th instant, I am to say that as requested by the Council, views in regard to the development proposed at Blainroe, near Wicklow, for which Outline Planning Permission has been sought by C. G. Cooney, Limited, were requested from Wicklow Urban District

Council, An Foras Forbartha, Industrial Development Authority, Bord Failte and the Department of Education. Bord Failte replied stating that they would endeavour to inspect the site and submit comments to the Council as quickly as possible, but the comments have not yet been received. No reply has been received from the Department of Education. Copies of the replies received from Wicklow Urban District Council, An Foras Forbartha and the Industrial Development Authority are enclosed herewith.

Wicklow Urban District Council indicated that the Council was favourably disposed towards the application, but agreed that traffic from the Development to Wicklow town should be routed via the Marlton Road rather than via the Dunbur Road.

An Foras Forbartha considered the effects of the proposed development on the Brittas Bay area which had been the subject of a special Study by An Foras Forbartha and considered that the amount of additional pressure on the beach area that might be caused by the proposed development would be a very small percentage of the pressure generated by day visitors from the Dublin area. They did not consider that their recommendations for the development and management of the beach and dunes would be unduly influenced by the additional development. They were of opinion that the Blainroe development would compete with Brittas Bay for prospective second home owners and doubted whether there was sufficient land at this stage to justify the establishment of two substantial settlements as envisaged. An Foras Forbartha noted that the Council would be in the best position to determine if there were adequate resources available to meet the environmental standards required in addition to those already committed in other areas.

The Industrial Development Authority stated that the Authority would have no objection in principle to the development of an industrial site at Blainroe as part of the proposed development, but pointed out that for the site to be suitable for and attractive to industry, good road communications to Wicklow town and the arterial route to Dublin would be needed. The Authority, however, pointed out that until all necessary improvements had been completed, it would not be possible for them to comment on the suitability of the site for industry, although they would have no objection in principle to the development of a satisfactory industrial estate in the area. It could be taken, therefore, that if permission were being given, this would not imply any commitment on the part of the Council or of the Industrial Development Authority to provide special services, facilities or grants to any industrial development at Blainroe, nor imply any departure from the policy of the Council as already determined or contemplated in relation to the siting of industry. Good road communications could be secured by an approach via Marlton Road and Blainroe Crossroads, but improvements to these roads would be necessitated.

The County Engineer has recommended that Outline Planning Permission be given, subject to a number of conditions covering the following matters:—

- (a) Alterations to the road layout within the site and the points of access onto adjoining County Roads to ensure a satisfactory roads layout and prevent the creation of a traffic hazard.
- (b) The provision of a potable water supply and sufficient wells to ensure the supply was adequate to serve the various uses at all

stages of the development; adequate storage of water is also to be provided and a static supply for fire fighting purposes. It is required that details of the core bore holes of individual well outputs, of storage provision, and distribution mains are to be submitted when seeking approval.

- (c) It is a condition that foul sewage from the development be adequately treated and effluent piped to the sea and discharged below low water mark.

Other conditions are imposed in relation to dealing with surface water drainage, the provision of services in accordance with the requirements of the County Council, the placing of electricity and telephone service lines underground, provision of adequate public lighting and a weekly system of refuse collection, with refuse disposed to an approved dump, together with the landscaping of the area. It is also a condition of the proposed grant of Outline Permission that security be given by the developer for the satisfactory completion of services and it is provided that before any development commences, the owner of the lands shall covenant or otherwise legally bind himself and his successors to retain in agricultural use the lands which are designated as farm lands, to ensure that such lands would continue to be used for agricultural purposes. It is required also that adequate land be reserved free of other development for the purpose of providing sites for schools, shops, churches and a community hall and indoor sports building and that areas indicated as being for public open spaces be fenced off from the agricultural land and properly laid out and landscaped. Further conditions require that the hotel-motel building shall not exceed two storeys in height, that adequate car parking space and service areas be provided and suitably landscaped and that any industrial building shall be a "light industrial building." Where private gardens are not provided with each individual house, it is required that screened enclosures or courtyards be provided for the sole and exclusive use of each dwelling.

As previously mentioned, Wicklow Urban District Council has expressed concern in regard to the possible affect of the traffic which would be generated by the proposed new development at Blainroe on congestion in the Main Street in Wicklow and has recommended that traffic from the development to Wicklow town should be routed via the Marlton Road rather than via the Dunbur Road. The County Engineer agrees that there is a serious traffic problem in Wicklow town during normal business hours due to local traffic and that this is aggravated by summer tourist traffic, especially through traffic to the Brittas Bay area. He considered that it was essential that an alternative route be developed to take the traffic off Main Street, Wicklow, and recommended that the most suitable alternative route for traffic coming from the proposed new development would be via Magheramore Cross and Blainroe Cross and the Marlton Road to Wicklow. In order to cater for the additional traffic on this route, improvements to the road over a two and a half mile length would be needed and it is proposed to include a condition in any grant of Outline Permission for the development, that a contribution of £20 per house be made towards the cost of the necessary road improvements to facilitate the development.

The access to the development as shown on the Plan submitted is from the Wicklow-Dunbur-Magheramore Road and it is considered essential that an improved lateral link be provided by improving the road which leads from Blainroe cross to the entrance to Kilpoole

House and farm so as to ensure that traffic from the new estate which would be proceeding in the direction of the arterial route (or Wicklow Railway Station) would use such improved link and Marlton Road rather than seek to proceed via the already congested Main Street in Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the following Report had been received from Bord Failte Eireann and a copy had been circulated to the Members at the Meeting:—

Bord Failte Eireann,
Baggot Street Bridge,
Dublin 2.

Wicklow County Council
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

26th February 1973

Re: Proposed Development at Blainroe, near Wicklow, including a Golf Course, Hotel, Housing and Industrial Sites.

A Chara,

Further to our letter dated 15th February, 1973, I inspected this site on 20/2/73 in the company of Mr. Tom Gibson, Planning Officer. From a planning viewpoint we have no objections in principle to this development. Whilst this is an area of high amenity, no development apart from the golf course and club house will be situated on the seaward side of the road. In addition to this, the industrial sites will not generally be visible from the coast road. We would, however, suggest that outline planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That all development be landscaped.
- (2) That no tree be felled without reference to the planning authority.
- (3) That all buildings be of high standard of design in order that they may be easily assimilated into the landscape.

We look forward to commenting on the application when full planning permission is sought.

Mise le meas,

NIALL P. REDDY,

Physical Resources

Development Department.

Councillor Costello stated that the Reports obtained from various bodies were not satisfactory and that he considered none of the bodies concerned had carried out an adequate examination of the proposal and of its effects on the town of Wicklow and public roads, and other services. He asked if it would be possible for the Council to engage a Planning Consultant who would examine the matter in depth and report to the Council as he felt that it was possible that the Council Staff might not have had adequate time to consider all aspects of the proposal. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that the proposed development at Blainroe was a very large scale one and would be the equivalent of a new town and that in his view the Members of the Council should have an opportunity of examining the site and considering all aspects of the matter before taking a decision in regard to the proposal. Following a discussion it was agreed that consideration of the proposal be adjourned and that the Members of the Council would meet on Tuesday, 13th March, 1973, at the Market Square, Wicklow, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of visiting the site with Officers of the Council and meeting representatives of the applicants and their Technical Advisers. The Council agreed also that copies of the reports obtained by the Council be supplied to the applicants. The Council noted that a decision on the application would have to be issued prior to the 24th March, and agreed that the matter be considered by the Council at a Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973.

ITEM NO. 4:- ROAD AT KILPOOLE HILL, WICKLOW

The County Secretary referred to a deputation which had been received by the Council at the previous Meeting, comprising Messrs Browne and O'Reilly who had objected to the proposed grant of Permission to Mr. Michael E. Herbst for the erection of three houses on his lands at Kilpoole Hill, which houses would be served by the road leading to their houses. The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Mr. Michael E. Herbst, for transmission to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area:-

M. E. HERBST GROUP, KILPOOLE HILL, WICKLOW, IRELAND

12th February, 1973

Dear Councillors,

I enclose letter of written confirmation of our guarantee to Mr. O'Reilly not to use their avenue for farm machinery, etc., a similar promise was made verbally to Mr. Browne.

Anyone who knows our set-up, including Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Browne knows that the avenue in question is of no use and never will be for our farm purposes as there are no farm entrances from it and if there were they would have been of no value.

If a statement was made as printed in The Wicklow People this week that Slurry handling equipment or similar farm machinery have entered that avenue we can only understand this as a purposely misleading statement. The only thing ever done was that we went up with the J.C.B. to clear the proposed site.

I very strongly would like to invite the council to inspect the site to see that our need is genuine and purely for the use as living quarters for three Irish workers. May I mention to you at this point that these families are living for the past five months, because of technical objections here and there by officials and two residents, under inhuman conditions separated from their families in improvised housing.

We have had visits from Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Mr. Basil Phelan, M.C.C., Planning officers Mr. Paul and Mr. Gibson and many others, all of whom in total agreed that the site is essential for us and for these families and that it was the only one possible. Because of the existence already of two more houses and the avenue the building of three workingmen's houses here would be natural. I herewith again guarantee the Council or whoever concerned that the avenue in question will not be used by any of our farm machinery at any time and any damage done to the avenue during the erection of these houses will be made good.

Please do not prolong the agony of these three families or restrict the expansion of our business by undue delay and postponement as every single day, as in the last five months, means a lot to these families.

Thanking you in anticipation of your consideration,

Yours faithfully

Michael Eamon Herbst

Michael Eamon Herbst Group,
Kilpoole Hill,
Wicklow

10th January, 1973.

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

I, Michael E. Herbst of Kilpoole Hill Farm, Wicklow, promise herewith to repair any damage caused to the avenue leading to your house during the erection of my three houses. I might also mention that it is not our intention to use farm machinery on this avenue.

Yours faithfully

Michael E. Herbst.

In reply to inquiries from Mr. F. Hynes, the County Secretary stated that a previous application of Mr. Herbst for permission to build three houses for his employees had been refused on the grounds that the houses would be too obtrusive and subsequently Mr. Herbst submitted a second application. Following an examination of Mr. Herbst's lands by the Chief Planning Assistant, it had been recommended that Planning Permission be granted subject to conditions that the houses be re-located a short distance from the original sites. The Chief Planning Assistant gave details of

the conditions imposed and the effect of these conditions in minimising the obtrusiveness of the houses. The Council agreed that planning permission be given.

ITEM NO. 6:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW WILDFOWLERS ASSOCIATION:

The Council received a deputation from Wicklow Wildfowlers Association who were represented by Messrs. F. A. Doherty, P. Reilly and E. J. Power. The Members of the Deputation stated they were not opposed to the Bird Sanctuary at the Broad Lough, but objected to shooting being allowed on the lands on the western side of Broad Lough, whereas shooting was prohibited on part of the eastern side and on the Broadlough itself. They pointed out that Mrs. Wilby, who owned land at Knockrobin, had granted permission to the Association to shoot over her lands, but this was not allowed by the Game Birds Protection Order which applied to the area. They claimed that Mrs. Wilby had not agreed to her lands being included in this Order. The County Secretary stated that the Game Birds Protection Order in relation to Broadlough had been made by the Minister for Lands following consideration by the County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council of the proposal to establish the Bird Sanctuary. Before the Councils had agreed to the making of the Order, the matter had been considered by a Committee, representative of the County Council and the Urban District Council, the Department of Lands, Mr. C. M. O'Rourke who owned lands on the western side of the Lough, and representatives of Gun Clubs. In the previous year the Council had agreed to the continuation of the Order for a further year, and the present Order would expire on the 25th March, 1973. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that the matter be considered by a Committee formed of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area, representatives of the Department of Lands, representatives of the Wicklow Wildfowlers Association, and representatives of the land owners, i.e., Mr. C. M. O'Rourke, and Mrs. Wilby, and that the Committee having considered the matter, submit a recommendation to the Council.

HOUSING SCHEME AT OLD COURT, BRAY:

Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, proposed that 10 houses at Oldcourt, Bray, be reserved for newly-weds, and asked that the matter of allocating tenancies of houses at Oldcourt be deferred until a meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had considered the matter. It was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area be held at the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973, to consider the matter of the housing Scheme at Oldcourt. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area asked that the Commissioner for Bray Urban District Council be requested to attend at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the area.

The Council agreed that the adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 12th March, 1973, and that if time permitted an ordinary meeting of the Council will be held after the termination of the Estimates Meeting.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow on his site at Ballinaclea for his own use."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Grady, 2 Camden Market, Dublin 8, for the provision of a bungalow."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Kely, Licheen, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow on his own land."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

Held on

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1973

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1973

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1973

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1974, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 5th March, 1973.

Following the adjournment of the Estimates Meeting, a Meeting of the Council to consider Housing and other matters was held.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, Messrs. U. McCabe, and K. Roberts, Staff Officers, Housing and Sanitary Services, the County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. J. B. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer, were present.

The County Manager introducing the consideration of the Estimates, referred to the position in regard to the Estimate for Health Services and stated that the rate in the £ for this Service as shown in the Estimate submitted was the same as that raised in the current financial year. The Estimates of the Eastern Health Board had not yet been approved by the Minister for Health, and the Council had no information as to the extent of the Health Grant which would be forthcoming, and which would eventually determine the balance of the Health cost which would have to be met from local rates. He gave details as set out on page 4 of the Statement circulated to the Members of the Council of the increases in the Estimates for Roads, Assistance, Sanitation, Housing and General Purposes, and stated that in the main these increases arose from revisions of rates of remuneration under National Agreement. The increases in rates were also affected by additional Schemes which had been approved by the Council, particularly in relation to Housing and Sanitary Services. Councillor J. Miley referred to the necessity for providing a new sewerage scheme

for Blessington, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, it was agreed that provision be included in the Estimates towards the cost of the Blessington Sewerage Scheme. The County Manager stated that provision had been made in the Loan Charges under Sanitary Services towards the cost of any new Schemes which might be commenced during the coming year.

In regard to the considerable increase in the rate required for Criminal Injuries for the coming financial year to which reference had been made in the County Manager's Statement, Councillor Miss Walsh inquired whether the representations made by the Council and by the General Council of County Councils that certain of the Criminal Injury awards be met from State funds, had been successful. The County Secretary stated that no indication had been received by the Council that any special grants might be made available towards defraying these costs.

The Council asked that particulars be obtained from other County Councils of the provisions made in the Estimates for the coming year by these Councils in respect of Criminal Injuries.

The Council proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail, commencing with Road Services. The County Manager stated that the increase in the provision for Main Roads Maintenance reflected the increase in wages of Road Workers under the provisions of the National Agreement. In reply to Councillor F. Hynes, who inquired whether the working week had been reduced to 40 hours as from the 1st April and whether there had been an increase in travelling expenses for Overseers, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for any extra costs that might arise under these headings, and he expressed the view that the effect of the reduction in working hours should be offset by increased productivity. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that he estimated that the reduction of the working week to 40 hours would require an additional £10,000 if the same volume of work was to be carried out as in the current year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill: That the Council approve of the figures provided in the Estimates for maintenance of Main and County Roads.

Passed.

The Council adjourned consideration of the Estimates to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 12th March, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 12th March, 1973.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. J. B. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Mrs. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, attended.

In the absence of Councillor M. Deering, at the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor F. Hynes took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor S. Costello.

ROAD SERVICES:

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimates for Roads Services. Councillor Hynes referred to the reduction in the working week for Roadworkers to 40 hours which would operate from the 1st April, 1973, and expressed the view that it would be necessary to provide an additional sum of money to meet the cost which he claimed would arise by reason of the reduction in working hours. The County Manager again expressed the view that the effect of any decrease in working hours should be offset by increased productivity, but the County Engineer stated that he estimated that an additional £10,000 would be required if a reduction in employment of Roadworkers was to be avoided. The County Engineer stated that in his opinion the costs arising from the reduction in working hours could not be offset by increased productivity.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of providing an additional sum of £10,000 on Main and County Road Maintenance to meet the cost of the reduction in working hours of Roadworkers.

Passed.

In reply to Councillor Temple, who asked if provision was made in the Estimates for the resurfacing of Gratton Park, Greystones, the County Engineer stated that he estimated the cost of the work at £200 and that provision had been made for this work in the Estimates under the heading of "Surface Dressing." Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that Eden Road, Greystones, required surface dressing, and the County Engineer stated that he would examine and report on the matter.

ROAD AT NEWCASTLE KNOWN AS "CHURCH LANE":

Councillor J. Gregory referred to the deputation which had been received by the Council from Residents at Newcastle in regard to the road known as Church Lane at Newcastle, and the report of the County Engineer in regard to the dangerous condition of the bridge on this road, and he urged that provision be made in the Estimates to defray the cost of reconstructing the road and bridge and taking it over as a public road. In reply to inquiries from Members as to the cost of the work proposed, the County Engineer estimated the cost at £8,800. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had suggested to the local Residents' Committee that persons residing on the road apply for a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme towards the cost of putting the road in proper repair, and when such work was done, the Council would then take over the road as a public road. He stated that the local Committee had considered this matter, but had then informed him that they were not prepared to seek a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme and desired that the Council carry out and finance the cost of the work on the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That a sum of £8,600 be provided to defray the cost of reconstructing road at Newcastle known as "Church Lane."

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—9.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—10.

Councillor F. Hynes did not vote.

The motion was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 9 votes in favour.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:

The need for Pedestrian Crossings at Carnew, Blessington, and Kilmacanogue, were raised by Members, and the County Engineer stated that it would be necessary to carry out traffic surveys to confirm the need for Crossings in these areas. In the case of Kilmacanogue, the County Engineer stated that a number of alternative proposals were under examination, including provision of traffic lights or of an under-pass or bridge, but a final decision had not yet been made on the matter.

In regard to the traffic lights at Bray, the Council asked that a letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government to inquire

when the necessary regulations were being made to enable the new traffic system in Bray to be put into operation.

The Council agreed that Bórd Fáilte be asked to expedite the delivery of Road Signs which were required in many parts of the County. The County Engineer was also asked to look into the matter of improving the sign at Boghall Road junction on the Killarney Road.

HEALTH SERVICES:

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the Estimate for Health Services to the next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973, and asked that in the meantime the Minister for Health be requested to convey approval of the Estimates of the Eastern Health Board, and to indicate what Supplementary Grants would be made available to the Council towards the cost of the contribution to be made by the Council to the Eastern Health Board for the expenses of the Board for the coming financial year.

ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we increase the provision for Home Assistance by £14,000 to £40,000.

Passed.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The Council considered the details of the Estimates for Sanitary Services and the County Manager replied to queries made by Members in regard to individual items.

CARNEW SEWERAGE:

Councillor K. Ryan stated that repairs were needed urgently to the present sewerage system in Carnew which, he pointed out, required to be replaced by a new system.

DUMPING GROUND AT GREYSTONES:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated papers from the dumping ground were spreading onto the adjoining road and into the Harbour and that a proper fence should be erected at the dumping ground. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

In the course of the discussion on public lighting, Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that consequent on the improvement of the road junction at Killincarrig, the location of the public light at the junction required to be altered. It was agreed that the County Engineer look into this matter.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:

Councillor Miss Walsh urged that in cases where water was supplied to a business premises which also contained a dwellinghouse, that a separate connection be made to the portion used as a business premises, and a separate connection to the dwellinghouse portion of the premises. She claimed that charges made in Tinahely and Carnew were excessive, and urged that charges be remitted in respect of previous years. The County Manager pointed out that the charges for non-domestic water supply had been based on meter readings and an allowance had been made for the amount of water used in the dwellinghouse portion of the premises and that it did not appear that the Council could remit charges which had been properly made. The Council agreed that the Council's Solicitor be asked to advise on the matter.

The Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to the Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973.

LICENCE TO USE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

The Council agreed that a licence be issued for the use of a loud-speaker on a car to announce a Fashion Show at Bray on Wednesday, 14th March, on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, and the Ravenswell and St. Peter's Schools Building Fund.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret O'Neill, "Annville," Church Road, Greystones, for an entrance onto Church Road."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew:—One at St. Brigid's Terrace; one at St. Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank! and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merry-meeting."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four public lights from Mr. Phelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenvane."

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That George Synott's house at Kilpedder, be redeemed."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. Heraty, A/County Accountant, and Messrs. U. McCabe and K. Roberts, Staff Officers, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, were present.

The Council proceeded with the consideration of the Estimates.

The County Secretary stated that as instructed by the Council at the previous Meeting, a letter had been addressed to the Department of Local Government pointing out that the Estimates of the Eastern Health Board for Health Services for the year 1973/74 had not yet been approved by the Minister for Health, and no information was yet available as to the Supplementary Grants which might be allocated to the Council towards the contribution payable to the Eastern Health Board in respect of Health Services for the coming financial year. The Department had been informed that as the Council had commenced the consideration of the Estimates on the 5th March, it would be necessary for the Council to determine the Estimates within a period of 21 days commencing on that date, and an inquiry had been made if an extension of time could be granted to allow the Council to complete the examination of the Estimates at a date outside the prescribed period of 21 days. A letter had also been addressed to the Department of Health asking that the Minister be requested as a matter of urgency to convey approval to the Estimates submitted by the Eastern Health Board and to indicate the amount of the Supplementary Grants to be made available to the contributing local authorities. The Department of Health had been asked to have the information available so as to enable the Council to determine the Estimates at their Meeting on that date, the 20th March. The Department of Local Government had replied stating that the Minister had no power to authorise a departure from the Provisions of Section 10 (5) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and consequently it would be necessary for the Council to determine the Estimates for the coming financial year before the following Monday, 26th March. No reply had been received to the letter sent to the Department of Health. The Council noted the position in the matter. j

HOUSING SERVICES—REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES:

On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council approved of increasing the provision for repairs to Council houses from £25,000 to £40,000. Councillor Costello urged that a survey be carried out of all Council houses for which the Council was responsible for repairs to determine the repairs needed to put the houses in proper condition and that a crash programme be prepared to deal with the matter. The County Engineer pointed out that extra staff would be needed to carry out a survey of this type and he also drew attention to the difficulty in getting tradesmen. Councillor Hynes urged that when a tenant vacated Council house arrangements could be made to have the house inspected immediately and any

necessary repairs effected, and the repairs should not be deferred until a new tenant became available.

HOUSING SCHEME AT Oldcourt:

Councillor J. Temple claimed that the Council had not been informed as to how the 240 houses being built at Oldcourt near Bray would be allocated as between Bray Urban District Council and the County Council, and that it had been necessary for the Council Members for the Bray Electoral Area to arrange their meeting to be held in Bray that night so that this matter could be settled. He also urged that five houses be reserved from the number to be allocated to the County Council and five houses from the number to be allocated to Bray Urban District Council, for allocation to newly-weds. The County Manager stated that Councillor Temple was not correct in his statement concerning the number of houses at Oldcourt and their allocation, and that the Members of the Council had been informed of the approximate basis of allocation of the houses. Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, informed the Council of the dates on which particulars regarding the likely allocation had been supplied to the Members of the Council. The Council approved the Estimates for Housing Services as amended.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

The Council proceeded to examine in detail the Estimates for General Purposes and the County Manager replied to queries from Members on individual items in the Estimates.

In relation to the provision for Franchise and Jurors' Lists, Councillor Costello complained that numerous errors and omissions in the Register as used at the recent General Election, and was supported by other Members who gave instances of such errors and omissions. It was agreed that Members of the Council would supply details of such errors and omissions to the County Secretary in order that these could be investigated.

In regard to the provision of £25,000 for Interest on Overdraft, the County Manager stated that having regard to an account recently received for Overdraft Interest for the current half-year, it would seem that the provision under this heading could well prove inadequate.

SEPARATE CHARGES:

Criminal Injuries: The County Secretary stated that since the Estimates had been circulated to the Members, a number of Criminal Injury Claims had been determined by the Courts, and in consequence the figure of £52,498 would require to be increased by £10,047. The increase was related to Criminal Injury Awards of £8,947 plus an estimated amount of £1,100 for costs. As, however, the figure quoted in the County Manager's Statement in regard to Criminal Injuries of 17.58p as the rate required for the coming year had been overstated in error, the rate in the £ required under this heading, including the provision of the additional £10,047, would be 17.23p in the £.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1974, as amended and as set out in Tables A, B and C.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

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 Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1974:—

	£
ROADS	1.71531
HEALTH	2.06582
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	0.17337
SANITARY	0.66781
HOUSING	0.72254
GENERAL PURPOSES	0.98492
TOTAL	6.32977

SEPARATE CHARGES:

	£
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	0.14975
RATHDRUM and WICKLOW	
JOINT BURIAL BOARD	0.00607
CRIMINAL INJURIES	0.17237

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

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 on 31st March, 1974:

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
ROADS	7,732	28,237	5,615
HEALTH	36,330	132,678	26,386
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2,049	11,135	2,214
GENERAL PURPOSES	3,461	12,642	2,514
SEPARATE CHARGES:			
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	2,366	—	1,718
CRIMINAL INJURIES	3,031	11,070	2,202

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting in respect of the provisions made under the headings, Franchise and Jurors' Lists, Reformatories and Industrial Schools and Courthouses.

The Chairman and Members of the Council expressed their appreciation to the County Manager and his Staff for the manner in which the Estimates had been presented, and for the detailed information supplied in the course of their consideration of the Estimates for the various Services.

The following Statement by the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members and this was followed

by the Table Explanatory of the Estimates giving details of the amounts estimated and adopted by the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.

22nd February, 1973.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH

MEMBER OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL:

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973-'74

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

In the attached Tables details are given of the estimated costs in the coming year, 1973-'74, of the public services for which the Council has to make financial provision. The cost to be levied from rates of the services administered directly by the Council is estimated at £1,151,314. But the Council has to provide for the Demand from the Eastern Health Board and here a difficulty immediately arises. The Board prepares an Estimate which, however, does not become effective until it is approved by the Minister for Health. The Council has received figures from the Board which are intended to give details of the costs for the coming year of their services. But it is not known if these figures will be accepted by the Minister, and again there is no information as to the extent of the Health Grant which will be forthcoming and which Grant will eventually determine the balance of the Health costs which will have to be met from local rates. There is a further complication inasmuch as it appears that the Board has not included any provision in their figures of estimated outlay for two institutions which involve heavy costs, these being Saint James' Hospital in the centre of Dublin and the Connolly Hospital at Blanchardstown. It seems that there has been a difference of opinion as to the manner in which these two institutions should be treated—whether they should be looked on in the same light as the Dublin voluntary hospitals (Saint Vincent's, Meath, Mater, Sir Patrick Dun's, etc.) and the maintenance costs be met by daily capitation charges, or should be regarded as two hospitals for which the Board has to provide the full cost in the first instance and then receive State Health Grant to meet part of such cost. If, however, the figures which have been received do not include any provision for these two hospitals on the alternative system mentioned, then it seems that the contributory authorities to the Board's expenses, these being Dublin Corporation, Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council, might have to meet much more through the Demands on them than would be foreshadowed by the provisional figures which have been received. Other difficulties which are present, apart from those already mentioned, are the extent to which the central authority will assume responsibility for new Health Services and extensions of existing services. It was expected by rating authorities that in these instances the entire costs would be met from State funds. But a difference as to interpretation of phrasing may possibly arise here. In the present financial year, the Eastern Health Board found that the cost of the "Choice of Doctor" Scheme and of the arrangements for supply of "Pharmaceuticals" through local chemists

has far exceeded the estimates approved by the Department. Likewise, the actual costs of other services such as the Psychiatric, Rehabilitation and Community Services have proved to be beyond the provision made for them. Finally, the experience in the current financial year has led to a heavy deficit, the amount by which costs are expected to exceed the approved provision is expected to reach £2,489,200.

A meeting of the representatives of the contributory local authorities and of the Eastern Health Board was held recently in Dublin and the problems arising from the financing of the Board's services were discussed at length. It was eventually decided unanimously that the Department of Health be informed that it was the opinion of those present representing both the contributory authorities and the Health Board that Grants should be provided from State Funds so as to stabilise the rate for Health to that levied in the present year, and that towards this end, the deficit arising from the operation of the Board's Services in the present financial year be met from Health Grant, and that additional costs arising from new and extended services be met from State Grant.

As already mentioned, there is as yet no information as to the assistance to be given through the State Health Grant towards the cost of the Health Services in the coming year. In the absence of such essential information, it is felt that in submitting the present Estimates there must be due regard to the financial policy set forth as representing the considered views of the contributory authorities and recorded in the resolution at the recent meeting in Dublin. For these reasons the provision for the Health Services included in the attached Tables represents a rate similar to that which was struck for the Health Services for the present financial year, this being £2.06582. But the actual amounts for the two years are £732,013 for 1972-'73, and £749,594 for 1973-'74. The difference is accounted for by the fact that the productivity of the rate is somewhat higher in the coming year.

The total cost of the Council's own Services to be met from the general rate is estimated at £2,191,891; the estimate for the present year is £1,832,589. The Receipts for 1973-'74 are estimated at £1,040,577, leaving the net cost to be met from rates for these Services at £1,151,314. For the present year the Receipts were estimated at £891,757 and the net cost at £940,832. It will be seen, consequently, that the Council's own Services are estimated to cost £1,151,314 in the coming year, which is £210,482 more than in the present year. The general rate required, if a Health Rate of £2.06582 be added, would be £6.20975. In the present year, the general rate struck by the Council was £5.50975.

But right away it must be clearly stressed that the general rate indicated in the foregoing paragraph is subject to certain specific reservations. The present position in regard to the estimated costs of Health Services for the coming year is that the Eastern Health Board has been informed by the Department of Health that the Minister would not be prepared to agree to the discharging of the Board's liability for Saint James's Hospital and the James Connolly Memorial Hospital by applying the current voluntary hospitals capitation rates, and in consequence, the Board has forwarded revised figures of estimated expenditure and receipts for 1973-'74, inclusive of the costs of operation of these two hospitals. The revised figures received are calculated on the basis that the costs of new and extended services, estimated by the Board at £3,709,440, will be met in full from Health Grant and that the balance of the net estimated expenditure will be

met to the extent of 50 per cent. by Health Grant. The revised figures indicate that an increase of 37p would be required in the rate for Health Services for the coming year. However, the revised estimate does not include any provision for the debit balance arising from the current year's experience and if this debit balance is not met by Health Grant a further increase of 22p in the £ would seem necessary.

The effect of the National Agreement in relation to rates of remuneration is reflected in the cost of all Public Services in the coming year. Its terms so far have been applied to all grades of employment with a few exceptions. In addition, there is the effect of settlements arising out of protracted Arbitration proceedings which have involved quite substantial additions to outlay in some cases, and in one or two instances only received central authority approval after the threat of "industrial action."

In the coming year additional moneys will have to be found for the new programmes approved by the Council in recent times and which follow from insistent public demand. New loan charges have to be met in respect of Housing and new Water Supplies and Sewerage, and as services expand, maintenance costs will also rise. By the end of the present year 75 houses will have been completed and at present 455 (inc. 160 for Bray U.D.C.) are in course of construction. There is a number of other capital commitments such as Kilcoole Sewerage, Ashford Sewerage, the Joint Sewerage Scheme at Bray, Shillelagh Sewerage and the improvements to Cronroe Water Supply.

In addition to the general rate, the County Council has to make provision for costs which are met through the special levies known as Separate Charges. The two main items included here are Vocational Education (the levy for it applies to the entire county except Bray Urban District which has its own Vocational Education Authority) and Criminal Injuries. The latter item—Criminal Injuries—will impose an exceptionally heavy charge on the rates in the coming year. Claims for malicious damage have been pouring in over the past two years, and are still being received. At every Court Sitting new awards are being made. The amount which has to be included for Criminal Injuries in the attached Estimates comes to £52,498, requiring a rate of £17.58 in the pound. This is a levy to meet the cost of senseless destruction of property. Its impact can perhaps be more readily seen when it is pointed out that the sum mentioned, £52,498, whilst serving to provide no new public asset or to remunerate some group providing an essential public service, is far in excess of the cost to the rates of making special Supplementary Grants to persons carrying out improvements to their dwellings such as building extensions and the installation of running water supplies and sanitation. On looking through the attached Tables, it will be found that it is far greater than the cost of maintaining public water supplies or of public sewerage schemes or of the loan charges which have to be met for either of these needed services for the community. It is equivalent to more than three or four times what is required for public lighting and refuse collection and is very much beyond what is required for fire brigades. Local authorities naturally are very disturbed by the heavy impacts which in recent times have followed from damage to and destruction of property by actions which the law regards as criminal or malicious and requires compensation for them to be met from local rates. It has often been urged that the cost arising from such claims and Court awards be met by the State from national taxation. It seems that the retention as local charges of the costs which arise may have been motivated by the

hope that the local feeling in this matter and local condemnation of such damage and destruction would help to reduce the incidence of happenings which give rise to such claims. This, however, has not occurred and in the event it is generally found that the public reaction is to ask that the cost of the awards be met from national taxation. It might, however, be taken as a strange commentary on the standards which are supposed to be accepted in a civilised community that there should be such a deplorable outlook in relation to the property of others and such a waste of scarce resources in making good the damage caused.

The Estimates now presented for your consideration are conditioned by the absence of information as to what may be required for Health. It must be stressed, therefore, that any rate now set forth for Health is only a provisional one. It may be that the costs approved in this instance by the Department and the level of the Health Grant available will require a general rate substantially in excess of that now mentioned.

The total outlay on all Services (excluding that on separate charges) as shown in the attached Tables, and including a provisional levy for Health comes to £2,941,485, of which £1,657,320 is chargeable to the whole county and £1,284,165 to the County Health District. The receipts under both these headings are estimated at £630,364 and £410,213, leaving net costs of £1,026,956 and £873,952 to be met from rates.

The separate rates for the six main services (that is with separate charges excluded) and the variation from those in the present year would be:—

SERVICE	RATE 1972-'73 £	RATE 1973-'74 £	ALTERATION IN RATE £
ROADS	1.44410	1.68978	+ 0.24568
HEALTH	2.66582	2.06582	—
ASSISTANCE	0.11373	0.13479	+ 0.02106
SANITATION	0.54611	0.66781	+ 0.12170
HOUSING	0.52936	0.66663	+ 0.13727
GENERAL PURPOSES	0.81063	0.98492	+ 0.17429

As mentioned earlier, the sums now included would require a rate of £8.20975, including a provisional rate of £2.03582 for Health and this would be £0.70000 more than levied in the present year. But once again, it has to be emphasised that the rate required will be dependent on the reaction of the central authority to the views expressed recently by the representatives of the contributory authorities as to the manner in which the costs of the Eastern Health Board should be met.

ROADS

The total expenditure on Main Roads (including the National Primary and Secondary Routes) is estimated at £514,168; the outlay in the Estimates for the present year was £470,285. For County Roads, the total outlay is estimated at £342,972; the estimate for the current year was £297,571. After deducting Receipts, composed mainly of Road Fund Grants of £357,137 for Main Roads, and £35,750 for County Roads, the net requirements to be met from rates would be £157,031 for Main Roads and £307,222 for County Roads. Provision, however,

also has to be made for a Debit Balance in the Roads Account of £30,000 which is due to the additional costs in the present year from some remuneration and superannuation increases which were allowed after the rates had been determined. The rate required for Roads is £1.68978, which is 24.568p more than that struck for the current year.

Generally the additional costs for Roads are due to the effect on rates of remuneration of the Agreement which is applicable at national level and to the recent approval to arbitration recommendations. Additional provision also has to be made for Superannuation; in the course of the present year, such allowances were revised so as to offset in some measure the effects of inflation.

The Road Fund Grant allowed for National Primary Routes for the present year was £160,000 and a similar sum has been included for the coming year. With this Grant work has continued on the comprehensive scheme for improving Road T.7. The work on the section between Bray and Kilmacanogue has been completed. It involved a new bridge at Saint Valerie and a dual carriageway on part of the route and required the relaying of a considerable length of watermain. At present, work is proceeding on the section between Glen of the Downs and Kilpedder. Here, in addition to the construction of a new length of roadway, an underpass to accommodate traffic between Delgany and Greystones and the new arterial road is being constructed. Eventually, with an improved road to link Delgany/Greystones with the arterial route, pressure on the existing Greystones-Bray road and traffic congestion in the centre of Bray could be relieved.

The cost of maintenance of the National Primary Route (T. 7) between Bray and Arklow will be met by Road Fund Grant of an amount similar to that received in the present year, which was £22,920.

The total sum included for Main Road Maintenance is £230,900; it was £200,580 in the present year and the difference is attributable to the revised remuneration rates following from the National Agreement in this matter. The Grant from the Road Fund of £115,700 will leave the amount to be met from rates at £115,200.

The cost of County Roads, £260,390 is £31,830 more than in the present year, and again the additional outlay follows from the application of the National Agreement in relation to remuneration. As there is no grant from the Road Fund towards maintaining County Roads, the entire cost has to be met from rates.

In the current year, the Grant received for Improvements to County Roads was £21,250 and a like sum has been included for the coming year. The amount of this Grant has been reduced in recent years as it is the view of the central authority that the county roads in Wicklow have all been reconstructed to a satisfactory standard and that only a very limited mileage now would require improvement.

During the present year, the programme for improving the central route via Glendalough and Wicklow Gap which links East Wicklow with the western part of the County, and is the road serving the new E.S.B. plant at Turlough Hill, was continued. Special assistance to meet the cost arising was received. It is considered that this route could be one of special significance in coming years as it could result not only in a convenient link between East and West Wicklow, but

also with the Midlands and could enable traffic to avoid the congested routes through the metropolitan area. Likewise, an improved route from Arklow in the direction of Aughrim, Tinahely and Shillelagh could link the east coast with inland areas. With the aid of Grants, other improvements to Main Roads were carried out in the present year—in particular, the scheme for improving the Blessington/Dublin road (T. 41) which is classified as a National Secondary Route, was continued.

Special provision again has been included for Winter Employment Schemes and for anti-frost measures and snow clearance. For Local Improvement Schemes, the full cost of which is met by Special Grant, £6,000 is included.

A new charge appearing in the Estimates is the levy to be met by the County Council in respect of AnCO (An Comhairle Oiliana), the central body which provides training for construction industries. The levy comes to £3,625, and it is expected that it may be offset to the extent of £907 by recoupment representing the cost of training provided for some Council employees.

Another new item shown in the Estimates for the first time is the outlay of £600 on Road Safety Schemes, but this only involves a nominal cost to the rates as £500 of the cost will be recouped from the Road Fund.

HEALTH SERVICES

Reference already has been made at some length to the difficulties which arise in relation to the assessment of the requirements for Health in the coming year and the determination of a rate for this purpose, which will depend on whether the central authority will accept the views expressed by the representatives of the contributory authorities when they asked recently that the rate for Health should be stabilised at that which was levied in the present year. But it is clear from such details as have been received from the Health Board, aside from the excess expenditure of £2,482,400 arising out of the current year's operations, heavy additional expenditure will be entailed by their Services in the coming year.

It appears that the cost of the Choice of Doctor Scheme has much exceeded that which was expected by the central authority. In the coming year, according to the details supplied by the Board, the outlay will be over £1.5 million more than the provision allowed last year. The recruitment of additional staff due to the development of services and other increases associated with such development will require roughly an additional £600,000. The effect of increases in remuneration will result next year in additional costs of almost £2 million. It has also been indicated that increases arising from price rises will account for somewhat more than £1 million.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

It is intended that as from 1st April, 1973, the administration of Public Assistance and the responsibility for the staff engaged in it (the Superintendent Assistance Officer and the five Assistance Officers) will be taken over by the Eastern Health Board. In the areas of the other contributory authorities, this change already has taken place. One of the reasons influencing the decision eventually taken by Wick-

low County Council is that by far the greater part of the time of the Assistance Staff is nowadays taken up with investigations in relation to the Health Services. To a great extent they could be regarded as Health Inquiry Officers. Notwithstanding the proposed change, it is necessary that provision be made for Public Assistance in the Council's Estimates for the coming year.

The outlay on Home Assistance itself is the principal item responsible for the rise in the total cost of the service from £42,410 to £51,119, but the application of the National Agreement to staff remuneration also involves additional outlay. The rate required for the coming year will be 13.479p, an increase of 2.106p over 1972-'73, when it was 11.373p.

SANITATION

The cost of the Sanitary Services again shows a rise which was to be expected having regard to their continued expansion.

The gross estimate is £216,303 and receipts in which the largest item by far is the State Grant towards loan charges and Amenity Schemes, are estimated at £39,833, leaving £176,470 to be met from rates. This, together with a debit balance of £2,683 from the present year makes a total requirement of £179,153 and would require a rate of 66.781p. This compares with 54.611p in the present year.

SEWERAGE—REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The cost under this heading at £20,000, is £4,000 more than in the present year, and the additional outlay is mainly due to the effect of the National Agreement.

WATER SUPPLIES—REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Here there is also a substantial rise due once more to the impact of the National Agreement. But in addition, provision has to be made for the higher prices for materials required for the operation of the Council's plants. Each year, moreover, the Council arranges to carry out a number of minor improvements and extensions from revenue. For example, in the present year, the Council provided a number of sunk wells and pumps and water supply extensions in various parts of the county and decided to defray the cost from revenue account.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

This is a service which is being extended to new areas in the county each year. In the current year the Council approved of the introduction of refuse collections in Shillelagh and also recently for Newcastle and Kilquade and Kilpedder districts. Services for other districts and extensions to existing services are also under consideration. The estimate for the coming year is £11,600 which shows an increase of £3,000. Having regard to the demands being continuously received, to the new building taking place, and the effect of rising costs, it can be expected that in the coming years this is a service which will require a much greater allocation.

DUMPING GROUNDS

Great difficulty is being found in obtaining suitable sites to use as refuse dumps. It is only after lengthy local investigations and negotiations that any can be secured and those available are rapidly filling

up because of the much greater quantities of refuse to be collected, due to the use of containers and other causes. Additional dumping space has recently been acquired at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathdrum. The Council will have to carry out special works on the dump sites at Fassaroe and Glehealy. All this will entail additional outlay in the coming year and the estimate is £8,300, which is £4,000 more than the estimate approved last year, which as a result of new developments was found to be £2,000 short of requirements.

BURIAL GROUNDS

Under this heading, additional outlay of £2,000 will be required to meet higher maintenance costs and the costs associated with acquiring additional land for cemetery use in Bray, Carnew and Manor Kilbride.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

For 1972-'73 an estimate of £15,386 was approved, being an increase of over £8,000 so that the Council could progressively over a number of years, introduce mercury fluorescent lighting in towns and villages. A similar sum of £15,386 is again included. During the course of the year a considerable number of new lights were provided, such as those at Avoca, Greystones, Blessington, Killincarrig, Aughrim and Carnew. The costs of installation can be heavy wherever new poles and lengthy extensions have to be provided. In the Estimates now submitted, provision for additional or new lighting at a number of places is included.

OPEN SPACES

The Estimate for the current year at £2,100 was found to be inadequate, and for the coming year the requirement put forward is £4,000. The principal areas to be maintained are at Glendalough, Avoca and Greystones.

AMENITY SCHEMES

During the current year, the Council was informed that State Grants of up to £9,500 would be forthcoming, provided the Council came forward with a like sum. This was agreed to and a long list of projects which could be undertaken in the present and coming year was submitted and approved. As it is expected that a somewhat similar Grant will be made available in the year 1973-'74, a gross outlay of £2,000 is being provided for, which would be offset by a Grant of £10,000, leaving the cost to the rates at £10,000. The projects to be undertaken in the current year include: Children's Playgrounds at Ballygannon (Rathdrum), Baltinglass and Blessington; Pitch and Putt Course at Tinahely; Community Centre at Carnew; acquisition of land for recreation centre and playing pitch at Rathnew; provision of seats and planting of trees at Knockananna; Scenic Car Park and Picnic Site at Humphreystown; Scenic Car Park at Motte Stone, Avoca.

LOAN CHARGES—SEWERAGE

These show a marked rise because of the necessity to provide for the new schemes at Ashford, Kilcoole, Shillelagh and Greystones and the Joint Sewerage Scheme at Bray. The total required is £22,656, an amount which will be much exceeded later on when the new schemes get under way and full loan charges on the capital outlay will have

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to be met. The gross increase in this instance is £6,498, which, however, is offset to some extent by additional State subsidies to loan charges. 645

LOAN CHARGES—WATER SUPPLIES

The loan charges here reflect the costs which have to be met for many projected water supply improvements and extensions, and, in particular, for improvements to the filtration plant at Clonroe for which tenders were recently sought. The additional cost again will be met in part by State subsidy.

RECEIPTS—STATE GRANT FOR LOAN CHARGES

The estimate for receipts from State subsidies to loan charges is £22,353, which is £809 more than in the present year, and the additional subsidy, as already mentioned, serves to offset in part the capital debt charges which the Council has to meet in respect of new schemes.

HOUSING

For Housing in the coming year the levy from rates will be £0.66363, and this is £0.157 more than was required for the present year. The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £450,768 and the Receipts made up almost altogether of State subsidies, Rents and Loan Repayments by borrowers, come to £271,930, leaving a net requirement of £178,838. This latter sum of £178,838 can be regarded as representing (1) the Council's subsidy of £140,363 towards the rents of the houses built by them; (2) the cost of Supplementary Grants given by the Council towards the cost of improving and erecting private dwellings (£38,475). Both the expenditure and receipts include a sum of £67,403 being the loan charges on moneys raised by the Council to make loans to persons providing their own dwellings, and a similar sum representing the repayments on foot of such loans.

REPAIRS

The provision made for Repairs in the present year was £20,000, but this provision has been found to be inadequate to the extent of £4,000. For next year £25,000 is now included. There has been a sharp rise in the cost of repairs in recent years due to higher wages and prices for materials. The amount now included is £10,000 more than was provided a few years ago. The number of rented houses which have to be maintained by the Council is 649. When some of the older houses require repairs the outlay can be considerable and sometimes may reach £200 to £300 and even more.

HOUSING PROGRAMME AND LOAN CHARGES

At present the Council has in the course of construction or has arranged contracts for the building of 455 houses. This total, however, includes a contract for 240 houses at Oldcourt Bray, of which 160 will be taken over by Bray Urban Council. Of the current year's programme it is expected that by 31st March next 75 houses will have been completed and let to tenants. In some areas the Council has experienced great difficulty in obtaining contractors. The Council's Direct Labour Unit continues to make a contribution to the building programme, and at present is occupied in the building of 64 houses, whilst it seems that the Unit may also have to take over the con-

struction of some houses which have not been completed by a contractor. During the coming year it is hoped, provided new difficulties, at present unforeseen do not arise, that the Council will be in a position to complete and let 315 houses (this figure excludes the 160 houses at Oldcourt being built on behalf of Bray Urban District Council. In addition, it is expected that work should commence next year on the building of a further 120 houses.

LOAN CHARGES—ERECTION OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS

The amount required is £67,403, but it does not result in any charge on the rates as there is a corresponding receipt through the repayments by borrowers. In the nine months to 31/12/1972, the number of new loans approved was 104 which required the borrowing of £262,000. For the year up to 31st March next the capital required for this purpose was £538,000 and for next year it is estimated that the capital requirement will be £350,000.

LOAN CHARGES—HOUSING GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ERECTION OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS

Since the introduction of the Scheme some years ago which enables the Council to make Grants supplementary to those paid by the State the total number of Grants approved for New Houses has been 375. For the Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of existing dwellings, the Council has paid 1,784 Grants, and towards the cost of providing water and sewerage, the Council has made 1,532 Grants. The total capital raised for the making of these Grants comes to £338,651. The Reconstruction and Improvement Grants have done much to improve living standards for a large section of the community, especially in rural areas.

SALARIES AND REMUNERATION

The application of the National Agreement and the necessity to employ an additional Clerical Officer because of the number of loans and grants nowadays to be dealt with, will involve an increase of £2,227 in office staff remuneration. For the engineering staff engaged in housing, the amount required is £25,307, which is £7,382 more than last year. Apart from the impact of the recent Arbitration awards, it was found necessary to appoint a Costings and Records Supervisor in connection with Direct Labour Building and other housing activities. For the remuneration of Rent Collectors, £2,727 extra will be required to meet revisions made some time ago and the additional cost of collecting rents from about 400 new houses.

RECEIPTS

The receipts from Rents and State Housing Subsidies show increases because of the new building programmes. It is necessary to enter into a special financial arrangement with Bray Urban Council in respect of the 160 houses being built at Oldcourt. The subsidy towards the rent of these houses will have to be met by Bray Urban District Council and for this purpose a receipt of £17,000 has been taken into account. For some time past, the County Council has been paying Supplementary Grants to recipients in Arklow and Wick-

low Urban Districts and the refunds to be made to the County Council under the provision of the Housing Acts in respect of such Grants is represented by a receipt of £1,882.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Under this heading provision is made for a large number of items such as Fire Brigades, Public Libraries, Committee of Agriculture Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Industrial Schools, Weights and Measures, Planning, Tourism, Higher Education and Courthouses.

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The Demand for 1973-'74 is £41,362, which is £3,860 more than the requirement for the present year.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The net requirement is £21,788 (total expenditure of £23,843 offset by receipts of £2,055 which are derived mainly from the Department of Education Grant for School Libraries). The net outlay is £3,545 up on last year. Increased provision has had to be included for books which continue, like everything else, to rise in price, and Arbitration awards affect the outlay on salaries.

PLANNING

The cost at £24,503 is £5,649 more than in the present year. The National Agreement on remuneration and the recent Arbitration award to engineering staffs account for the additional cost. It should be mentioned that the staff, in addition to Planning duties, prepare much data in relation to housing requirements and land acquisition, and the provision and lay-out of sites for industrial projects.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

The sum shown in the Estimates is £1,000. Last year the Council decided to allow £1,500, but it was decided that this was being done as a temporary measure because of the special difficulties, which it is hoped would be transient, in attracting tourists.

WEST WICKLOW DEVELOPMENT

It was agreed at a recent meeting to make a special contribution of £1,500 towards the cost of the West Wicklow Development Association.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS

The estimate is £23,462, which is £7,924 more than last year, but does not impose new charges on rates as the additional outlay is being met through State Grants.

SALARIES

The effect of the National Agreement is again evident in this instance, especially in relation to the costs chargeable to the County Health District, where an additional £3,628 will be required to meet revised remuneration and the cost of another clerical officer to cope

with the complex accounting records (such as P.A.Y.E., Social Welfare and other deductions) which nowadays have to be kept. It must also be borne in mind that this type of record keeping has been intensified through the introduction of weekly payments and the operation of the Direct Labour Building Unit. The cost of Rate Collection is up by £2,985 because of adjustments corresponding to National Agreement increases.

ELECTIONS

It has been expected that Local Elections will be held in the coming June and accordingly the cost of £4,500 is being provided for in the Estimates.

FIRE BRIGADES

The main cause of the net increase of £5,717 in the cost of Fire Brigades (£31,798 net next year as compared with £26,081 net for 1972-'73) is the revised allowances to fire brigade personnel which were recently approved and were the subject of lengthy negotiations with the Unions. Some provision also is being made by way of loan charges for a new Fire Engine and a Fire Station for Blessington. The number of calls, all of which entail expense, continues to increase by about 100 each year. However, it could be taken that the service provided ensures the lessening of loss of property, and in the absence of local Fire Brigades, fire insurance premiums possibly would be higher.

ROAD FUND EXPENSES

Whilst the collection of Motor Tax involves further outlay of £2,637 (£12,587 in 1973/'74; £9,900 in 1972/'73), no additional cost falls on rates as the entire cost is met from the Road Fund. The amount of tax collected in 1972 was £375,115, and the cost of collection comes to about 2.34 per cent. of this, which, having regard to the many checks to be exercised in connection with the collection, seems not unreasonable.

CIVIL DEFENCE

The cost here shows a reduction—£12,400 for next year as compared with £13,813 in 1972-'73. This is due to the special provision that had to be made last year for the construction of a Control Centre at Wicklow. The greater part of the cost, seventy per cent., is being met from State Grant. A deserved tribute was paid some time ago to the part played by the Civil Defence Service in helping to provide accommodation and other facilities for northern refugees. Other voluntary organisations also gave prompt, valuable and unselfish help. Over a period of up to two months, hundreds of refugees were assisted in County Wicklow. What happened on that occasion again stresses the value of having at hand for emergencies a well organised service, such as Civil Defence in this county has been for many years.

OFFICES AND COURTHOUSES—RENTS AND EXPENSES

These show, in all, increases coming to approximately £2,400, a great part of which is due to a rise in electricity charges.

OVERDRAFT INTEREST

The amount allowed for Bank Interest on Overdraft last year was £12,000 but has been found to be altogether inadequate, due to two

causes, first, the continuous rise in interest rates, and, secondly, the rise in the scale of the Council's expenditure. In the early part of the financial year before rates are collected, very heavy loan charges have to be met. These are greater with each succeeding year because of the very heavy capital outlay on housing and sanitation. In former times the Council had credit balances on the revenue account at the end of the financial year which served to cushion the impact of interest charges on overdraft accommodation, but these balances were absorbed over a few years in an endeavour to neutralise or lessen rate rises. Consequently, nowadays the Council has to have recourse to overdraft accommodation during much of the year and with rising interest rates this is bound to cost more. Yet again, the Council has been buying land for housing, recreation areas, open spaces and industrial sites, and pending the raising of loans, overdraft accommodation has to be resorted to with its attendant interest charges. In the past there has been criticism of the Council because land reserves were not available for public purposes such as housing, but such a land reserve cannot be established without incurring heavy expense, and here it must not be overlooked that the land may have to be held for a comparatively long period before it is put to public use.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

There is here an increase of £650 (£1,750 as compared with £1,100 last year) and this is in the main due to a higher outlay on training courses, which are essential nowadays if all types of staff—technical, accounting and administrative—are to be kept acquainted with modern techniques, whether they relate, for example, to road construction or accounting methods.

SEPARATE CHARGES

The items which fall under this heading are Vocational Education, Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board and Criminal Injuries—the latter item in the coming year being responsible for almost one-half of the gross outlay of £110,769.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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

For 1973-74 the Demand is £32,563 (£31,920 last year) and Loan Charges require £16,508 (£15,706 last year). The total required for Vocational Education is £58,271, of which £15,854 is recouped by the Department of Education, leaving a net charge of £42,417. The rate required for the coming year in this instance is 14.975p.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD DEMAND

There is a special levy on the Rathdrum Rural District and on Wicklow Urban District to meet the cost of maintaining the cemetery at Merrymount, Rathnew. The amount which the Council has to contribute, and which will be levied as a separate charge on the Rathdrum Rural Area is £747 (it was £613 last year).

CRIMINAL INJURIES

Earlier in this Report reference has been made to the heavy impost to be met from rates in respect of Court awards for Criminal Injuries. This can only be described as completely wasteful expenditure. There may be criticism of the level of expenditure for public services generally, but the community gets some return from all of them. But compensation for damage caused through wanton action results in no benefit, and can only be regarded as a surprising feature in any community expected to follow reasonable standards in its corporate life, whilst the xenophobic character of the statements sometimes made in relation to malicious damage seem both hurtful and altogether unreasonable. The rate required next year for this item will be 17.58p, and it may be even more if further awards be received before the end of the financial year.

THE COST OF THE LOCAL SERVICES

The Rate required for the coming year, if the levy for Health were to be stabilised at the present year's figure of £2,06582 approximately, would be £6.20975 or an increase of 70p (14/- in pre-decimal currency). But it must once more be stressed that whilst the public representatives of the contributory authorities have made their views known to the Department of Health in this matter of stabilising the Health levy at last year's figure, there has been no indication so far as to whether these views will be accepted by the Department. So, the rate for next year can only be provisionally calculated and is subject to this overriding reservation in relation to Health.

The increases under the various service headings could be summarised as follows in round figures: Roads—25p; Health—no change for the reasons stated; Assistance—2p; Sanitation—12p; Housing—14p; General Purposes—17p. All the services have been affected by the impact of the National Agreement in relation to remuneration and there is also the effect of the outcome of arbitration proceedings and of Labour Court awards in some instances. In particular, the cost of Roads is influenced by the latter items. The rate for General Purposes is affected to the extent of almost 4p by having to provide more for Overdraft Interest.

When submitting the Estimates last year it was pointed out in the Report on them that the effects of inflation were bound to be reflected in the level of local rates. The experience is that there are insistent claims for increases in remuneration and allowances of various types associated with working conditions. All this may result in higher incomes for those in employment, but higher incomes will always be followed by a rise in the level of costs and prices.

The demand for new and expanding public services can only be provided by higher rates, even if a measure of assistance be obtained from State Funds. The Council's Housing Programme requires a heavy subsidy which will be all the greater as building costs continue to rise. The rents of many of the new houses recently completed or in course of erection will require annual subsidies to rents of £80 to £100 per house in the year. This is especially the case in the smaller towns and villages where incomes are lower than in the larger centres of population. The subsidy required would be very much greater if rents were not related in some way to income levels. The provision of new sewerage and water supplies—whether large-scale schemes or

extensions and improvements to existing systems—is involving the Council in heavy capital expenditure and attendant loan charges; but a valuable contribution is being made to living conditions. Refuse collection and public lighting are being sought in all parts of the county. The improvements to County Roads have resulted in ease of travelling for those living in rural areas, but the maintenance of County Roads falls completely on rates—there is no allocation from the Road Fund—and improved surfaces will require higher standards of maintenance.

Increasing difficulty has been found in acquiring land for housing and other public purposes, and the prices awarded at arbitration following compulsory acquisition seem extraordinarily high. Larger amounts of capital will be required to meet both land prices and soaring building costs and in this matter Council is completely dependent on the Local Loans Fund operated by the State. No part of the capital required for any project requiring long-term repayment can at present be obtained from any other source. In the present year the total sought from the Local Loans Fund was £1046,384 and in the coming year the expected requirement to meet housing and sanitation programmes is £1,617,800.

In the preparation of these Estimates much help has been given by Mr. P. Heraty, who at present is very competently discharging the duties of Accountant (vacated some time ago by Mr. J. O. Gavin, who obtained a higher post in another county), Mr. K. Robert's, Staff Officer, and Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary. Special mention must be made of the high standard of service which continues to be given by Mr. Ultan McCabe, who has been assigned exacting responsibilities in relation to the Council's varied capital programmes.

It has been arranged to hold the Estimates meeting on Monday, 5th March, 1973, and it is hoped that the details given in this Report may help members in the analysis of the somewhat complex matters which at this time of the year require decisions from them.

Finally, I would like to express sincere appreciation and special thanks to the Chairman (Councillor Mark Deering) and every member of the Council for the consideration they have shown and the help they have given in determining issues which make such demands on their time and which can pose difficult problems for them as well as for their staffs.

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M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial
Year Ending on 31st day of March, 1974

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
ROADS				
Ordinary Road Works:				
National Primary Road:	£	£	£	£
Maintenance	22,920	22,920		
Main Roads:				
Maintenance—				
do. General	228,050			
do. —Winter Employment Schemes	5,350			
do. —Snow Clearance	2,500	230,900	235,900	
County Roads:				
Maintenance—				
do. General	254,115			
do. —Winter Employment Schemes	7,120			
do. —Snow Clearance	1,520		257,755	262,755
Special Programme for Improvements.			2,635	2,635
Special Grant Works—Road Fund				
National Primary	160,000	160,000		
Main Roads	52,070	52,070		
County Roads			21,250	21,250
Loan Charges	3,766	3,766	3,371	3,371
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Other Purposes:				
AnCo Training Scheme	3,625	3,625		
Local Improvement Schemes			6,000	6,000
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	9,823	9,823	9,894	9,894
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	2,000	2,000	2,610	2,610
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			10,675	10,675
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	4,430	4,430	837	837
do. Employees	22,434	22,434	22,325	22,325
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	350	350	2,000	2,000
Carried Forward	512,818	517,818	339,852	344,852

Roads—Continued	Amount Estimated			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
B/fwd.	512,818	517,818	339,852	344,852
Postage and Telephone	770	770	770	770
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatement	100	100	100	100
School Warden Service	130	130		
Miscellaneous	250	250	1,550	1,550
Road Safety			600	600
	£514,168	£519,168	£342,972	£347,972

NATURE OF INCOME	Amount Estimated			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund Grants				
National Primary Road				
Maintenance	22,920	22,920		
Special Grant Works	160,000	160,000		
Main Roads:				
Maintenance	115,700	118,200		
Special Grant Works	52,070	52,070		
County Roads:				
Special Grant Works			21,250	21,250
Other Receipts:				
Local Improvement Schemes			6,000	6,000
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (including refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Road Safety Recoupment			500	500
Superannuation Contributions	5,000	5,000	6,700	6,700
AnCo Training Scheme Recoupment	907	907		
	£357,137	£359,637	£35,750	£35,750

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
Ending on 31st day of March, 1974

HEALTH SERVICES:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Contribution by Wicklow County Council to Eastern Health Board of agreed proportion of Expenses on Health Services not met by Grants under Section 32 of the Health Act, 1970.	749,594	562,196
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	749,594	562,196

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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Ending on 31st of March, 1974

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	26,000	40,000
Footwear Scheme	2,200	2,200
Cost of Burials	910	910
Salaries	15,139	15,139
Retiring Allowances	2,150	2,150
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	4,720	4,720
TOTAL:	£51,119	£65,119

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	1,100	1,100
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	500	500
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Superannuation Contributions	600	600
TOTAL:	£2,210	£2,210

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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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	20,000	20,000
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	39,500	39,500
Domestic Scavenging	11,600	11,600
Dumping Grounds	8,300	8,300
Burial Grounds	11,000	11,000
Public Lighting	15,386	15,386
Maintenance of Open Spaces	4,000	4,000
Amenity Schemes	20,000	20,000
Contribution to Water Safety	450	450
Other Expenses	1,200	1,200
Salaries—Office Staff	6,000	6,000
Engineering Staff—Proportion of salaries & travelling expenses	20,270	20,270
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	250	250
Superannuation	650	650
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	22,656	22,656
Water Supplies	30,762	30,762
Swimming Pool, Blessington	1,000	1,000
Flood Prevention at Bray	2,522	2,522
Burial Grounds—Bray and Carnew	757	757
TOTAL:	£216,303	£216,303

SANITARY:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	22,383	22,383
do. Amenity Schemes	10,000	10,000
Water Undertakings	1,700	4,500
Burial Fees	4,500	1,700
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
Contributions to Superannuation	250	250
TOTAL:	£39,833	£39,833

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
Ending on 31st March, 1974**

HOUSING	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
Salaries	12,150	12,150
Retiring Allowances	1,744	1,744
Superannuation—Employees	120	120
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	25,307	25,307
Rent Collectors' Poundage	11,887	11,887
Repairs to Council Houses	25,000	40,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	203,933	203,933
Insurances	3,000	3,000
Rates on Council Houses	55,767	55,767
Other Council Housing Ex- penses	3,000	3,000
Printing, Stationery, Ad- vertising, etc.	1,100	1,100
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	67,403	67,403
Housing Grants for Improve- ment and Erection of Private Dwellings	40,357	40,357
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£450,768	£465,768

HOUSING:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	108,318	108,318
Housing Subsidy—State	75,752	150,784
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	67,403	67,403
Contributions under Local Government (Superannua- tion) Act	800	800
Net Contribution by Bray U.D.C. towards Loan Charges on Oldcourt Housing Scheme	17,700	17,700
Contribution by Urban Dis- trict Councils towards Supplementary Housing Grants	1,882	1,882
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£271,930	£346,962

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
Ending on 31st of March, 1974****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			41,362	41,362
Public Libraries			23,843	23,843
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			24,503	24,503
Conservation Survey			500	500
Tourist Development	1,000	1,000		
West Wicklow Develop- ment Association			1,500	1,500
Scholarships and Higher Edu- cation Grants:	28,462	28,462		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Ex- penses	11,065	11,065	36,635	36,635
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission and Assess- ment			30,854	30,854
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			4,340	4,340
Irrecoverable Rates. Dis- counts and Remissions			3,000	3,000
Tramway Employees' Pensions			300	300
Superannuation— Co. Officers and Employees	13,774	13,774	8,983	8,983
Franchise and Jurors Lists	4,800	4,800		
Valuation	175	175	500	500
Legal Expenses	950	950		
Coroners and Inquests	2,200	2,200	4,400	4,400
Postage and Telephones				
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	800	800	4,300	4,300
Elections			4,500	4,500
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employ- ees) Act	1,750	1,750		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	1,200	1,200		
(iii) Eastern Regional De- velopment Organisation	400	400		
C/fwd.	66,576	66,576	189,520	189,520

GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purposes of Expenditure:				
B/fwd.	£ 66,576	£ 66,576	£ 189,520	£ 189,520
Fire Brigades				
Drainage of Land	700	700	43,643	43,643
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	3,120	3,120		
Weights and Measures	900	900		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			970	970
Road Fund Expenses	12,537	12,537		
Civil Defence	12,400	12,400		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,320	1,320		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	8,220	8,220		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	4,900	4,900	2,150	2,150
Rents and Expenses	2,034	2,034	4,210	4,210
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	650	650	3,770	3,770
Loan Charges	1,000	1,000	2,234	2,234
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	5,000	5,000		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
	£122,439	122,439	274,122	£274,122
Materials Expenses	90,000	90,000		
Machinery Expenses	130,000	130,000		
TOTAL:	£342,439	£342,439	£274,122	274,122

GENERAL PURPOSES—	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:				
State Grant—Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968	£ 23,721	£ 23,721		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	15	15	400	400
Public Libraries			2,055	2,055
Recoupments:				
Franchise and Jurors' Expenses	2,400	2,400		
Civil Defence—State Grant	8,260	8,260		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			11,845	11,845
Do. Other Receipts			200	200
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 Recoupment	12,537	12,537		
Valuation Certificates			5	5
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			183	183
Bounty in lieu of Rates			39,622	39,622
Rents from County Property	140	140	243	243
Contributions to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
Miscellaneous	100	100	600	600
Health Board Recoupment—Offices.			2,700	2,700
	51,017	51,017	62,700	62,700
Materials Expenses	90,000	90,000		
Machinery Expenses	130,000	130,000		
TOTAL:	£271,017	£271,017	£62,700	£62,700

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
Ending on 31st of March, 1974****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	32,563	32,563		
Repayment of Loans	16,508	16,508		
Retiring Allowances	9,200	9,200		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board				
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	52,498	62,545	747	747
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£110,769	£120,816	£747	£747

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 Department of Education—One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	8,254	8,254		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	4,600	4,600		
Superannuation contributions	3,000	3,000		
TOTAL:	£15,854	£15,854		

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 9th April, 1973, for the purpose of considering the decision of the Government that the rate in the pound to be levied by each local authority for Health Services and Local Authority Housing Subsidies could be reduced by 25 per cent. as compared with the rate levied in 1972/73, and to make such arrangements as may be decided towards implementing the Government's decision.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, and R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant and Messrs. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing, and A. Hughes, Staff Officer Planning, were present.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Custom House,
Dublin 1

G.4/73

3 Aibrean, 1973

Rates for 1973/74**Health Charges and Local Authority Housing Subsidies**

A Chara,

With reference to the terms of circular letter G.3/73 which was issued on 2nd April, to each rating authority, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to say that he is aware that some local authorities had determined a rate in the pound for 1973/74 on a date before the decision in regard to the rates contributions towards the cost of health charges and local authority housing subsidies referred to in the circular letter.

Such Councils may now wish to consider what might be done arising from the Government's decision. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Manager might consult the Chairman of the Council and arrange, if necessary, for a meeting of the Council at which it would be open to the Council to consider whether the rate already struck should be modified and, if so, to decide what the revised rate should be.

The Minister proposes to introduce legislation to validate the actions of Councils who decide to amend their rate in consequence of the Government's decision. Local authorities may therefore

proceed with the applotment of rates and the issue of demand notes on the basis of the revised rates decided upon by Councils.

Mise, le meas,

G. O'DOHERTY.

To each County and City Manager and Assistant Manager.

To the Secretary or Clerk of each Rating Authority.

The County Secretary stated that if the Council decided to amend the rate and to avail of the additional grants made available for purpose of reducing the amounts required for Health Services and for Housing Subsidies, the effect would be to reduce the rate as determined on 20th March, 1973, of £6.32977 in the pound to a rate of £5.53364 in the pound, or a reduction of approximately 80p. The revised rate, if approved, would represent an increase of approximately 2p only over the general rate in the pound adopted for 1972/73. The amounts of the grants being made available by the Government were Health — £187,398, and Housing — £75,032. Separate charges in respect of Vocational Education, Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, and Criminal Injuries, remained as already determined.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1974, as amended, and as set out in Tables A, B and C.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

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 Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974:-

ROADS	£
HEALTH	1.71531
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	1.54937
SANITARY	0.17337
HOUSING	0.66781
GENERAL PURPOSES	0.44286
	0.98492
Total:	5.53364

SEPARATE CHARGES:

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	£
RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT	0.14975
BURIAL BOARD	0.00607
CRIMINAL INJURIES	0.17237

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

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 on 31st March, 1974:-

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
ROADS	7,732	28,237	5,615
HEALTH	27,247	99,509	19,789
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	3,049	11,135	2,214
GENERAL PURPOSES	3,461	12,642	2,514
SEPARATE CHARGES			
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	3,366	—	1,718
CRIMINAL INJURIES	3,031	11,070	2,202

Passed.

CRIMINAL INJURIES

Councillor J. Miley referred to the cost of Criminal Injuries in the current financial year which represented a charge of over 17p in the pound, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That the cost of Criminal Injuries be met from State funds and not levied on local rates.

Passed.

In regard to the proposal that the cost of Criminal Injuries be met by the State, the County Manager pointed out that whether such costs were met from local rates or from central taxation, Criminal Injuries still represented a heavy burden on the whole community and a considerable waste of national resources. The Council agreed that representations which had been made to the Minister for Justice during the past year, should be again submitted to the new Minister. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, it was agreed also that representations be made to the Minister for Justice for an increase in the police force in the County. Councillor Costello opposed this latter proposal.

The special meeting of the Council, having terminated, the Council proceeded with the Agenda as circulated to the Members for the ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on 9th April.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICE	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 THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				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	519,168	347,972	359,637	35,750	159,531	312,222	77,732	28,237	5,615	430,169		30,000	460,169	1.71531
HEALTH	562,196				562,196		27,247	99,509	19,789	415,651			415,651	1.54937
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	65,119		2,210		62,909		3,049	11,135	2,214	46,511			46,511	0.17337
SANITARY		216,303		39,833		176,470				176,470		2,683	179,153	0.66781
HOUSING		465,768		346,962		118,806				118,806			118,806	0.44286
GENERAL PURPOSES	342,439	274,122	271,017	62,700	71,422	211,422	3,461	12,642	2,514	264,227			264,227	0.98492
	£1,488,922	£1,304,165	£632,864	£485,245	£856,058	£818,920	£41,439	£151,523	£30,132	£1,451,834		£32,683	£1,484,517	5.53364

The total rateable value of the hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health Districts £268,271.

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Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March, 1973, prior to the adjourned Estimates Meeting held on that date.

The following Members attended:

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. Heraty, A/County Accountant, and Messrs U. McCabe, and K. Roberts, Staff Officers, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, were present.

AGENDA:

- 1 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th December, 1972, and 8th January, 1973
- 2 Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th June, 1973.
- 3 Application for Outline Planning Permission for development at Blainroe, Wicklow.
- 4 Appointment of Nominee to represent Council on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
- 5 Disposal of plot of land at Coolkenno (Notice circulated to Members on 9th February, 1973).
- 6 Provision of demountable dwelling for Matthew Lennon, Ballynastocken.
- 7 Proposed Closing of Roads (a) for purpose of Circuit of Ireland Rally on 24th April; (b) at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 14th April, and (c) at Rathdrum on 23rd June, 1973.
- 8 Extension of Sewer serving 16 house Scheme at Tinahely—to authorise expenditure.
- 9 Proposed new cemetery for Carnew — Letter from Carnew/Tomacork Parochial Committee.

- 10 Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of Accounts of Council for two years ended 31-3-71.
- 11 Provision of Halting Place for itinerants—to reconsider proposal to provide Halting Place at Kilmacanogue.
- 12 Fire Prevention—proposed appointment of Second Fire Officer.
- 13 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation—Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin/Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies circulated to Members).
- 14 Application for plot of ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 15 Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.
- 16 Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for recognition as an Approved Local Council.
- 17 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to members of County Council and Urban District Councils.
- 18 Application for provision of telephone Kiosk at Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 19 Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 20 Rating of Community Halls.
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the 'Spink' Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 24 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 26 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glen-ealy."
- 27 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at

- Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam cemetery be tarmacadamed."
- 29 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry, both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."
 - 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss M. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
 - 31 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, and R. Miley:—"That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
 - 32 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
 - 33 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/74 for this purpose."
 - 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templarney Church a 'Black-spot-area' and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."
 - 35 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:—"In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
 - 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
 - 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
 - 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Sweeney, and Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
 - 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
 - 40 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
 - 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."

- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
- 43 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 45 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 46 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Priestnewtown, Delgany:— (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
- 47 In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew:— one at St. Brigid's Terrace; one at St. Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."
- 48 In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council pay the E.S.P. to erect four public lights from Mr. Phelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenane."

ITEM NO. 2:— OVERDRAFT ON GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER TO 30th JUNE, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the County Engineer for development on the road between Wicklow and the site of the new development. In regard to the effect of the new development on Amenity, he inquired as to the considerations which influenced the Chief Planning Assistant in recommending permission for the development. Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, who attended the Meeting, agreed that development in this area would affect the amenities, but a development of this type where a large number of houses were concentrated together had a less serious effect on the amenities of an area than if a similar number of houses were built individually over a wider area. He pointed out that it was intended to impose conditions which would require landscaping and screening. In regard to the attitude towards development along the road from Wicklow to Blainroe, he agreed that it would be undesirable to allow individual houses to be built along this road. The matter of the effect of traffic generated by the development on the roads adjoining and on Wicklow Urban District was considered by the Members, and the County Engineer explained the proposed conditions in regard to improvement of adjoining roads. The County Manager stated that he had some reservations in regard to the proposed

cil's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland 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 ending 30th June, 1973, shall not exceed £600,000.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:— APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT BLAINROE, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that as arranged at the previous Meeting, Members of the Council visited the site of the proposed development at Blainroe, on Tuesday, 13th March, and met representatives of the applicants, and inspected the site. Councillor Costello stated that while the development appeared to be a well-designed one, he would have preferred to see such development taking place immediately adjoining Wicklow rather than at a distance from it, and he expressed the view that there would be pressure for development on the road between Wicklow and the site of the new development. In regard to the effect of the new development on Amenity, he inquired as to the considerations which influenced the Chief Planning Assistant in recommending permission for the development. Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, who attended the Meeting, agreed that development in this area would affect the amenities, but a development of this type where a large number of houses were concentrated together had a less serious effect on the amenities of an area than if a similar number of houses were built individually over a wider area. He pointed out that it was intended to impose conditions which would require landscaping and screening. In regard to the attitude towards development along the road from Wicklow to Blainroe, he agreed that it would be undesirable to allow individual houses to be built along this road. The matter of the effect of traffic generated by the development on the roads adjoining and on Wicklow Urban District was considered by the Members, and the County Engineer explained the proposed conditions in regard to improvement of adjoining roads. The County Manager stated that he had some reservations in regard to the proposed development, one being its effect on the amenities of the area, though he agreed that most of the houses would be built at the lower levels and this would lessen the impact on the scenic values. He also had a reservation in regard to the matter of traffic generated by the development and pointed out that in the years to come a great part of this traffic would be commuter traffic to Wicklow Railway Station or to the town. He pointed out that if the road via the Silver Strand to Wicklow were improved, there would still be a bottle neck in Wicklow town, and he felt that the roads adjoining the development should be so developed as to encourage persons to travel to Wicklow via the Marlton Road. The County Engineer had recommended that a charge of £20 per house be made towards the cost of road improvement, but he felt that this figure was inadequate and that the sum of £100 per house would be more reasonable having regard to the extent of the road improvements which would be required, and the volume of traffic which would be generated by the development. He expressed the view that some charge would also be required on an acreage basis in respect of industrial traffic. At the request of the Members of the Council the County Secretary read the list of conditions proposed to be

attached to the grant of Outline Permission which had been recommended by the County Engineer. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan referred to the provision regarding refuse collection and the matter of a dump and urged that the site for the dump be defined at this stage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered reports received from An Foras Forbartha, the Industrial Development Authority and Wicklow Urban District Council and the recommendations of the County Engineer, we approve of Outline Planning Permission being granted for the comprehensive residential, recreational and social development at Blainroe to C. G. Cooney, Limited, Garville Drive, Rathgar, Dublin, 6, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer, including the condition that a contribution of £20 per house be made by the developer towards the cost of road improvements necessary to facilitate the development.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor R. F. McKeon, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, that the contribution per house to be made by the developer towards the cost of road improvements necessary to facilitate the development be amended to £200. Councillor Phelan and other Members, having suggested £100 rather than £200, Councillors R. McKeon and S. Costello agreed to alter their amendment to read £100 instead of £200. A vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, R. McKeon, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Temple and J. Whelan—8.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D.—10.

The Amendment was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 8 votes in favour.

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, was then put, and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan—14.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke and S. Costello—2.
Councillors B. Phelan and K. Ryan did not vote.

The Motion was declared Passed by 14 votes in favour to 2 against.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION:

The following letter, received by the Chairman, was submitted:—

FINGAL MOTOR CLUB LTD.

AFFILIATED TO THE MOTOR CYCLE UNION OF IRELAND

19th March, '73

Please Reply To
Paul D. Djerassi,
14, Palmerston Rd.,
Dublin 6.

Dear Chairman,

We are seeking permission to hold a motor cycle Road Race over the old Leinster Racing course—Wicklow, Beehive, Rathnew, Wicklow. Approximately 8½ Miles.

Practice, if permission is granted, will be held on Saturday, 25th August, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the race held on Sunday, 26th August. Roads closing at 1.30 p.m. to 5.40 p.m. approximately.

Racing will be split into three classes, such as 250 cc, 350 cc and unlimited class. Each race no more than ten laps and a total racing mileage of no more than two hundred.

I wonder if it would be in order if two members of our committee to attend the closing stages of your monthly meeting to discuss this matter in full with your council members, at their convenience.

Yours sincerely,
Paul D. Djerassi
(Race Committee)

P.S.—Our local committee member, Mr. Stuart Hanan, was in touch with Mr. Hynes of your committee on 16th inst with regard to this matter. It may help if Mr. Hanan attends the closing stages of your meeting if we are granted permission to do so.

On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that two Members of the Committee be invited to attend at the next Meeting of the Council.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, and B. S. C. Phelan:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. S. E. Hickson, 3, Riversdale Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown, Arklow."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd April, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley; M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory; R. Miley; B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, were present.

AGENDA

- 1 Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch, to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymoneen, Avoca."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under

the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R. Wills, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. N. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."
 - (f) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow on his site at Ballinaclea for his own use"
 - (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Grady, 2 Camden Market, Dublin 8, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Kelly, Lisheen, Manor Kilbride for the provision of a bungalow on his own land."
 - (i) In the names of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret O'Neill, Annville, Church Road, Greystones, for an entrance onto Church Road."
 - (j) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. S. E. Hickson, 3 Riversdale Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown, Arklow."
- 2 Disposal of plot of land at Coolkenno (Notice circulated to Members on 9th February, 1973).
 - 3 Proposed sale of Housing sites at Greystones.
 - 4 Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—Terms of proposed option-to-purchase Scheme.

- 5 Grants for provision of private water supplies — Letter from Department of Local Government regarding resolution of Council.
- 6 Revision of Remuneration of Rent Collectors.
- 7 To receive deputation from Fingal Motor Club Limited, re proposal to close road circuit from Wicklow via the Beehive and Rathnew to Wicklow for purposes of a Motor Cycle Race.
- 8 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay."
- 9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnw as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."
- 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at the Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the erection of a National School, at Blessington."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (owner: C. Byrne) which is for sale and which could be developed into an industrial estate in future years."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council purchase Messrs. Goulding's and Messrs Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."
- 15 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
- 16 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathoat, Knockananna, under the Scheme for small farmers."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."

19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."

20 Council houses repaired during March, 1973, and to be repaired in April, 1973."

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

The following reports and recommendations of the Chief Planning Assistant, as approved by the County Engineer, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Proposed bungalow at Whitestown Lower, Stratford on Slaney. — Seamus Clynch.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:

- (1) The proposed bungalow would be sited at a curve on the National Secondary Road N. 81 at a point where improvements were carried out on the roadway in recent years. The formation of a new entrance to serve a dwellinghouse would negate those improvements and would create a serious traffic hazard on this curve because of the restricted visibility and the obstruction which would be caused to a free flow of traffic along the road by vehicles entering and leaving the proposed site.

Consideration of this application was adjourned at the Council Meeting held on the 5th February, 1972, with a view to seeing if a suitable alternative site could be obtained.

B. Proposed 7 houses at Seabank, Arklow, Co. Wicklow—John Waldron
It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:

- (1) Due to the high water table level and the poor soakage condition of the soil the ground conditions are unsuitable for septic tank effluent disposal. The proposal would therefore be likely to give rise to a public health hazard.
- (2) The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area, an objective of which is the preservation of the view towards the sea from the coast road. The proposed development would seriously obtrude on this view.
- (3) The further development of the unserviced rural area would:
 - (a) Result in demands for urban type services which could not be economically provided.
 - (b) Result in reduction of the traffic carrying capacity of the relatively narrow and winding public road which provides public access to Brittas Bay area for recreation purposes. The proposal would be likely to give rise to a traffic hazard by virtue of increased traffic movements at the proposed junction in the public road.
 - (c) Further erode the rural and scenic character of the area.

C. Proposed bungalow at Kilcashel, Avoca, Co. Wicklow—Hugh Martin

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:

- (1) The proposed bungalow would result in a serious injury to the visual amenities and scenery of this area by reasons of being located in an unscreened skyline position and by being unduly prominent in views from the north west and south.

D. Proposed bungalow at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow Donal R. Wills.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:

- (1) The proposed development lies within an area which is defined in the County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity in which any development which is obtrusive because of its lack of natural screening or prominence against the skyline will not be permitted. The site proposed does not have natural screening and a house as proposed would be prominent over an arc of approximately 250° as it is situated on the ridge of the hill which forms a local skyline. The proposal would therefore be in serious conflict with the provisions of the County Development Plan.

E. Proposed house at Cloon, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow—J. Walshe.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reason:—

The proposed development would be injurious to the visual amenity and scenic character of the area because

- (a) The site is prominent in this Class A landscape area which it is the Council's intention to consider for a Special Amenity Area Order.
- (b) Having regard to existing development immediate to the site the proposed development would give rise to a pattern of ribbon development.

G. Proposed bungalow at Johnstown, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow — Patrick O'Grady.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The use of the existing entrance track to the land as a means of access to the proposed house would be unsatisfactory because:—
 - (a) Serious traffic hazard could result from the inadequate visibility available at the junction with the public road on the southern side.
 - (b) The laneway is unsuitable as it has a rough unpaved surface subject to flooding by the streams flowing beside and across it.

- (c) The first 90 yards of the laneway lie outside the boundary of the proposed site and would not be under exclusive control or ownership of the applicant and so could not be adequately improved to satisfactorily serve a dwellinghouse.

2 The proposed house would be sited on the most elevated part of the field and would be too remote from the existing housing cluster at Johnstown and so it would be seriously detrimental to the visual amenity of this mountain area of outstanding natural beauty.

3 The proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply and the site has streams flowing along two of the three field boundaries.

There is no evidence before the Planning Authority to show that ground conditions are suitable for the disposal of sewage effluent from a septic tank without giving rise to possible pollution of the reservoir.

J. Proposed bungalow at Johnstown South, Arklow, Co. Wicklow—W. S. E. Hickson.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1 The site is located along the coast road from Wicklow to Arklow in an area of close proximity to the Beach at Johnstown which is intensively used for recreation purposes. The proper planning and development of the area requires that this area be kept free of further development which would depreciate the recreational value of this area. The erection of the dwelling as proposed would depreciate the recreational value of the area by

(a) altering the rural fabric of the area,

(b) resulting in a potential serious traffic hazard on the public road having regard to the poor alignment of the coast road at this place, the heavy density of week-end traffic and the obstruction of road users.

(c) initiating urban type development along this important access route to a recreational area which would further depreciate the amenity value of this area and reduce the traffic carrying capacity of the public road by interfering with traffic using that road.

2 There is no evidence before the Council that the ground conditions are suited to a septic tank sewage disposal system.

- (a) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Seamus Clynch, to build a house at Whitestown, Stratford on Slaney."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from previous Meetings with a view to seeing if an alternative site on lands in the same ownership, with access otherwise than onto the

National Secondary Route, could be obtained. Councillor G. Timmins stated that efforts had been made to obtain an alternative site, but the land owner was not agreeable to making a site available with access onto the road other than the National Secondary Route. He stated that he understood that other County Councils were adopting a different attitude to the building of houses, with access onto adjoining arterial roads, and that County Development Plans in other Counties allowed for such building. He agreed, however, that the particular site of the house was at a curve on the road, and that this might create a traffic hazard. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Timmins, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, stated that a house sited beside one at present under construction in the same field would be less objectionable than a house on the site proposed, but that he would have to advise against granting permission for any house which would involve an additional access onto the Main Road. Councillor Timmins indicated that having regard to all the circumstances, he was withdrawing the proposal to direct the grant of Planning Permission.

The Council asked that inquiries be made from the Councils of adjoining Counties as to the attitude adopted by these Councils to applications for Planning Permission for houses with access onto the National Secondary or National Primary Route, and as to what provisions had been made in their Development Plans in regard to this matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That the County Development Plan be reviewed and that Local Electoral Area Committees meet to consider amendments to the Plan.

Passed.

- (b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer, and as quoted under Item B on reports circulated to the Members. He stated that at the previous meeting, consideration of the proposal had been deferred to allow Councillor J. Sweeney to submit the names and addresses, and family circumstances of the persons who were seeking the seven houses at Seabank, Arklow, for which application had been made by Mr. John Waldron. Councillor Sweeney handed in details of the persons concerned and these were read to the Council. Councillor Costello pointed out that two of the persons concerned had placed Mobile Homes on the sites without having obtained any Planning Permission from the Council, and that one of these persons had previously obtained Permission following the passing of a Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act, for the building of a house near Arklow, but had sold that house. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan referring to the first ground on which refusal of permission was recommended, stated that this objection could be overcome by the provision of a group

water supply scheme and a group sewerage scheme which could cater also for adjoining houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Waldron, for the provision of seven houses at Seabank, Arklow, subject to a group sewerage scheme and group water supply scheme being provided to the satisfaction of the Council.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

- (c) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, S. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymoneen, Avoca."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. H. Martin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymoneen, Avoca.

Councillor Keenan in proposing the Motion stated that he did not consider that the bungalow would cause serious injury to the visual amenity and scenery of the area, and added that a silo was erected on land adjoining the site which he had not seen until he had called to inspect the site of the proposed house.

The Resolution was passed with Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R. Wills, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer, and as set out at D. on page two of the list circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Donald R. Wills, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Miley contended that the house could be screened by trees and that he did not agree that the erection on the site would cause serious injury to the scenic amenities of the area. He agreed that conditions be inserted in the grant of Permission that the effluent from the septic tank be directed away from the near-by cottages, and that tree screening be provided. The Motion was declared passed with Councillor S. Costello dissenting, subject to conditions:

(a) that the effluent from the septic tank be directed away from the near-by cottages; and

(b) that tree screening be provided.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant, as approved by the County Engineer, and as shown as E. on page 2 of the Report circulated to the Members. Councillor S. Costello inquired as to the house under construction adjoining a site for which Mr. Walshe had made application for Planning Permission, and Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, stated that as he had not inspected the site himself he was not in a position to give the further information requested. The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th April, 1973, and asked that information regarding the development on the adjoining site be supplied.

- (f) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow on his site at Ballinaclea for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this case had been received in the week prior to the Meeting and there had not been sufficient time to have the application examined. The Council agreed that consideration of this proposal be deferred to the next Meeting.

- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Grady, 2, Camden Market, Dublin 8, for the provision of a bungalow."

The County Secretary read the report and recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant, as approved by the County Engineer, and as set out as Item G on page two of the reports circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patk. O'Grady, 2, Camden Market, Dublin 8, for the provision of a bungalow.

Councillor Miley stated that the applicant had obtained the agreement of the owner of the adjoining lands and that he was in a position to arrange for repairing the section of the laneway which was outside the boundary of his site. He stated that he was agreeable to a condition being inserted in any grant of Permission that it be subject to the soil being found suitable, for disposal of effluent from the septic tank.

The Resolution was declared passed with Councillor S. Costello dissenting, and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining, and subject to the condition that the soil be found suitable for disposal of effluent from the septic tank.

- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Kelly, Lisheeh, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow on his own land."

The County Secretary stated that no previous application had been made by Mr. Patrick Kelly, for a bungalow on this site, and it had not been possible to have the application fully examined and reported on in time for this Meeting. The Council agreed that consideration of the proposal be deferred to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 9th April, 1973. Councillor J. Miley stated that he had handed in the Notice of Motion because previous applications for houses in that area had been refused. He stated that Mr. Kelly was seeking permission for the erection of a bungalow on lands made available to him by his father on whose farm he worked.

- (i) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss M. Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret O'Neill, Annaville, Church Road, Greystones, for an entrance onto Church Road."

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer for Miss Margaret O'Neill had written to the Council claiming that the provision of an entrance to the house from Church Road was exempted development, and that he proposed to proceed with providing the entrance unless he

heard to the contrary from the Council. The Engineer had been informed that the proposal was not exempted development and he had been referred to the Provisions of the appropriate regulations. As no application for Planning Permission for the provision of the entrance had been made the Motion could not be considered by the Council. The Council noted the position in the matter, and agreed to defer consideration of the proposal pending the submission of an application for Planning Permission.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. S. E. Hickson, 3, Riversdale Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown, Arklow."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer, and as listed as J. on page three of the Report circulated to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. S. E. Hickson, 3, Riversdale Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown, Arklow.

Councillor Sweeney stated that he would have no objection to a condition being inserted if Permission was granted, that the Permission be subject to the soil being found suitable for disposal of effluent from the septic tank.

The Resolution was declared passed with Councillor Costello dissenting, but subject to the condition that soil be found suitable for disposal of effluent from the septic tank.

Item No. 2—Disposal of Plot of Land at Coolkenno (Notice circulated to Members on 9th February, 1973).

Councillor K. Ryan queried the charge of £10 per annum proposed, and claimed that the amount of the ground rent should be only £5 per annum. The County Secretary stated that the proposed ground rent had been fixed at £10 per annum having regard to the increased value of land, and it was considered that £5 would not have been adequate. Councillor Costello asked could the lands not be disposed of for a lump sum payment, and so avoid the creation of any ground rent to which he was opposed. He suggested that the plot might be disposed of for a lump sum payment of £87.50. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and suggested that Councillor Ryan inquire from Mr. Hunt whether he would be prepared to purchase the plot outright from the Council or to pay a ground rent.

Item No. 3—Proposed Sale of Housing Sites at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that details were now available of the proposed terms for the sale of sites at Greystones, for the building of houses on the sites under arrangement made with Riversdale Concrete Products Limited. Councillor J. Temple objected to the matter being dealt with at that Meeting, and stated that no decision should be taken on the proposal until particulars were available of the new Government's policy in regard to the amount of Supplementary Grants for new houses, and the maximum loans which could be made available to applicants. Councillor S. Costello, supported by Councillor F. Hynes, urged that approval be given to the proposed scheme so that persons seeking houses could make arrangements as soon as possible for the building of houses. Following a discussion, the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and asked that the details be submitted to the next Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 7—To receive Deputation from Fingal Motor Club Limited, re proposals to close Road Circuit from Wicklow via The Beehive and Rathnew to Wicklow for purposes of a Motor Club Race.

The Council received Mr. Paul Djerassi and Mr. Stewart Hannon, representing the Fingal Motor Club Limited. Mr. Djerassi addressed the Council and urged that permission be granted for the closing of roads covering the route from Wicklow via the Beehive and Rathnew back to Wicklow, on Saturday, 25th August, from 6.00 p.m. to 8 p.m. for practice, and on Sunday, 26th August, from 1.30 p.m. to 5.40 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Motor Cycle Road Race. Mr. Djerassi stated that if permission was granted, the Club hoped to arrange also for a Vintage Car Rally in Wicklow on the occasion of the Race. He stated that shopkeepers in Wicklow town had been consulted and that persons living both inside and outside the circuit had been consulted and no objections had been received. He stated that there would be 150 competitors in three different classes, and claimed that the Race will be an attraction for visitors and would be of advantage to traders in the town. The County Secretary stated that the last time this circuit had been closed for the purpose of a Motor Car or Motor Cycle Race was in 1957 and he pointed out that the volume of traffic on the roads had increased substantially since that time. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the closing of the roads forming the circuit during the month of August would cause a grave inconvenience to the public, and possible traffic congestion during this busy tourist period, and that he considered that permission should not be granted for the application on the dates requested. In reply to an inquiry from Members of the Council as to whether any alternative routes had been considered, Mr. Djerassi stated that an alternative route in the neighbourhood of Glenealy had been examined, but the route at Wicklow was regarded as preferable. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area meet the Members of the Urban District Council and report back to the Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, 9th April, 1973. It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area would meet the Urban District Councillors at the commencement of the meeting of the Urban District Council to be held on Tuesday, 3rd April, at 7.30 p.m.

Item No. 4—Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—Terms of proposed Option-to-Purchase Scheme.

Councillor J. Temple stated that before considering the proposed Scheme it would be necessary that the Members of the Council have an opportunity of considering generally the position of the Oldcourt Housing Scheme. He urged that consideration of the Oldcourt Housing Scheme be included as the first item on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th April, 1973, and that because of complaints received in relation to the houses, that representatives of the National Building Agency and the Architect for Messrs Sisk be asked to attend the meeting. He suggested also that representatives of the Bray and District Trades Union Council be invited to attend. The County Secretary, having pointed out that Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act could have to be considered as the first item on the Agenda on Monday, 9th April, the Council agreed that consideration of the Housing Scheme at Oldcourt be included as the second item on the Agenda and that the representatives of the National Building Agency together with the Architect for Messrs. Sisk be asked to attend the Meeting and that an invitation be issued to the Bray and District Trades Union Council for representatives of the Council to attend. The County Secretary stated that a report in regard to the houses at Oldcourt had been made by Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory, that a copy of this Report would be circulated to the Members of the Council together with a copy of the reply received from the National Building Agency in regard to the matters raised.

Shillelagh Housing Scheme

Councillor K. Ryan asked that a report in regard to the Shillelagh Housing Scheme be submitted for the next Meeting of the Council.

Houses at Blessington

Councillor J. Miley complained that 16 houses at Blessington were complete, but the tenants had not been allowed to take up occupation and that the delay was due to the sewerage services not yet being available. The County Engineer stated that arrangements had been made with the Contractor who was starting work that day, and that the necessary services would be finished in about 9 days.

Footpaths on Main Street in Bray

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge complained of the condition of footpaths in the Main Street in Bray, and stated that three persons had fallen on these footpaths, and it appeared that following the carrying out of work on the footpaths some while ago the slabs had been laid unevenly. She asked that the County Engineer inspect the footpaths and arrange for any necessary repairs.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963,

to Mr. L. Acton, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his daughter who is getting married next September."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, and E. E. Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Robert Willoughby, Greystones, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use on lands owned by his wife at Windgates Upper, Greystones."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, and K. Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Donoghue, Newtownmountkennedy, for the provision of a house at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. F. McKeon and K. Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Connell, Altidore, Kilpedder, for the provision of a bungalow at Kilpedder."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:— "That the cleaning of the river below the bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."

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MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Following the termination of the Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th April, 1973, at 2.30 p.m., the ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council was then held.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, and R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Messrs. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing, and A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning, were present.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

(b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow on his site at Ballinaclea for his own use."

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline

Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Kelly, Lisheen, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow on his own land."

- 2 Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—To consider complaints and report of National Building Agency.
- 3 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th December, 1972, and 8th January, 1973.
- 4 Proposed Closing of Roads—(a) for purpose of Circuit of Ireland Rally on 24th April; (b) at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 14th April, and (c) at Rathdrum on 23rd June, 1973.
- 5 Application for closing of roads on route Wicklow-Beehive-Rathnew-Wicklow on 25th and 26th August, 1973, for purpose of motor cycle road race.
- 6 Appointment of Nominee to represent Council on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.
- 7 Provision of demountable dwelling for Matthew Lennon, Ballynastockan.
- 8 Revision of remuneration of Rent Collectors.
- 9 Extension of Sewer serving 16 house scheme at Tinahely — To authorise expenditure.
- 10 Proposed new cemetery for Carnew—Letter from Carnew-Tomacork Parochial Committee.
- 11 Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts of Council for two years ended 31-3-1971.
- 12 Provision of Halting Place for Itinerants—To consider proposal to provide Halting Places at Kilmacanogue.
- 13 Fire Prevention—Proposed appointment of Second Fire Officer.
- 14 Proposed Employment of School Wardens at National Schools at De'gany and Enniskerry.
- 15 Proposed Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.
- 16 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation — Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin-Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies circulated to Members).
- 17 Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 18 Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.
- 19 Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for recognition as an Approved Local Council.
- 20 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to Members of County Council and Urban District Councils.

- 21 Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 22 Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 23 Rating of Community Halls.
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew.
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the "Sphink" Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymount Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 27 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:— "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 29 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
- 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
- 31 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tar-macadamed."
- 32 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:— "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
- 33 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:— "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
- 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolrus, Tinahely."

- 35 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/74 for this purpose."
- 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templarney Church a "black-spot-area" and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."
- 37 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:- "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
- 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whe'lan:- "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
- 40 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 43 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
- 46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 47 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 48 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the following facilities be provided for the residents at Priestnewtown, Delgany:- (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewer-

- age facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
- 49 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew:- one at Saint Brigid's Terrace, one at Saint Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."
- 50 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four public lights for Mr. Phelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenane."
- 51 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the cleaning of the river below the bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."
- 52 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."

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

The following report and recommendations of the Chief Planning Assistant, as approved by the County Engineer, in regard to Items 1 (a) and 1 (b) on the Agenda, had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A

Proposed bungalow at Cloon, Enniskerry, for Mr. John Walshe. The application by the landowner, Mr. Laurence Walshe, for permission for the erection of a bungalow (reference 3369/70) made in May, 1970, included a letter stating that the existing house was in bad repair due to rising damp and the absence of a damp-proof-course. It was also stated that the iron roof was bad.

The applicant in that case indicated that the new dwelling was to accommodate his family.

Permission subject to conditions was granted. The applicant appealed the decision in respect of the exact location specified for the dwelling which required that the dwelling be relocated 100 feet to the west. The Minister granted permission subject to a modified relocation of the dwelling. That house has been constructed.

Subsequent to the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a bungalow for Mr. John Walshe (who resides with Mr. Laurence Walsh), the Planning Assistant, Mr. L. Byrne, B.E., met the applicant and suggested that he examine the possibility of obtaining a site near the old dwelling to the west in the ownership of Mr. Laurence Walshe. To date the applicant had not contacted the Planning Assistant in regard to this possible new location for the bungalow.

It is recommended that permission for the proposed bungalow for Mr. John Walshe be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would be injurious to the visual amenity and scenic character of the area because

a) The site is prominent in this Class A landscape area which it is the Council's intention to consider for a Special Amenity Area Order.

b) Having regard to existing development immediate to the site the proposed development would give rise to a pattern of ribbon development.

B

Proposed bungalow at Ballinaclea, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow.—Nicholas Maddocks.

It is recommended that permission be refused on the following grounds:-

Inspection of a trial hole on the site has shown that the soil is unsuitable for septic tank drainage—poor soakage qualities and a very high water table level. The proposal would, therefore, be prejudicial of Public Health.

(a) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the Provision of a Bungalow for his own Use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary read the report of the Chief Planning Assistant as circulated to the Members in regard to this application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

Councillor S. Costello stated that he had interviewed Mr. Laurence Walshe, the landowner, who had informed him that he was making available a site for the bungalow for Mr. John Walshe, in return for work carried out by Mr. John Walsh on his behalf. He stated that it appeared from the report of the Chief Planning Assistant that an alternative site situated near the old dwelling to the west in the ownership of Mr. Laurence Walshe would be acceptable and suggested that consideration of the matter be deferred to see if a suitable alternative site could be obtained. He pointed out that it should be in the interests of the landowner to co-operate in finding an alternative site in this instance. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan that the application be withdrawn, but following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that consideration of the proposal be deferred with a view to seeing if a suitable alternative site could be found. The Chief Planning Assistant pointed out that if an alternative site

which was acceptable to the Council, was obtained, a new application would have to be made.

(b) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, B. Miley, and J. Gregory:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the Provision of a Bungalow in his Site at Ballinaclea, for his Own Use."

The County Secretary read the report of the Chief Planning Assistant, as approved by the County Engineer, recommending that Permission be refused on the grounds that an inspection of a trial hole on the site had shown that the soil was unsuitable for septic tank drainage and had poor soakage qualities and a very high water table level, and that the proposal would therefore be prejudicial to public health. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had discussed the matter with the County Medical Officer and had explained the manner in which it was proposed to provide the septic tank and that he understood that the method proposed would overcome the objections. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal for further consultation with the County Medical Officer on the matter.

(c) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Kelly, Lisheen, Manor Kilbride, for the Provision of a Bungalow on his Own Land."

The County Secretary stated that Planning Permission subject to conditions, had been granted to Mr. Patrick Kelly, Lisheen, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow.

Item No. 2: Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—To Consider Complaints and Report of National Building Agency.

Messrs. D. Foley and J. Cantrell of the National Building Agency, Limited, and Mr. Skinner, Architect, for Messrs Sisk attended the meeting. Messrs Connolly, Liam Duffy (Chairman) and Sutton, representing the Bray and District Trades Union Council, also attended. The following letter from the National Building Agency was submitted:-

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY, LIMITED

Richmond Avenue,
South Milltown,
Dublin 6.

5 Aibreán, 1973.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant, and to state that representatives of the Agency and of the contractors concerned will be available on Monday next, 9th April, to discuss with the elected members of Wicklow County Council any matters which the

members may wish to raise regarding the scheme of 240 houses being built through the Agency at Oldcourt.

In view of the reservations which have been expressed in some quarters about the form of construction adopted in this scheme, it is desirable that the matter should be discussed as fully and frankly as possible. For this reason, because a discussion at an open Council meeting could be inhibited, also by the fact that proprietary designs, methods and materials and the performance of a specific contractor would be under scrutiny, and having regard to the fact that it is quite out of line with normal procedures for representatives of a contracting firm and officials of a public body to be directly involved in a public meeting of a local authority, the Agency requests that the Council will arrange to have the discussion of this particular topic undertaken in committee—on the basis that the general findings of the Council as a result of the discussion can subsequently be reported to the Council meeting when it resumes.

Mise, le meas,

DERMOT FOLEY.

The County Secretary stated that as arranged at the previous Meeting a copy of the report on the houses at Oldcourt prepared by Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory, had been circulated to the Members of the Council together with a copy of the letter received from the National Building Agency Limited, in reply to the points raised in the report and also a copy of the report in relation to the fire prepared by the National Building Agency.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the discussion in relation to the Housing Scheme at Oldcourt be taken in Committee.

Councillor J. Miley expressed the view that an inspection of the Housing Scheme by all the Members of the Council would be desirable before any discussion took place on the matter of the houses. He suggested also that a copy of the Specification and Plans of the houses should be made available to all Members of the Council. As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That discussion on this matter be deferred to enable all members of the Council to inspect the site and to be supplied with copy of specification and plans of the houses.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Whelan—7.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. McKeon, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D.—11

The amendment was declared defeated by 11 votes to 7 in favour.

The Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, was then put and a vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan—5.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, R. McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Whelan—13.

The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 5 in favour. Councillor Costello proposed that the Council call for an independent public sworn inquiry into the form of construction of the houses at Oldcourt, Bray, being built by the National Building Agency and Messrs. Sisk, but following views expressed by Members of the Council that a discussion in regard to the report of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory, and the replies of the National Building Agency proceed, Councillor Costello withdrew his Motion.

The Council agreed that the representatives of the National Building Agency deal with the comments made by Councillors Hynes and Gregory in their report, and reply to any points which might be raised by the Members.

Mr. D. Foley stated that the Scheme was due to be completed in February, 1974. No house had yet been taken over by the Agency from the Contractors and he assured the Council that no houses would be taken over until the Agency were satisfied that they had been completed strictly in accordance with the plans and specifications. In regard to the matters referred to by Councillors Hynes and Gregory in the report, Mr. Foley stated that Mr. Cantrell of the National Building Agency and Mr. Skinner who had resigned the houses for Messrs. Sisk would reply to the points raised by Members.

PLASTERING:

In regard to an enquiry from Councillor Hynes as to why Sandtex was used instead of dashing on the houses, Mr. Cantrell stated that it was decided early on to use Sandtex which was a more expensive finish but allowed for use of colour throughout the Scheme. In regard to the thickness of plastering, he stated that boring had been done on a number of blocks so as to check that

the thickness was not less than threequarter inches. He claimed that it was not possible to have all plastering of exactly threequarter inches in depth, but it was required to average threequarters of an inch. In regard to vertical and horizontal cracks which had been found, it would be necessary to have these taken down and repaired. He stated that the felt under the plaster would reject any water which came through the plaster, and that this system enabled the walls to breathe and expel moisture to the exterior.

WINDOW SILLS:

Councillor Hynes complained that window sills which he had inspected on the houses were not of a suitable type, and would give rise to dampness in the houses. Mr. D. Foley stated that defects in the original window sills had been found and new sills had been ordered before the inspection carried out by Councillors Hynes and Gregory. Mr. Skinner stated that the expanding metal was lapped.

Mr. Cornolly introduced representatives of the Trades Council who were present, being Mr. L. Duffy, Chairman, and Mr. Sutton. Mr. Duffy stated that the houses were of a pre-fabricated type, and that the timber used in them was not protimised. He considered that the Council should obtain a guarantee for the roof for a period of at least 35 years, this being the period for which the Council was borrowing. In view of the type of construction the Trades Council considered that any repairs which arose during the first 7 to 10 years should be carried out free of charge to the Council. A legally binding guarantee should be given to purchasers and they should obtain a two years option to purchase. Mr. Sutton drew attention to the following matters in relation to the houses:-

Only one switch controls two lights in the kitchen; there was a likelihood of the copper cylinder splitting; the waste pipes were led directly to the soil pipes and this could give rise to cross infection; drylining in the bathroom was not protected; encasing around pipes in the bathroom was unsatisfactory; throating in the window sills was also considered unsatisfactory, and screws in the windows went right through into the throating.

Mr. Sutton also referred to the joists which were 15 feet long in the kitchen ceiling and which were supported on a 6" R.S. Bearing which was not plugged into the masonry wall.

He inquired why the hardwood bearing had been changed. He claimed that there were gaps in sections of the floor, which had been filled with a hardwood filler. Mr. Sutton stated that after the fire the soffits under the front and back walls had been taken down and fibre glass inserted. He referred to the kitchen tiles in all houses being of the same colour (brown). The glass over every door in the house showed a threequarter inch gap, and he considered this would be liable to break when cleaning. There was a 2 inch step at the front and back door which would be dangerous for old persons. He referred also to the plastering which should all be of threequarter inch thickness. Councillor Hynes referred to the soffit board and pointed out that the aluminium cladding did not extend down sufficiently and that water coming down the aluminium would get into the boards.

Mr. Skinner, replying to the points made, explained that the kitchen was not big enough to warrant two separate lights and accordingly both lights were operated from the one switch. In regard to the waste pipe, he pointed out that this was always taken into the stack and into the waste drain. There was a combined waste system on the Scheme and two separate systems would have cost more. He submitted drawings showing the throating in the still. In regard to the kitchen ceiling Mr. Skinner pointed out that Structural Engineers had been engaged to design and check all structural members and that there was no structural risk involved. The kitchen tiles were all of the same colour as they were working to a budget to keep prices reasonable. The use of Sandtex enabled colour to be introduced into the Scheme and avoid repetition. In regard to the gaps in the glass over the doors, he explained that this was done to facilitate circulation of air. The threshold or step at the door was raised deliberately over ground level as a method of weather sealing. Mr. Sutton complained that stepping out of the house involved a 12" step which would be difficult for children or old persons. Councillor Temple asked to be informed of the contract price and of the likely finishing price, and also the fee paid to the National Building Agency and the fees paid to the Architect previously employed by the Council to prepare plans for the Scheme at Oldcourt. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Engineer stated that no minute examination of the houses had been carried out by him, and that the National Building Agency were responsible for the detailed supervision of the Scheme.

Councillor Costello again having called for an independent public sworn inquiry, Councillor Temple suggested instead that all the documents on the matter be furnished to the Minister for Local Government, and that he be asked to consider the advisability of sending an Inspector to attend a Meeting of the Council. Mr. Foley referred to the assurance given by him in the letter to the Council that the houses would not be accepted from the Contractor until the Agency was satisfied that they were properly completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, he stated that the houses when completed would be handed over to the Council's Engineering Staff. Councillor Gregory again stated that in his view the design of the houses was unsuitable and stressed that the cracks in the plaster could not be remedied and inquired if an alternative material could be used.

The Council decided to defer further discussion on the matter and arranged that Members of the Council would inspect the houses at OldCourt at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th April, 1973, and that a discussion in regard to the houses would be resumed at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the following Monday, at which Meeting the Council could also proceed with other items on the Agenda. The County Manager reminded the Members of the Council that the Council had embarked on the Scheme because of the demand for houses in Bray and the necessity to get 240 houses built at an early date. He expressed the view that in considering the houses there might be a tendency to judge them in the light of conventional building, and that it must be remembered that these houses were of a special type.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF ROADS AT ENNISKERRY:

The County Secretary stated that the application for the closing of Roads at Monastery, Enniskerry, on the 14th April, as shown on the Agenda as 4 (b) was urgent, and would require to be decided on at that Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on Saturday, 14th April, 1973, 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.

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

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

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

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 16th APRIL, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th April, 1973, to consider matters adjourned from the Agenda for the Meeting held on 9th April, 1973.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, R. Miley, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. H. R. H. Sharpe, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notice of Intention to propose resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."
- 2 Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray — to consider complaints and report of National Building Agency.
- 3 To Confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th December, 1972 and 8th January, 1973.
- 4 Proposed Closing of Roads — (a) for purpose of Circuit of Ireland Rally on 24th April; and (b) at Rathdrum on 23rd June, 1973.
- 5 Application for closing of roads on route Wicklow-Beehive-Rathnew-Wicklow on 25th and 26th August, 1973, for purpose of motor cycle road race.
- 6 Appointment of Nominee to represent Council on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.
- 7 Provision of demountable dwelling for Matthew Lennon, Ballynastockan.

- 8 Revision of Remuneration of Rent Collectors.
- 8 (a) Travelling Allowances for Road Overseers — Recommendation of Labour Court.
- 8 (b) Engineering Staff — Arrangements for Travelling.
- 8 (c) Grant by Minister for Local Government of Outline Permission for erection of National School on site at Victoria Road, Greystones, subject to conditions. (Copy of decision of Minister circulated).
- 9 Extension of Sewer serving 16 house scheme at Tinahely — to authorise expenditure.
- 10 Proposed new cemetery for Carnew — Letter from Carnew-Tomacork Parochial Committee.
- 11 Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts of Council for two years ended 31st March, 1971.
- 12 Provision of Halting Place for Itinerants — To consider proposal to provide Halting Place at Kilmacanogue.
- 13 Fire Prevention — Proposed appointment of Second Fire Officer.
- 14 Proposed Employment of School Wardens at National Schools at Delgany and Enniskerry.
- 15 Proposed Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.
- 16 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation — Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin-Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies circulated to Members).
- 17 Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 18 Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.
- 19 Application from Newcastle Residents Association for recognition as an Approved Local Council.
- 20 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to members of County Council and Urban District Councils.
- 21 Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 22 Industrial Development in Bray Area — Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 23 Rating of Community Halls.
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the 'Sphink' Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 27 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:- "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minis-

- ter for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
 - 29 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
 - 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
 - 31 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacadamed."
 - 32 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
 - 33 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:- "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
 - 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
 - 35 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/'74 for this purpose."
 - 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templerrainey Church a "black-spot-area" and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."
 - 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:- "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
 - 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
 - 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
 - 40 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
 - 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."

- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottages at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 43 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
- 46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 47 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 48 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the following facilities be provided for the residents at Priestnewtown, Delgany:- (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
- 49 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew:- one at Saint Brigid's Terrace, one at Saint Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."
- 50 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four public lights from Mr. Phelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenane."
- 51 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the cleaning of the river below the bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."
- 52 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that Item No. 1 (a) in regard to the proposal to direct the grant of Outline Planning Permission for a

bungalow at Cloon, Enniskerry, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, had been deferred from the previous Meeting, with a view to seeing if acceptable to the land owner and the applicant. The following report alternative sites suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant would be of the Chief Planning Assistant was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow

16th April, 1973

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

RE/ Planning Application of John Walshe at Cloon, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

As requested by the Council Members, I met Mr. John Walshe on the site at Cloon, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, on Friday last the 13th instant. Mr. Walsh was accompanied by Councillor Temple.

I pointed out to Mr. Walsh that the most satisfactory position for a new house would be in place of the existing cottage for which Mr. Laurence Walsh, the landowner, was building a replacement at present. Mr. Walshe pointed out that Mr. Laurence Walsh still occupied the old house as the new one was not as yet complete. and also that it would be quite some time before new house would be complete. As an alternative, I choose another site on field in front of Mr. Laurence Walsh's new house. This site would be partially screened by the screen of roadside trees. Providing an entrance to this site, however, would create a problem. The only way of overcoming the problem would be to have the entrance off the existing entrance to Mr. Laurence Walsh's house.

Mr. John Walshe is to discuss the matter with Mr. Laurence Walsh to ascertain if this alternative site will be available and is to notify the Council in due course.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON

Chief Planning Assistant.

Councillor J. Temple expressed his thanks to Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, for arranging to meet him and the land owner, and Mr. J. Walshe on the site. He stated, however, that there was little hope of obtaining agreement of the land owner to make available the alternative site which had been suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant. Councillor Temple stated that if the alternative site was not available the site in respect of which the application was made could be screened by planting and that a condition to this effect could be imposed in granting Permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County City and County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walshe, Cloon, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Cloon, Enniskerry, subject to proper screening being provided to requirement of Council.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Councillor J. Temple suggested and the Council agreed that Planning Permission for the site for which application had been made should not be granted if in the meantime it was found possible to obtain agreement to the use of the alternative site recommended by the Chief Planning Assistant.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill raised the matter of a Council house which had been allocated to Mr. George Brady, which she stated was in bad repair and had no water supply nor any toilet. It was agreed that the matter be examined by the Staff Officer, Housing Section.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT COOLKENNO:

Councillor K. Ryan referred to discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council in regard to the proposed disposal of land at Coolkenno to Mr. Peter Hunt, Crab Lane, Coolkenno, and stated that he consulted Mr. Hunt who had indicated that he was prepared to pay a sum of £75 to the Council for the plot in preference to paying a ground rent as proposed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That the plot at Coolkenno be disposed of to Mr. Peter Hunt, Crab Lane, Coolkenno, by way of direct sale for a sum of £75.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister to the proposal as it was not in accordance with the terms which had been circulated to the Members.

Item No. 2:- Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—To Consider Complaints and Report of National Building Agency.

Mr. D. Foley, Mr. J. Cantrell and Mr. O'Reilly of the National Building Agency and Mr. Skinner, Architect for Messrs Sisk attended the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that at the previous meeting of the Council the discussion in regard to the houses at Oldcourt had been deferred to enable Members of the Council to inspect the houses. Councillor J. Temple stated that Councillors Gregory, Hynes, Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, and himself together with the County Manager and County Engineer, had inspected the houses on the 11th April, 1973, as had been arranged. Councillor M. J. O'Neill

pointed out that the houses were in an unfinished state but in his opinion the flaws which had been found could be overcome. Councillor Whelan drew attention to the cracks in the walls which had occurred where there were joints in the expanding metal, and expressed the view that the plaster was not satisfactory. He agreed that cracks would occur in the walls. There was evidence of bad workmanship in relation to the studding and some of the floors were not satisfactory. He considered that the step at the door could be improved and suggested that a saddle was needed. In his view more supervision was necessary and he considered that a Clerk of Works was needed rather than an Architect and that about four supervisors were required. Councillor S. Costello inquired why copies of the specification and plans had not been made available and stressed that it was necessary for the Council to be in a position to satisfy themselves that the work was being carried out in accordance with the specification. Mr. D. Foley, National Building Agency, stated that two sets of the plans for the houses and of the specifications could be made available to the Council within ten days or a fortnight. The Council agreed that a set of the plans and specifications, when received, be made available to Councillors Hynes, Gregory, Whelan and Keenan for their examination and that the views of the County Engineer and of the Town Engineer, Bray, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, be obtained and that the Bray Trades Council also be given an opportunity of submitting their further recommendations. Councillor G. Timmins pointed out that the Council had agreed to proceed with the Scheme of 240 houses at Oldcourt because of the urgent need for housing in the Bray area, and even though Members had some reservations about the type of houses being provided. He considered that all the Council required was an assurance from the National Building Agency that the houses would be constructed strictly in accordance with the plans and specification. Mr. D. Foley stated that the National Building Agency had indicated its concern in the matter and that the Agency would welcome close co-operation with the Council's Officers. He stated that an experienced full-time Architect was being assigned to supervise the scheme and the Contractor had appointed two additional foremen. A sum of £18,000 had been withheld to date from the Contractor because of unsatisfactory workmanship. Mr. Foley stated that an inspection was being carried out on all the houses and all plastering work had been stopped pending an examination of this problem by the Contractors. Mr. O'Reilly of the National Building Agency confirmed that the plastering of the houses had been suspended and that the plaster work would be checked on each block of houses. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Temple, the County Secretary stated that the Council had paid the sum of £6,868 to the Consultant Architects who had been engaged by the Council prior to the decision to avail of the Guaranteed Order Project for the houses at Oldcourt.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That two copies of Plans and Specifications for houses at Oldcourt be supplied to each Member of the Council.

Passed.

The Council noted the agreement of the National Building Agency to supply two sets of Plans and Specification of the houses within

the next 10 days or a fortnight and also noted that the National Building Agency would forward prior to the Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 7th May, the Agency's report in regard to the action to be taken in relation to the plastering on the houses and the defects in the plastering.

Councillor J. Temple stated that Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their last Meeting had recommended to the Council that consideration of the Option-to-Purchase Scheme for the houses at Oldcourt be deferred until after the next Housing Meeting of the Council, and the Council accepted the recommendation. Councillor Temple also pointed out that the matter of the fire at the Houses had not been considered and the Council agreed that this could be discussed at a later Meeting.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES AT OLD COURT:

Councillor Whelan referred to the case of a person who had been recommended by the County Medical Officer for a house at Oldcourt, but had not been allocated one, and he described the conditions under which the family were living. He stated that the family had been residing in Bray, but had to move to Knocknaboley, Hacketstown although the husband continued to work in Bray and return to Hacketstown each week-end. He felt that this family should have been considered for one of the houses and proposed that since he was recommended by the County Medical Officer that a house be allocated to the family. Councillor S. Costello explained the basis on which the houses had been allocated as between the County Council and the Urban District Council, but since the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had made their decision two persons of those selected had indicated that they did not propose to accept houses at Oldcourt and in consequence the County Medical Officer was re-examining applications. The Council agreed that the case of the applicant raised by Councillor Whelan together with another case raised by Councillor Hynes be reviewed, and that the proposed allocation of houses as between the County Council and the Bray Urban District Council also be re-considered.

HOUSING SCHEME AT KILPEDDER:

Councillor Gregory asked that a report in regard to the acquisition of a site for housing at Kilpedder be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

HOUSING AT CLASH:

In reply to Councillor Keenan, the County Engineer stated that the final documents for the erection of houses at Clash were now ready and the matter of proceeding with the houses by direct labour or by Contract was under consideration. In reply to Councillor R. Miley, the County Engineer stated that the documents for invitation of tenders for houses at Laragh were now ready and tenders would be invited shortly and that documents in respect of provision of houses at Roundwood would be ready at an early date.

Item No. 4 (a) Proposed Closing of Roads — (A) For Purpose of Circuit of Ireland Rally on 24th April.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the closing of the public roads as set out hereunder for the times indicated hereunder on 24th April, 1973, and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Ireland International

Rally, 1973, on these roads when so closed to public traffic:-

From three roads at Ballingule, via Cranareen, Slievareagh, Ballnabarney, Ballinboyle, Coan, Seskin, Knickkeen, to three roads at Ballinclea, over the following County Roads: Nos. 263, 261, 264, 262, 265, 327, 326, 325, 329 respectively, from 1.00 a.m. to 5.00 a.m.

From three roads at Farbreaga via., Aughavannagh and Drumgoff to three roads, Derrybawn via., County Roads 129, 128 and 83, respectively — from 1.15 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.

From three roads Laragh via., Sallygap to three roads, Gleneree via., County Roads, 58, 57 and 12 (194) respectively. From 1.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.

The closing of the roads is subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) That the Royal Irish Automobile Club indemnify the Council against all claims and damage arising from the closing of the roads.
- (2) Repairing any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council, or recouping the Council the cost of doing so.
- (3) Adequate Notices to be provided in regard to the closing and necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed.

Item No. 8 (C) Grant by Minister for Local Government of Outline Permission for Erection of National School on Site at Victoria Road, Greystones, Subject to Conditions. (Copy of Decision of Minister Circulated).

Councillor S. Costello inquired whether the Council could revoke the grant of Outline Permission by the Minister for the erection of a National School on the site at Victoria Road, Greystones. He pointed out that the Council had considered this matter at great length and had decided not to grant Permission and he considered the Council should stand by the decision they had previously made. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., expressed the view that having heard the deputation which attended before the Council when this matter had been under consideration, the Council had informed the applicants that it was the Council's intention to refuse Permission but that the applicant had the right to Appeal to the Minister.

and it was implied that the Council would accept the Minister's decision on Appeal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved — Having considered the proper planning and development of the County Health District of Wicklow (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof) we hereby decide that it is expedient that a notice be served in accordance with the provision of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, revoking the Outline Planning Permission granted by the Minister for Local Government on 13th March, 1973, on Appeal, to L. A. Elliott of the Rectory, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a National School on a site at Victoria Road, Greystones, in accordance with Plans and particulars lodged with the Council. The Notice referred to herein shall contain a statement that any person on whom such notice is served may at any time before the 31st May, 1973 appeal to the Minister against the Notice.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. McKeon, K. Ryan, and J. Temple — 7.

AGAINST: Councillors T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Whelan — 6.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge did not vote.

The motion was declared passed by 7 votes in favour to 6 votes against.

Item No. 13:- Fire Prevention — Proposed Appointment of Second Fire Officer.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had arisen from a circular letter from the Department of Local Government of May, 1972 which had been considered by the Council and in which the Council had been asked to arrange for inspections of buildings, such as discotheques, singing pubs, guest houses, premises let in flats, etc., from the point of view of fire prevention. The Chief Fire Officer had pointed out that an inspection of the buildings as required by the Department of Local Government would require an additional Officer, and that it would not be possible for him to undertake the additional inspections required. The County Engineer had recommended that a Second Fire Officer be appointed. The Chief Fire Officer who attended the meeting emphasised the need for a Second Fire Officer to enable the additional inspections to be carried out and in reply to inquiries from Members stated that additional Fire Officers had been appointed by many other County Councils. He urged that the Officer to be appointed should be a qualified Engineer. Councillor J. Temple expressed doubt as

to the need for a Second Officer and asked that the Chief Fire Officer be required to submit particulars of the inspections and investigations carried out by him over a period of one month. The County Manager indicated that he agreed with the need for an additional Officer for Fire Prevention purposes and confirmed that the work of the Chief Fire Officer had increased considerably over recent years, and that in addition to carrying out inspections of buildings, he also examined all plans submitted in respect of buildings which would be used by the public and advised on such plans from the point of view of fire prevention. He suggested that the qualifications for the post should be such as would be approved by the Minister for Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the creation of a post of Second Fire Officer.

Passed — Councillor J. Temple dissenting.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:-

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council remove the following bends:- (1) the bend opposite Mr. Wilding's entrance near Ashford; (2) the bends between Bel-Air Hotel and Mr. Ward's cottage on the Ashford/Glenealy Road."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 7th, MAY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th May, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

Councillor J. Whelan, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

AGENDA:

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(h) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas Quinn, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolrus, Tinahely."

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16 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockanna, under the Scheme for small farmers."

17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."

18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build an extra 11 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."

19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."

20 Council houses repaired during April, 1973, and to be repaired during May, 1973.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor J. Whelan expressed his sorrow of having to take the Chair in consequence of the tragic and sudden death of the Chairman, Councillor Mark Deering, in his car the previous Thursday week. He spoke of Mark Deering as having been an example to all, genial and good natured, and referred to his record of public service as a Member and Chairman of the County Council, and a member of other local bodies and a former member of the Dail. He proposed that the Council pass a Resolution of sympathy with his widow and family and that the Council Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconding the proposal, described the late Chairman as a big man in every sense and recalled that in his youth he had been prominent in sporting activities and was proud of having achieved the distinction of gaining an International cap for Rugby. He described the late Chairman as a great human being who had a word of encouragement for all and said that people loved him because he loved people. Councillor Timmins referred to the late Councillor Deering's record of public service as a member of the Dail and as a member and Chairman of the County Council, and of the Vocational Education Committee, and that the establishment of the new Vocational School in Dunlavin was due to a great degree to his efforts. All the Members present paid tribute to the great record of public service which Councillor Deering had rendered, and all referred in particular to his personal qualities of thoughtfulness, kindness and consideration which had endeared him to all. The County Manager stated that he had been a friend of Councillor Mark Deering for many years and had been associated closely with him as a member of Bective Rangers Rugby Club of which he had been President for the past two years. His work in public affairs had been recognised by his election as a member of Dail Eireann and by his membership of the County Council and of many other local bodies. As Chairman of the Council he had been noted for his tact, decorum, and patience, and his genial manner at all times. He asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Councillor Keenan referred to the death of Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, Aughrim, who had been Chairman of the County Committee of Agriculture and a former member of Wicklow County Council, and proposed that the Council also extend their sympathy to his family.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., referred to the death of Mr. James Gregory of Newtownmountkennedy, father of Councillor J. Gregory, and proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor Gregory and the members of his family on the death of his father.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the tragic accident at Blessington during the previous week in which Mr. Niall Cosgrave and his wife had been killed in a collision between their car and a bus at a

bend on the Blessington/Ballymore Eustace Road. He proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the members of the Cosgrave family. The County Secretary read letters received from the Irish Farmers' Association, Wicklow Co. Executive; The Irish Countrywomen's Association—Wicklow Federation; and Rev. Canon L. A. Elliott, M.A., The Rectory, Greystones, expressing sympathy with the Council on the death of Councillor M. Deering, Chairman. The Council passed the Resolutions of sympathy, the Members standing in their places.

TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF TRAFFIC ON ROADS:

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Miss Deirdre Friel, Drama Producer, R.T.E., indicating their intention to film location material on the road above the filter beds at Roundwood/Knockfadda on Thursday, May 10th, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. approximately, and similarly on the night of May 11th at the entrance to the Barton Residence, the T junction at the townlands Carrigeenshinnagh and Drummin between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 2.00 a.m. on the morning of the 12th May. It was stated in the letter that they hoped to cause no inconvenience to road users in the area and that every care would be taken to facilitate the normal flow of traffic, and that the co-operation of the Garda had been requested and received. The County Engineer saw no objection to permission being granted. The Council agreed that permission be granted.

The Council agreed that a Meeting be held on Monday, 14th May, to deal with the items on the Agenda for the Meeting of 7th May, and that the ordinary meeting of the Council be held on the 21st May.

The Meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary and J. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Tomas J. Ryan, Clarach, Pairc Uí Mhorda, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolmore, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. Phelan, J. Miley and J. Sweeney:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42, Connolly Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Templaraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

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Held on

MONDAY, 14th MAY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with the Items on the Agenda for the Meeting of the 7th May, 1973, which had been adjourned, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th May, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman:

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Messrs U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, and A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and the Council asked that the Secretary convey to Miss O'Neill the best wishes of the Members for a speedy recovery.

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13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (owner: C. Byrne), which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."

14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council purchase Messrs Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."

15 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."

16 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockanna, under the Scheme for small farmers."

17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."

18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."

19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."

20 Council houses repaired during April, 1973, and to be repaired during May, 1973.

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

The following Reports and Recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to the proposed Resolutions had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

A

Proposed bungalow at Ballybawn Lower, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, for Liam Acton.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development together with existing development in the area, would give rise to urban sprawl in this unserviced rural area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which requires that the distinction between urban and rural areas be preserved.

2 The proposed development would be injurious to the amenity of the area by being unduly prominent in an area of high scenic and recreational values.

NOTE.

Permission for this proposed house was refused in February, 1973, and an appeal to the Minister for Local Government against the refusal has yet to be determined.

C.

Proposed bungalow at Rathdown Upper, Windgate, Bray, County Wicklow, for Robert Willoughby.

That Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would give rise to an increase in traffic hazard by generating further vehicular turning movements onto and off the adjoining heavily trafficked public road at a point where traffic speeds are high and where visibility to the north is restricted.

2 The proposed development would detract from the high amenity value of this area by giving rise to an intensification of ribbon development at an elevated location along this scenic road.

3. The proposed development would create a precedent for additional building development in this area which would give rise to a further increase in traffic hazard and which would result in further detriment to scenic amenity.

Following the previous refusal of permission for a house on this site a discussion was held between the applicant and Planning Assistant, Mr. J. Paul. An alternative site on his father-in-law's land was suggested. The applicant appeared to accept this alternative but mentioned that one of the problems was that the proposed site had already been legally transferred to him.

The alternative site, although more elevated, is well away from the main road and is part of an existing group of houses and is capable of being screened.

D.

Proposed House at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, for J. Donoghue.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The map submitted with this application is inaccurate and it is not possible to determine the proposed location of the house. The position of the house as shown on the Plan lodged is on the line of the proposed Newtownmountkennedy by-pass road. If the house is built on the position shown on the plan lodged it is likely that when the by-pass road is being constructed the house will require to be removed.

2 The existing laneway is of insufficient width to accommodate adequately the vehicular traffic which would be generated by residential development in this area.

F.

Proposed bungalow at Sraughan, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, for Martin Parker.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would constitute a sporadic residential development in the rural area which would be remote from existing social services and community facilities and would result in a wastage of time and money in both the public and private sectors. Further, it would in time give rise to a demand for public services (e.g., sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc.), which could not be provided economically from the public revenue deriving from such developments.

2. The location of urban type ribbon development on this scenic tourist road would be undesirable because it would be seriously injurious to the visual amenity of the area, would restrict the public enjoyment of this scenic rural and mountain area, and would give rise to a possible traffic hazard, because of the multiplicity of entrances opening off this road.

3. There is no evidence before the planning authority to show that ground would be suitable for the disposal of sewage effluent by means of septic tank and this is of particular importance because the proposed site lies within the Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is used as a source of public water supply and which, if contaminated could give rise to a public health hazard. In addition the proposed position of the septic tank is uphill of the dwellinghouse.

NOTE.

An appeal was made by Mr. Parker against a previous decision to refuse permission for 3 houses on this site. The appeal was refused in August, 1970, for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would seriously injure the amenities of this area of high scenic amenity and recreational utility by reason of the prominent location of the site overlooking Blessington Lakes.

2. The proposed development would constitute undesirable ribbon development along an important scenic route and would detract from the open rural character of the area.

H.

Proposed bungalow at Coolcross, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow, for Thomas Quinn.

This is a proposal for a bungalow in which the only windows serving the four bedrooms overlook the bungalow recently completed on the adjoining site. It is imperative that where houses are built so closely together that there should be no windows in the side walls or that if there are that these windows should be fitted with obscure glass as in, say, a bathroom or hallway. It is undesirable that habitable rooms should have their only source of light through obscure glass. The bungalow should be entirely re-designed to provide for this arrangement. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

The proposed bungalow, by reason of its orientation at right angles to the public road and by reason of the 4 bedroom window openings proposed for its eastern side elevation, would seriously infringe on the privacy and amenities of the existing adjoining bungalow. It is in the interest of proper planning that any proposed bungalow to be erected on this site be designed and orientated in such a way as to minimise overlooking of neighbouring dwellings.

E.

Proposed house at Kilpedder West, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, for Patrick O'Connell.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The Council is at present constructing a major arterial road to dual carriageway standard to bypass the existing development at Kilpedder. The proper planning and development of this area require that new development at Kilpedder should take place only to the west of the new major road and so avoid development straddling the dual carriageway.

The proposed development, to the east of the dual carriageway, is in serious conflict with the above requirement and would create a precedent for similar development which would seriously diminish the beneficial value of the dual carriageway and would give rise

to increased traffic and traffic hazard at the proposed junction and would also give rise to pedestrian movement across this arterial road.

2. The proper planning and development of the area require that new development should consolidate existing nuclei of development where services are available or can be economically provided from resultant rates revenue. The proposed development conflicts with this requirement since it would serve to consolidate development in ribbon form away from Kilpedder village and isolated from the village by a dual carriageway public roadway.

(A) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, and J. Gregory:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the Provision of a Bungalow on his Site at Ballinaclea, for his Own Use."

The County Secretary stated that a revised plan showing a land drain on the site had been submitted and examined by the County Medical Officer, but he considered that the site was such that satisfactory drainage could not be carried out. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the drain proposed to be laid would be at a lower level than the outlet from the septic tank and that the drain could take the effluent and discharge it satisfactorily. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer felt that if there were any other development carried out in the vicinity of the proposed house that a public health nuisance might arise.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Nicholas Maddocks, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow on his site at Ballinaclea, for his own use, subject to limitation on development within an area to be specified by the County Medical Officer.

Passed.

(B) In the Names of Councillors J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. L. Acton, Enniskerry, for the Provision of a Bungalow for his Daughter who is Getting Married Next September."

The Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members was read to the Council. Councillor S. Costello stated that he had been informed by Mr. Acton's daughter that she was satisfied to await the result of the Appeal which had been made to the Minister and did not wish to have the matter considered by

the Council with a view to a direction under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Councillor J. Temple stated that according to his information, the applicant wished to have the matter dealt with by the Members of the Council as proposed. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 21st May, 1973, for clarification as to whether the applicant desired to have the Motion proceeded with or to await the result of the appeal to the Minister.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, and E. E. Byrne:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Robert Willoughby, Greystones, for the Provision of a Bungalow for his Own Use on Lands Owned by his Wife at Windgates Upper, Greystones."

The Report of the County Engineer on the application as circulated to the Members was read to the Council. Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge stated that Councillor Miss N. O'Neill had asked that consideration of the proposal be deferred for her attendance and the Council agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 21st May, 1973.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke and K. Ryan:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Donoghue, Newtownmountkennedy, for the Provision of a House at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

The Report of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members was read to the Council. Councillor J. Gregory claimed that the map submitted with the application showed the site for the house in a position which would not be affected by the line of the proposed Newtownmountkennedy by-pass road as had been submitted to the Council. He stated that it appeared that the line of the road had been changed from what had been originally proposed, and that the Architect for the applicant had so located the house based on information he had obtained from the Council's Offices. In reply to Councillor Gregory's inquiries, the County Engineer stated that the proposals for the by-pass road at Newtownmountkennedy were still only tentative proposals, and had not yet been approved by the Department of Local Government, but that the site of the house would be likely to be affected by the construction of the proposed new road. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal for one month for the supply of definite information as to the line of a new road. Councillor Gregory stated that he was aware that if definite information could not be made available in time, it might be necessary to deal with the present application, but that a new application could later be submitted.

Councillor J. Temple raised the matter of the supply of information to the Members in regard to proposals for realignment of roads and stressed that such information should be made available

to all the Members of the Council. He pointed out that at Hearings of Planning Appeals it had been stated by Officers of the Council that certain roads were to be realigned, but the Members of the Council had not been informed of these proposals. The County Engineer pointed out that he was following the instructions of the Department of Local Government that proposed realignments of roads should be discussed by him with the Inspector from the Department of Local Government and the approval of the Department received before submitting proposals to the Council.

- (E) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, R. F. McKeon and K. Ryan:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Connell, Altidore, Kilpedder, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Kilpedder."

The Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members was read to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick O'Connell, Altidore, Kilpedder, for the provision of a bungalow at Kilpedder.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

- (F) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, J. Sweeney and M. Deering:- "By virtue of Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Martin Parker, Lacken, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members was read to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Martin Parker, Lacken, for the provision of a bungalow, subject to ground being found suitable for discharge of effluent from septic tank.

Passed — Councillor Costello objecting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

(G) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, J. Sweeney:-
"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Browe, Lacken, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The following Report of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was submitted to the Council:-

Ref.: 6518/73

10th May, 1973.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.

COUNTY ENGINEER.

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An application to have a bungalow constructed on this site was refused on two previous occasions.

REGISTER REFERENCE 2716/69: This application was for a James Broe. Planning Permission was refused for the reason that the trial hole had shown that the ground was unsuitable for a septic tank installation. This decision was appealed and was refused by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government by Order dated 28th September, 1971. The reasons given for the refusal were:-

1. The proposed development which is in an area of high amenity value would be unduly prominent in views from the Blessington Lake Shore and the Blessington Lake Shore drive, and would be injurious to the visual amenities of the area.
2. The proposed development would endanger public health because of the unsuitability of the soil for septic tank drainage.

REGISTER REFERENCE 6277/73: This application was refused because of the unsuitability of the soil for septic tank drainage and because of injury to amenity (age her with a further reason that the means of water supply proposed would endanger the health of persons occupying the proposed dwelling.

The same reasons for refusal apply as in the last application. This field is unsatisfactory for building purposes because of the underlying springs which are discharging through the pipe in the road side boundary. It should also be noted that at present a caravan is sited on this field. Planning Permission has not been granted for any such caravan.

I recommend that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would endanger public health because of the unsuitability of the soil for the disposal of sewage by means of septic tank drainage.
2. The proposal to provide water supply by means of a pressure pump from the spring well would be likely to endanger the

health of persons occupying the proposed dwelling because of the considerable amount of animal pollution in the adjoining fields in the catchment area of the proposed spring.

3. The proposed development which is in an area of high amenity value would be unduly prominent in views from the Blessington Lake Shore and the Blessington Lake Shore Drive, and would be injurious to the visual amenities of the area.

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Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Browe had telephoned the Chief Planning Assistant to inquire if there was any way to overcome the objections to the proposal, and had been informed that while the objection to the use of the spring well could be overcome by having a bored well instead, it was considered that the other objections could not be overcome. He stated that he would be prepared to carry out any requirements of the Council. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the June meeting for further consultation between the Chief Planning Assistant and the applicant with a view to seeing if the objections to the proposal could be overcome.

(H) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Thomas Quinn, Tinahely, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Coolruss, Tinahely."

The Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members, was read to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas Quinn, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolruss, Tinahely.

Passed.

Item No. 2: To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held On 5th February, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 5th February, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 3: Developments Requiring Direct Access to National Primary or National Secondary Routes:

The County Secretary stated that inquiries had been made from Wexford Co. Council, Kildare Co. Council and Carlow Co. Council as to the policy of these Councils in relation to housing development requiring direct access to National Primary and Secondary Roads. It was the policy of Wexford County Council to restrict new housing development requiring direct access to the National Primary and Secondary Roads in rural areas, to the following:-

- (1) Replacement of existing inhabited dwellings.
- (2) Farm dwellings.
- (3) A second family dwelling on the farm.
- (4) Dwellings on the farm for full-time agriculture employees.

Carlow County Council were reluctant to grant permission for developments requiring direct access onto National Primary and National Secondary Roads, but consideration was given to granting permission for a house for a farmer or a member of his family with direct access provided no alternative access was available. A set back of 300 feet from the road was required to provide for possible future road improvements and to lessen the affect of noise from passing traffic on the inhabitants of the dwelling house. Kildare County Council were also reluctant to allow the creation of new access onto National Primary or Secondary Roads, but as in the case of Carlow County Council consideration was given to granting of Planning Permission for a house for a farmer or member of his family with access onto a National Primary or Secondary Road provided no alternative access was available. A set back of 300 feet from the road was required. The Council also gave consideration to applications for Planning Permission for a house where it was possible to use an existing entrance from a house onto the road. In order to limit the number of direct entrances onto busy roads, it was the practice to sterilize land against further house building as follows:-

National Primary Roads, National Secondary Roads and Main Roads—10 acres and 200 yards road frontage.

County Roads—5 acres and 150 yards road frontage.

It was not the policy of the Council, however, to restrict farmers in this manner.

The Council noted the report as regards the policy of Wexford, Kildare and Carlow County Councils, but Members expressed the view that this policy was not being followed strictly and that this was evident from the number of new buildings located with direct access onto National Primary and Secondary Roads.

Item No. 4—Housing Progress Report:

The Council considered the Housing Progress Report for the year 1972/73 which had been circulated to the Members of the Council on the 27th April, 1973.

TINAHELY HOUSES—Senator Miss Walsh inquired as to what arrangements were being made for the completion of houses at Tinahely. The County Engineer pointed out that these houses had

been unfinished due to the death of the Contractor and he was considering arrangements for their completion.

AVOCA HOUSES—In reply to inquiry from Councillor Keenan, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that as no tenders had been received for the erection of these houses following a public advertisement on two occasions, a Contractor from County Wexford had been asked to submit a tender for building them. Councillor Keenan expressed doubts whether a tender would be forthcoming, and if no reply were received within two weeks he asked that consideration be given to having the houses completed by direct labour. The County Engineer, having pointed out the difficulty in obtaining tradesmen, Councillor Keenan stated that it might be possible to obtain tradesmen from the Aughrim and Arklow area for work in Avoca.

HOUSING AT KILMACANOGUE:

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello, the Co. Engineer stated that he expected the houses at Kilmacanogue to be completed in two months' time. Councillor Costello stated that he had been informed by Mrs. K. Walsh of the Kilmacanogue Housing Committee that the further four houses which had been sought would meet the needs. He proposed that the draw for the allocation of the houses be made at the next Meeting of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at Bray and that the applicants be allowed to attend at the draw. Councillor R. McKeon seconded the proposal.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that the draw take place at a Meeting of the County Council.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, and J. Whelan—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, R. McKeon, J. Gregory, G. Timmins, T.D.—5.

The amendment was declared carried by 9 votes in favour to 5 against, and declared passed as a subsequent Motion on the same voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £33,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years, to defray the cost of the erection of eight additional houses at Kilmacanogue and the installation of a sewerage treatment works to service this housing site on which 26 houses have been erected and which will accommodate a further 24 houses.

HOUSING AT RATHNEW

Councillor Hynes drew attention to the number of applicants for houses at Rathnew, and on his proposal, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council agreed that the Contractor be asked to tender for an additional 25 or 30 houses.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT SHILLELAGH FOR HOUSING PURPOSES:

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the owners of the land which the Council proposed to purchase at Shillelagh were quite willing to sell and he asked that negotiations be completed as soon as possible.

HOUSES AT BALLINACLASH—Councillor Keenan asked that consideration be given to building the houses at Ballinaclash by direct labour.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Keenan regarding a house at Ballinabarney which was unfinished, the County Engineer stated that the Contractor would be resuming work in the following week. In regard to inquiry from Councillor Keenan, concerning the provision of an extension to a house at Rossbawn, the County Engineer stated that a demountable building was being designed. Senator Miss M. Walsh asked that arrangements be made for the extension to be linked with the existing house.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT KILPEDDER FOR HOUSING

Councillor Gregory raised the matter of the acquisition of land at Kilpedder for housing purposes and it was agreed that the land in the ownership of Mr. Evans would be the most suitable and on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council agreed that a Compulsory Purchase Order be prepared for the acquisition of land required.

VANDALISM ON COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES:

The County Manager drew attention to the continued acts of vandalism which occurred on Council Housing Schemes and pointed out that this might render it difficult for the Council to obtain Contractors for the erection of houses.

ITEM NO 5—HOUSING SCHEME AT OLD COURT:

Mr. D. Foley and two other representatives of the National Building Agency attended the Meeting. Councillor P. Hynes claimed that due to a misunderstanding, it had not been possible for the plans and specifications supplied by the National Building Agency, to be examined by all four of the members of the Council appointed to examine these plans and report to the Council. There had been no opportunity for discussion between the four members concerned. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Temple, the Council agreed that consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a discussion between Councillors Hynes, Gregory, Keenan and Whelan, and the submission of a report from them. On the suggestion of Councillor Hynes, it was agreed that the members concerned would meet on the site at Oldcourt at 10.00

a.m. on the morning of Saturday, 19th May, 1973, and inspect the houses and subsequently meet at the Town Hall, Bray where a room would be made available for the purposes of preparing a report which would be submitted to the Council at the Meeting on the 21st May, 1973. It was agreed also that the County Engineer, the Chief Fire Officer and the Town Engineer, Bray, attend at the site to meet the Members of the Council and that representatives of the National Building Agency and of the Contractors be asked to be present. The Chairman expressed to the representatives of the National Building Agency the Council's regret that it had not been possible to deal with the matter at the meeting on that date and the representatives of the National Building Agency stated that they would be available to attend at the meeting on the following Monday, and that arrangements would also be made for representatives to be present at the site on Saturday, 19th May, to meet the Members.

FOOTPATHS ON MAIN STREET, BRAY:

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge complained of the condition of the footpaths on the Main Street, Bray, following the paths having been opened by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. She stated that the slabs had not been restored properly and that three persons had fallen due to the condition of the paths. The Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs requiring that the footpaths be properly restored as a matter of urgency.

CONDITION OF ROAD AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that portion of the road at Boghall had been opened and that traffic was being obstructed by reason for there being no flagman available at the road opening. It was agreed that the matter be brought to the notice of the Town Surveyor, Bray.

VANDALISM AT GLENDALOUGH:

Councillor R. Miley reported on the vandalism which had occurred at Glendalough on the previous Sunday following a visit to Glendalough by three bus loads of teenagers. The railings of the wooden bridge at the Deerstone had been broken and thrown into the river and special signs provided by Bord Fáilte had been taken down and also thrown into the river. The Council store had been broken into and a fire had been lit against the wall of St. Kevin's Church. He stated that five business houses had to close and that the Hotel experienced great difficulty. Councillor Miley stressed the necessity to have Gardai on duty at Glendalough on Sundays during the Summer time. Councillor J. Miley stated that there had been a similar experience in Blessington as in Glendalough, and that a boat had been badly damaged and that this would probably result in a claim being made on the Council for malicious injury. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána for the provision of additional Gardai in areas in County Wicklow at each week-end during the Summer time and that representations on this matter be also made to the Minister for Justice.

ES.B. PYLON AT HOLLYWOOD

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the location of an E.S.B. Pylon in the vicinity of the Main Road at Hollywood was likely to give rise to traffic accidents by reason of motorists' attention being distracted by the Pylon. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to look into the possibility of arranging with the Electricity Supply Board to move the Pylon to a more suitable location.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, and W. Cleary: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Sean Fields, Blessington, to erect a house at Hempstown."

In names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Comerford, for the provision of a house at Rathattin, Hollywood."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That this Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land, that has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."

In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, and R. Miley:- "That this Council take over Church Road, Newcastle, and carry out the necessary repairs to road and bridge."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council extend the refuse collection in the Newcastle area to take in Blackditch."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That in view of the urgency of the situation at the present Wicklow dump, this Council is informed of the present position regarding the acquiring of dumps for both Wicklow and the surrounding areas."

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Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 21st MAY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 21st May, 1973.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman:

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section were present.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. L. Acton, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his daughter who is getting married next September."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Robert Willoughby, Greystones, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use on lands owned by his wife at Windgates Upper, Greystones."
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- 6 Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme—To make draw for allocation of houses.
- 7 Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—Report of Committee of members.
- 8 Revision of Remuneration of Rent Collectors and of allowances to Rate Collectors.
- 9 Travelling Allowances for Road Overseers—Recommendation of Labour Court.
- 10 Civil Defence—Creation of office of Civil Defence Officers' Assistant.
- 11 Engineering Staff—Arrangements for travelling.
- 12 Extension of Sewer serving 16 house scheme at Tinahely—to authorise expenditure.
- 13 Proposed new cemetery for Carnew—Letter from Carnew/Tomacork Parochial Committee.
- 14 Carnew Sewerage.
- 15 Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts of Council for two years ended 31/3/1971.
- 16 Provision of Halting Place for Itinerants—To consider proposal to provide Halting Place at Kilmacanogue.
- 17 Proposed Employment of School Wardens at National Schools at Delgany and Enniskerry.
- 18 Road Junction at Blackditch, Newcastle—Report of County Engineer.
- 19 Golden Hill Road, Manor Kilbride—Report of County Engineer.
- 20 Local Improvement Scheme—Road at Ballintemple.
- 21 Repairs to offices at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
- 22 Broadlough, Wicklow—Letter from Department of Lands re inclusion in Game Birds Protection Order for 1973/74.
- 23 Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for reception of deputation.
- 24 Report of Inter-Departmental Working Group on Air and Water Pollution.
- 25 Proposed Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.
- 26 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation—Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin-Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies circulated to Members).
- 27 Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 28 Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.
- 29 Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for recognition as Approved Local Council.

- 30 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to members of County Council and Urban District Councils.
- 31 Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford on Slaney.
- 32 Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 33 Rating of Community Halls.
- 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 35 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the 'Sphink' Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward, Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 36 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymee Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new School, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 37 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 39 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
- 40 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet, and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacadamed."
- 41 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
- 42 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:—"That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
- 43 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
- ✓ 44 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:—"In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballinaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."

- 46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council provide a Dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
- 47 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:—"That th's Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
- 48 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 49 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the road-way at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 50 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
- 51 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
- 52 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 53 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 54 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Priestnewtown, Delgany: (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
- 55 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew: One at Saint Brigid's Terrace; one at Saint Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."
- 56 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four lights from Mr. Phelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenane."
- 57 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—"That the cleaning of the river below the bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."
- 58 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."
- 59 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council remove the following bends: (1) Bend opposite Mr. Wilding's entrance near Ashford; (2) Bends between Bel-Air Hotel and Mr. Ward's cottage on the Ashford/Glenealy Road."

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a Resolution expressing

the sympathy of the Members with Councillor T. J. Keenan on the death of his father. On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. D. Urell on the death of his daughter. The County Manager asked that he and the Members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expressions of sympathy.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, expressed on behalf of the Council, congratulations to Senator Walsh on her election as Senator, and also to Councillor J. Miley on his good showing at the Election.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

(A) In the Names of Councillors J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. L. Acton, Enniskerry, for the Provision of a Bungalow for his Daughter who is Getting Married next September."

The County Secretary stated that this item had been deferred from the previous Meeting for clarification as to whether the applicant wished to have the Notice of Intention to propose the Motion proceeded with or whether he preferred to await the decision of the Minister on his Appeal. Councillor Costello suggested that the applicant should await the result of the Appeal to the Minister, but Councillor Temple considered that the proposal should be proceeded with.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. L. Acton, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for his daughter who is getting married next September.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(B) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, and E. E. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Robert Willoughby, Greystones, for the Provision of a Bungalow for His Own Use on Lands Owned by His Wife at Windgates Upper, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred for the attendance of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that an alternative site had been suggested by Mr. Paul, Planning Assistant, and she understood that this site would be acceptable to the applicant, but wished to confirm that this was the position.

The Council deferred consideration of the proposal to allow Councillor Miss O'Neill to make inquiries by telephone and to report later to the Meeting.

Miss N. O'Neill reported later that the applicant was prepared to accept the alternative site and consequently she was withdrawing the Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council Held on 11th December, 1972, 8th January, and 12th February, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th December, 1972, 8th January, 1973, and 12th February, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Proposed Closing of Roads: (A) at Rathdrum on 23rd June, 1973; and (B) On Route Wicklow-Beehive-Rathnew-Wicklow on 25th and 26th August, 1973, for Purpose of Motor Cycle Road Race.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was no objection to the proposed closing of roads in the Corballis area near Rathdrum on 23rd June, 1973, as sought by the Motor Enthusiasts Club, Limited, subject to conditions that the Club indemnify the Council against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads; repair any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council or recoup the Council the cost of doing so; and that adequate notices and stewards be provided in regard to the closing and necessary diversions to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations and in the interest of public safety.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the closing to public traffic of the Roads in the Corballis area near Rathdrum, as set out hereunder, on Saturday, 23rd June, 1973, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and authorise the holding of a Practice for Motor Races and Motor Races on these Roads while so closed to public traffic

Portion of T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow), 0.2 miles; Portion of L.32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim), 0.3 miles; and Link Road joining the above Roads from Corballis Crossroads to its intersection with the Main Rathdrum-Ballinacash/Aughrim Road 0.2 miles, subject to conditions recommended by County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by the Wicklow Festival Committee for the closing of a section of the Main Dublin/Wicklow Road at Wicklow on Monday, 4th June, 1973, for

the purpose of the holding of a Cycling event organised by the Committee. The County Engineer had indicated that he saw no objection to the closing of the roads subject to the diversion being adequately signed and stewards appointed to indicate the alternatives to motorists unfamiliar with the locality. The County Secretary stated that the Festival Committee had indicated that it was proposed to allow local traffic and emergency services through as had been done in the previous year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of section of the Main Dublin-Wicklow Road at Wicklow from 10 yards east of the junction with Wentworth Place to a point ten yards north-west of the junction with the road to Church Hill on Monday, 4th June, 1973, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., and authorise the holding of a cycling event on this road while so closed to public traffic.

The County Secretary stated that at a previous Meeting, the Council had agreed that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area would meet Members of Wicklow Urban District Council to ascertain the views of the Urban District Council on the application from Fingal Motor Club, Limited, for permission to hold a motor cycle road race over the route Wicklow-Beehive-Rathnew-Wicklow on Sunday, 26th August, 1973, and to hold practices for the race on Saturday, 25th August. The Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, had stated that the matter was discussed at the meeting of the Urban District Council with Members of the County Council and that no objection was expressed to the holding of the road race and practice. The County Secretary pointed out that the County Engineer had reported that the closing of the road during August would cause a grave inconvenience to the public and possible traffic congestion during the busy tourist period, and he considered that permission should not be granted for the application on the dates requested. The County Secretary pointed out that the matter was before the Council for a decision as to whether public notice of intention to close the roads should be issued. In reply to Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the County Secretary stated that public notice of intention to close the road would have to be given in a daily newspaper and any objections received would have to be considered by the Council at their next Meeting. Councillor Phelan stated that if a decision could not be taken at that day's meeting, there would be insufficient time for the Club to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the motor cycle races on the dates suggested. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Phelan, the County Engineer stated that alternative routes would not be adequate to take the volume of traffic which could be expected on the road during a week-end in August. On the suggestion of Councillor Phelan, it was agreed that the matter be adjourned and the Club be asked to consider postponing the date for the road races to September or an alternative route to minimise interruption of or interference with normal traffic.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Nominee to Represent Council on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.

The Council approved of the re-appointment of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge to represent the Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.

Item No. 5—Provision of Demountable Dwelling for Matthew Lennon, Ballynastocken.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a demountable dwelling for Mr. Matthew Lennon and his grandson at Ballynastocken, Blessington.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme—To Make Draw for Allocation of Houses.

As agreed at previous meeting of the Council, a draw took place among the first 22 applicants for houses at Kilmacanogue for allocation of 22 houses and a subsequent draw allocation of houses 23, 24, 25 and 26, Councillor Costello having pointed out that this arrangement had been agreed with the Kilmacanogue Housing Committee representing the applicants. The draw was made by Mr. Lawlor, Wicklow People Representative, with Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, in the presence of the Members of the Council.

Item No. 7—Housing Scheme at Oldcourt, Bray—Report of Committee of Members.

Representatives of the National Building Agency, including Mr. D. Foley and Mr. Peters, Architect, attended the Meeting. A copy of the report signed by Councillors F. Hynes, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and by Mr. T. J. O'Donovan, County Engineer, on their inspection of the Oldcourt Housing Scheme on Saturday, 19th May, 1973, was circulated to the Members of the Council, and copies supplied to the representatives of the National Building Agency. With reference to inquiries made by Councillor S. Costello, Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that he was satisfied that the buildings were being constructed in accordance with the specification, but the Committee had found evidence of bad workmanship and lack of supervision. Councillor S. Costello again urged that the Council seek a public inquiry in relation to the construction of these houses. Mr. D. Foley, on behalf of the National Building Agency, referred to criticism made by Members of supervision of work on the Scheme, but pointed out that the Agency had been aware of defects reported by Members since the previous February. This Scheme at Oldcourt was being carried out as a result of a proposal under the Guaranteed Order Project and it was the Contractor's responsibility to complete the houses in accordance with the approved specification and plans. He stressed that no houses would be taken over until all defects would be remedied. The appointment of an extra Clerk of Works by the National Building Agency showed their concern to ensure that the houses were satisfactorily completed. He stated that a sum of £30,000 was withheld from the Contractors pending the remedying of defects. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, Mr. Peters, Architect, stated that he was responsible for supervision of work on the Scheme, and that no plastering other than experimental work had been done since he took up duty on the 16th April. He assured the Council that before any plastering was done, he examined the work and assured himself that it was in order before the Contractor was allowed to proceed with the plastering. He explained that the reason for cutting out plaster had been to reassure the Council that the plaster had been applied to the proper thickness. Councillor Gregory expressed the view that no plastering over expanded metal would prove satisfactory. The County

Manager pointed out that the type of house being constructed at Oldcourt was an experimental one and should not be compared with traditional type of building.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we ask for an Independent Public Sworn Inquiry into the Scheme for the erection of the houses at Oldcourt.

A vote having been called for on the proposal, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, and J. Temple—5.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—11.

The Motion was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 5 in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we accept the report of the sub-committee, and ask that the sub-committee carry out a further inspection at a later date.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Revision of Remuneration of Rent Collectors and of Allowances to Rate Collectors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment to Rent Collectors employed by the Council of the revised fees per cottage as set out hereunder, with effect from the dates indicated:

Operative Date	Revised Fee per Cottage
From 1st October, 1970	£1,857
From 1st January, 1971	£2,022
From 1st April, 1971	£2,104
From 1st January, 1972	£2,321

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the revision of rates of allowances to Rate Collectors for expenses with effect from 1st April, 1971, on the following terms:—

- (a) 10% of the Annual Rate of Salary (including bonuses) of each outdoor salaried County Rate Collector as at 1st April, 1971, in respect of travelling expenses.

(b) In the case of each outdoor salaried County Rate Collector who is not provided with postage and telephone facilities by the Local Authority, 2% of the annual rate of salary (including bonuses) as at 1st April, 1971.

(c) In the case of each outdoor salaried County Rate Collector who is not provided with stationery by the local authority, 1% of annual rate of salary (including bonuses) as at 1st April, 1971.

That we hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised rates of expenses.

Passed.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT, 1972:

The County Secretary stated that the first phase of the National Agreement, 1972, would apply to employees and Staff of the Council with effect from the 1st June, 1973, and the necessary provision had been made in the Estimates as approved by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of the first phase of the National Agreement, 1972, to employees and staff of Wicklow County Council with effect from 1st June, 1973, and note that the appropriate provision has been made in the Estimates for the current financial year.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Travelling Allowances for Road Overseers—Recommendation of Labour Court.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—We note application made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for revised travelling expenses for County Council Road Overseers and also Labour Court Recommendation No. 2909 which sets out revised rates of travelling allowances, and approve of payment as follows:—

FROM 1st APRIL, 1972

Road Mileage	Allowance
0 to 75	£2.00 per week
76 to 100	£2.25 per week
101 to 121	£2.50 per week
126 to 150	£2.75 per week
150 +	£3.00 per week

FROM 1st APRIL, 1973

Scale A	Up to 4,000 Miles	Over 4,000 Miles
Under 10 h.p.	£.070	£.034
10 to 12 h.p.	£.077	£.038
12 h.p. and over	£.092	£.044

We further authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in respect of the following years:—

1972/73	£ 1,750
1973/74	£11,000

Passed.

Item No. 10—Civil Defence—Creation of Office of Civil Defence Officer's Assistant.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. L. O. Ruairc, who had been employed as Assistant to Civil Defence Officer had resigned to take up another employment, and it had been indicated by the Minister for Defence that he was prepared to consider applications from local authorities for the creation of the post of Civil Defence Officer's Assistant as an office on a permanent basis. It was proposed that another title be assigned to the new office where so created and that the pay and duties would be the same as apply to the existing post of Civil Defence Officer's Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of a permanent office of Civil Defence Officer's Assistant in accordance with the Qualifications and Particulars of Office to be declared by the Minister for Defence.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Engineering Staff: Arrangements for Travelling.

The County Secretary stated that ten members of the Engineering Staff who were members of the A.U.E.W. had withdrawn the use of their own cars for travelling on official duties and in consequence the Council had to provide transport for these Engineers by hiring cars or taxis. While the actual expenditure on the hire of cars and taxis was equivalent to what would have been paid to these Officers if they had been carrying out their normal travelling, the extent of supervisory work being carried out had been very much reduced and the County Engineer had expressed concern that works were not being fully supervised and that some works might have to be closed down if the position continued as at present. The County Manager pointed out that the A.U.E.W. was not recognised by the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board as a negotiation body to negotiate on behalf of engineers employed by local authorities, and that the Irish Congress of Trade Unions had decided in favour of the Irish Local Government and Public Services Union in a dispute with the A.U.E.W. and it had instructed the A.U.E.W. to cease recruiting as members engineers employed by local authorities. The A.U.E.W. had appealed against this decision and the matter was under consideration by Congress.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council recognise the A.U.E.W. as a negotiating body on behalf of the Engineers.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Labour to intervene in this dispute in view of the seriousness of the matter.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to accept the proposal of Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor McKeon, and

the Secretary was directed to write immediately to the Minister for Labour to convey the Council's request for his intervention as a matter of urgency.

USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Brother Richard, De la Salle College, Wicklow, for permission to use loudspeakers attached to a van for a short period on 26th and 27th May, 1973, to advertise the Annual School Sports which were to be held on Sunday, or to postpone them if the day was wet. The Council approved of the issue of the licence.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Secretary stated that a final report had been received from the Consulting Engineer in regard to the Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council. The final report shows that the total cost of the Scheme will be £353,820 approximately, and to date each of the local authorities had approved of loans of £163,000 towards defraying costs of the works. Based on the final account, a further loan of £14,000 would be required to meet the County Council's share of the cost. The Consulting Engineer had issued a certificate for the payment of £21,135.38 in favour of the Contractor, but payment of this had been deferred pending receipt of further details from the Consultant in relation to extras and additional costs on the Scheme. The original tender was in the sum of £186,111.91. The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to release the payment to the Contractor as the Council's Solicitor had advised that under the terms of the Contract, the Council was not entitled to defer payment on foot of the certificate for any longer period than that specified in the Contract.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Milley:

Resolved—That payment be made to the Contractor on foot of the certificate submitted by the Consulting Engineer.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that the matter be deferred to a special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 28th May, to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda, and that the Council's Solicitor be asked to attend the Meeting.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the Meeting to be held on the 28th May, 1973.

CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS AT BRAY:

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge complained that nothing had been done to remedy the condition of footpaths at Bray which she had raised at the previous Meeting, and she stated that two other people had fallen on these paths.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That a deputation be sent to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs if action be not taken by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to repair the paths within the coming week.

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

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council surface dress the road at Shroughmore, Avoca, known as "Widow's Lane."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a telephone kiosk at Kilquiggan."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 28th MAY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 28th May, 1973, to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda issued for the Meeting on 21st May, 1973, and additional items.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

The County Manager; Acting County Secretary, Mr. G. Nichols; County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, and Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Law Agent, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, and K. Ryan—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Donoghue, Newtownmountkennedy, for the provision of a house at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

Bray U.D.C.—Wicklow County Council Joint Sewerage Scheme—Final Report of Consultant and authorisation of additional supplementary loan.

Festival of Blessington—Application for provision of Bands for open-air performances.

CONTINUATION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA FOR PREVIOUS MEETING

12. Extension of Sewer serving 16 house scheme at Tinahely—to authorise expenditure.
13. Proposed new cemetery for Carnew—Letter from Carnew/Tomacork Parochial Committee.
14. Carnew Sewerage.
15. Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts of Council for two years ended 31/3/1971.
16. Provision of Halting Place for Itinerants—To consider proposal to provide Halting Place at Kilmacanogue.
17. Proposed employment of School Wardens at National School at Delgany and Enniskerry.
18. Road Junction at Blackditch, Newcastle—Report of County Engineer.
19. Golden Hill Road, Manor Kilbride—Report of County Engineer.
20. Local Improvement Scheme—Road at Ballintemple.
21. Repairs to offices at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
22. Broadlough, Wicklow:—Letter from Department of Lands re inclusion in Game Birds Protection Order for 1973-'74.
23. Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for reception of deputation.
24. Report of Inter-Departmental Working Group on Air and Water Pollution.
25. Proposed Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.
26. White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation—Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin-Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies circulated to Members).
27. Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
28. Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.
29. Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for recognition as an Approved Local Council.
30. Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to members of County Council and Urban District Councils.
31. Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford on Slaney.
32. Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
33. Rating of Community Halls.
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the 'Sphink' Road from Tigrony Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the New School, Rathnew;

- (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyards that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
37. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the East Wicklow area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night while in the area."
38. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
39. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
40. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet, and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacadamed."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:—"That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:—"In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
45. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
46. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
47. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
48. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
49. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."

50. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council take over and surface the road at the back of the new Housing Estate at Carnew."
51. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
52. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
53. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
54. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Priestnewtown, Delgany:—(1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
55. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew: one at Saint Brigid's Terrace; one at St. Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School; one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr. F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half-way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."
56. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four lights from Mr. Whelan's Public House at Clash back towards Greenane."
57. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—"That the cleaning of the river below the bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."
58. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."
59. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council remove the following bends:—(1) Bend opposite Mr. Wilding's entrance near Ashford; (2) Bends between Bel-Air Hotel and Mr. Ward's cottage on the Ashford/Glencaly Road."

In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, and K. Ryan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Donoghue, Newtownmountkennedy, for the Provision of a House at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

A decision on this item was deferred from the previous meeting as it was not possible to determine the proposed location of the house. The County Engineer submitted a draft plan showing the proposed Newtownmountkennedy by-pass road, when it was clearly shown that the proposed position of the house was on the line of the by-pass road. Councillor J. Gregory then stated he was not proceeding with the application and withdrew it.

Councillor J. Gregory requested that a copy of the draft plan showing the proposed by-pass road be made available to him. It was

decided that the County Engineer would display the draft plan in the Council Chamber for the information of the Members.

BRAY JOINT SEWERAGE SCHEME:

In a letter of 25th April, 1973, Messrs. McCabe, Delaney and Associates, who are Consulting Engineers for the Bray Joint Sewerage Scheme, submitted a final account in the total sum of £325,807.67 on foot of payments to the Contractors, Messrs. J. V. Duffy, Limited. The Consultants stated that the final claim of the Contractors was in the initial sum of £407,000. After negotiations and examination of supporting documents, the claim of £379,650.70 was then submitted by the Contractors and eventually a final figure in the sum of £326,000 was awarded. The Contract, according to the Consultants, showed a net increase of 90% on the original contract sum which was £174,411.91, excluding contingencies. The Consultants stated that this was due to the following:—

- (1) Extra rock excavation.
- (2) Additional lengths of sewers, etc.
- (3) Raising portion of Mr. Holfield's field to avoid flooding of system.
- (4) Cleaning Strand Road sewer.
- (5) Putland Road—Steel trench sheeting to trenches to protect adjoining properties.
- (6) Ravenswell Road—Unforeseen quantities of running sand and trench sheeting.
- (7) Locating and repairing unmapped services.
- (8) Dayworks.
- (9) Cost of extension of Contract time due to extra work.
- (10) P.V.C.—Labour and Materials.

The Consultants issued a Certificate in the sum of £21,135.38 on 27th April, 1973, in favour of the Contractors, Messrs. J. V. Duffy, Limited. The County Manager stated that payment on foot of this final Certificate had not yet been made and additional information in relation to extras arising from this contract had been requested from the Consultant, but so far had not been received.

The Contractors are seeking payment of the amount certified by the Consultants and stated that legal proceedings would be taken by them if payment were not made.

The Council's Law Agent (Mr. J. H. McCarroll), who was present at the meeting, confirmed advice which he had already given in writing and which was to the effect that the Contract between the Council and the Contractors provides that the Consulting Engineer's Certificate is final. He advised that in the event of Court proceedings the Contractors would succeed, having regard to the terms of the Agreement between the Council and the Contractors. Consequently he again advised that payment should be made to the Contractors in respect of the Certificate issued by the Consultants. It was indicated to the Council that an enquiry had been addressed to the Consulting Engineers asking if the Contractors had agreed to accept the amount set out in their (the Consultants) final Certificate as being the total

payment to them on foot of this scheme. Whilst a reply in writing had not been received from the Consultants at the date of the meeting, it had been indicated by them verbally that the Certificate was based on figures agreed with the Contractors and that there was also involved retention money of £4,973.

The County Manager informed the Council that the relations between the Council and the Consultants were covered by the standard Conditions of Engagement recognised by the Department of Local Government and the Institute of Engineers. These conditions required the Consultants to exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the discharge of the duties agreed to be performed by them and they should not, without the prior approval of the Council, authorise modification of the works involving a substantial extra cost. However, the term "modification of the works" might be one open to differing interpretations.

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject, during which the Council's Law Agent reiterated his advice that the Council were obliged to pay the sum set out in the Consultants' Certificate, having regard to the terms of the Agreement between the Council and the Contractors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That payment be made on foot of Certificate of 25th April, 1973, for £31,135.38 issued by Consultants in respect of Bray Joint Sewerage Scheme, and which payment is in accordance with the legal advice tendered by Council's Law Agent.

As an Amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of final payment on foot of Bray Joint Sewerage Scheme to a further meeting and ask Consultant to attend such meeting and also obtain in meantime views of Council's Engineering Staff.

A vote taken on the amendment resulted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, B. Phelan, K. Ryan—FIVE.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—TWELVE.

The amendment accordingly was declared lost by 12 votes to 5 votes.

The original motion proposed by Councillor J. Temple and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, in terms that payment be made on foot of the Consultant's Certificate, was then put and resulted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—THIRTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, K. Ryan—FOUR.

The Motion was accordingly declared carried by 13 votes to 4 votes.

FESTIVAL AT BLESSINGTON—APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF BANDS FOR OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCES.

An application made by Mr. L. M. Byrne, Downshire House Hotel, Blessington, on behalf of the Blessington Festival Committee, was read, requesting the Council to consider providing bands for open-air performances during the period of the Festival of Blessington from Friday, 6th July, to Sunday, 15th July, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of a contribution towards the expenses of provision of bands at the Festival of Blessington, provided the bands engaged are from within County Wicklow, and that the performances of music are in public places, without admission charge.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Extension of Sewer Serving 16 House Scheme at Tinahely—To Authorise Expenditure.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the revision of the sewerage branch to the Housing Scheme at Tinahely, so as to serve an existing four houses, and authorise expenditure of £619.25 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of laying the sewer.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Proposed New Cemetery for Carnew—Letter from Carnew/Tomacork Parochial Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered letter from Carnew/Tomacork Parochial Committee in regard to the Joint Meeting of Catholics and

Protestants in Carnew on 9th February, 1973, we approve of the recommendation of the Meeting that the existing Cemeteries, viz., the Catholic Cemetery at Tomacork and the Protestant Cemetery at Carnew, be extended by a half-acre and a quarter-acre, respectively, and approve of negotiations being entered into for the acquisition of the necessary lands for the purposes of the proposed extensions of the Cemeteries.

Passed.

Item No. 14—Carnew Sewerage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the proposal as recommended by the County Engineer, to provide a new Treatment Works for Sewerage at Carnew, for which the estimated cost is £10,635.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of Council for Two Years ended 31/3/'71.

The County Manager referred to the Auditor's Report and to the Memorandum on the Report as prepared and circulated by the County Secretary, for the information of the Members. He particularly referred by way of explanation to items relating to — (a) Excess Expenditure on Road Work Schemes; (b) Kilgarron Housing Scheme and fixed costs; (c) Ballinclare Quarry.

In the matter of Ballinclare Quarry, the County Manager stated that the costing of operations of this Quarry had been fully examined several years ago by a Special Committee of the Council, when it was ascertained that there was a higher cost of production than for comparable privately owned firms. The prices obtained provided a guide to competitive rates quoted by such firms which operated on a wide scale in the stone and quarry business. The County Engineer stated that at the present time it was not possible to tie any firm to fixed prices for their products. He also pointed out that the machinery at Ballinclare Quarry was becoming obsolete and heavy capital expenditure would be necessary in the near future to maintain and ensure satisfactory product of stone for Council requirements.

Councillor Temple stated that despite higher production costs, he would be totally opposed to disposing of this Quarry, and giving a complete monopoly to any private enterprise.

The Auditor's Report was noted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

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, 1971, and that further consideration be given later to the matter of operation of Council's own Quarry.

Passed.

Item No. 16—Provision of Halting Place for Itinerants—To Consider Proposal to Provide Halting Place at Rathnew or Kilmacanogue.

The County Engineer reported that the proposed Halting Place offered by the Community at Clermont, Rathnew, would not be suitable, having regard to the heavy road traffic on the adjoining Arterial Route and its proximity to a three-way junction. The traffic hazard would be aggravated by straying animals. The County Engineer again gave it as his view that the proposed site at Kilmacanogue would be quite suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council proceed with the provision of a Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmacanogue on site recommended by the County Engineer some time ago, and that we authorise the necessary expenditure to meet the cost involved.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, J. Gregory, T. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh—TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, J. Miley, K. Ryan and J. Whelan—FOUR.

The Motion was declared passed by 12 votes to 4 against.

Item No. 17—Proposed Employment of School Wardens at National Schools at Delgany and Enniskerry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the employment of School Wardens at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this employment from 1st September, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 18—Road Junction at Blackditch, Newcastle—Report of County Engineer.

The County Engineer reported as follows:—"The junction referred to is the junction of Main Road 44 and County Road 649. To improve this junction, as requested, would necessitate the removal of a grass triangular portion in the centre of the junction, scarifying the road

surface on the County Road, making up to correct level and resurfacing with tarmac. The estimated cost of carrying out the work is £450.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That having considered the report of the County Engineer of 4th May, 1973, we approve of the improvement of the junction of Main Road 44 and County Road 649 at Newcastle at an estimated cost of £450 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed.

Councillor J. Gregory requested that a meeting of the Councillors for the Wicklow Electoral Area be held in the near future to discuss the Road Works Scheme for the current year, with particular reference to progress relating to expenditure on various schemes. The members agreed to hold a meeting of the Councillors for the Wicklow Electoral Area at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 7th June, 1973, at 8.30 p.m.

Item No. 19—Golden Hill Road, Manor Kilbride—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. DONOVAN, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineer's Office,
County Surveyor/Engineer. Courthouse,
Ref.: TJD/SB. Wicklow.
County Secretary. 27th April, 1973.

Re: Golden Hill Road, Manor Kilbride.

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The road to the Factory at Manor Kilbride (Newcrete Products), has broken up considerably, due to the heavy traffic generated by the Factory. A number of complaints has now been received in regard to the condition of this road.

The estimated cost for the construction of this road to carry traffic from the Factory and the number of houses that have been built along the road under Section 4 of the County and City Management Act, is £16,400. The Main Road — L161 — adjoining the County Road to the Factory has also broken up from the heavy traffic and requires to be re-aligned and strengthened for a length of approximately half a mile. The estimated cost of carrying out the work is £12,000.00.

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T. J. Donovan,

County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that this road is only about 9 feet wide: it is completely broken up and is almost impassable to traffic,

Councillor J. Miley referred to the factory located along this road-way in which 30 persons were employed and stated that the owner of the factory, Mr. Twomey, would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of repairs to the road.

Councillor G. Timmins asked that the County Engineer would have certain improvements carried out, especially having regard to the factory and its benefit to the area, and also to the fact that many of the house owners along this stretch of road were paying heavy rates. It was agreed to defer the matter for discussion at the meeting of the Councillors for the Baltinglass Electoral Area on a date to be arranged in the near future.

LAND FOR HOUSING AT KILPEDDER:

Councillor J. Gregory drew the attention of the members to the land of Taylors at Bromley, Kilpedder, which was for sale. It was agreed that the County Engineer would examine the position re this land.

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I or some Member for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:—"That a progress report be given on water supply for the cottages at Leabeg Lane, Newcastle. Also a report on the septic tanks for the three houses at Killadreenan, Bolton's, Duffy's and Doyle's."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:—"That the Council carry out the following works:—

- (1) Road from Kilpedder to Kilquade be widened.
- (2) Road from Newtown to Trudder be reconstructed.
- (3) Roads in O'Neill Park and path from St. Patrick's Road to O'Neill Park be tarred.
- (4) Footpath to be tarred in Glenealy.
- (5) Footpath in Kilpedder where water pipe was laid.
- (6) Footpaths in Newcastle Village.
- (7) Bad bend at Kilcoole side of Newcastle Village to be widened."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council carry out the following works in the year 1973-74:—

- (1) The footpaths at Ballybeg, Rathnew.

- (2) The road leading into the following Council Cottages: Mr. Hollingsworth's; Mr. Davis's; Mr. Jameson's; and Mr. Byrne's at Merrymeeting.
- (3) The widening of the road leading from the Merrymeeting Road and comes out opposite the Priest's bungalow.
- (4) The taking away of the bad bends near Mr. Flynn's House at Milltown.
- (5) The laying of a footpath from Wicklow Golf Links to the footpath that leads down to the Sea.
- (6) Surface dress the Road running from the Old Village, Rathnew, to Merrymeeting as this road is a disgrace with holes opposite Mr. Franey's Cottage."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and P. Hynes:—"That the Council build a new bridge and reconstruct the road known as Church Lane, Newcastle; the cost for doing the road to be taken out of the Road Grant."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 11th JUNE, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of making the rate for the year 1973/74 was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th June, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

Immediately following the termination of the Special Meeting for the making of the rate, the monthly meeting of the Council to deal with Housing matters was held.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, attended.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR THE YEAR 1973/'74

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That we hereby allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1974, as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Allowance of Rates in the Rate Books and to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1974.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on

the Urban Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1974, as follows:—

Arklow	..	..	..	..	£49,082
Bray	..	..	..	..	£161,660
Wicklow	..	..	..	..	£34,952

Passed unanimously.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Browe, Lacken, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, and J. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Tomás J. Ryan, Clarach, Pairé Uí Mhorda, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolmore, Arklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. Phelan, J. Miley and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42 Connolly Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Templaraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow"
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Manley, for a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew."
 - (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Seán Fields, Blessington, to erect a house at Hempstown."

- (g) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Comerford, for the provision of a house at Rathattin, Hollywood."
- 2 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 5th March, 1973.
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- 4 Emergency Supplemental Housing Programme.
- 5 Option-to-Purchase Schemes for (a) Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme (26 houses); (b) Aughrim Housing Scheme (9 houses).
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- 8 Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballyloughlin, Kilcoole.
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- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant, James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at the Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the erection of a National School at Blessington."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (owner: C.

Byrne) which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."

- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council purchase Messrs. Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockannana, under the Scheme for small farmers."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land which has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."
- 25 Council houses repaired during May, 1973, and to be repaired in June, 1973.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The following Report and Recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to the Planning Applications, the subject of the Notices, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. B Proposed bungalow at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for Thomas J. Ryan. Reference Number in Register: 6612/73.

In pursuance of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, permission was granted in August, 1971, for the erection of 17 bungalows on the adjoining field and of these only one house has been built. The sewage disposal plant is installed, but the loading from one house only is entirely inadequate to enable it to work efficiently. There is an Auctioneer's notice on this land advertising the sale of the remaining sites. In view of the availability of these sites there is no justification for the

development of further sites in this area as this would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area, including the preservation of visual amenity.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute an undesirable extension of a 17 bungalow development (to which a Planning Permission relates—reference 4050/71) in a rural area. Such a development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because:—
 - (a) It is located in an unserviced rural area. It would give rise to demands for public services which could not be economically provided by the Council.
 - (b) It would create extra traffic which would place an unnecessary burden on the existing road network, and together with traffic generated by other proposed development on the adjacent site would cause obstruction of road users.
2. The proposal would create a precedent for further undesirable residential development of the adjacent lands.
3. The site is extremely prominent in the view from the National Primary Road and the proposed development thereon would be seriously injurious to the visual amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.
1. D. Proposed bungalow at Rathnabo, Blessington, for William Carroll. Reference 6604/73.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because:—
 - (a) The adjoining public road is too narrow to allow any further development without causing possible traffic hazard and obstruction of other road users.
 - (b) The proposed development is in an unserviced rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services which in time are likely to be demanded.
 - (c) It would seriously injure the amenities of the area by destroying the scenic and rural character of the area.
 - (d) It would set a precedent for other unsuitably located sites.
2. The proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply. There is no evidence before the Planning Authority to show that the ground conditions are satisfactory for the disposal of sewage effluent by means of a septic tank without giving rise to possible pollution of the reservoir.

1. E. Proposed bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, for James Manley. Reference 6659/73.

The site is one of 5 sites in respect of which the applicant previously applied for the erection of 5 dwellinghouses. Permission was granted for the erection of one house and outline permission was refused for the remaining four sites. On appeal to the Minister for Local Government this decision was confirmed. In January, 1973, the applicant sought permission for the erection of a bungalow on this site and the decision to refuse permission is at present the subject of an appeal to the Minister for Local Government.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of this area because it would give rise to undesirable ribbon development along an important main road which is rural in character and which lacks public sewerage facilities.
2. The site is of inadequate width to accommodate satisfactorily a septic tank.
1. G. Proposed bungalow at Rathattin, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow, for Michael D. Comerford. Reference Number in Register: 6610/73.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because:—
 - (a) It would consolidate a tendency towards ribbon development in this rural area resulting from existing developments and other proposals for which permission has been granted along this stretch of road.
 - (b) When taken in conjunction with these other developments, it would add to the concentration of housing in this unserved rural area remote from existing settlements and community facilities and such services as public water supply, sewerage, public lighting and refuse collection.
 - (c) It would generate a future demand for public services in this area which could not be provided economically from the public revenue arising from such developments.
 - (d) It would radically alter the rural character of the area and thereby seriously injure the visual amenity of the area.
 - (e) It would set a precedent for the development of other unsatisfactorily located sites in the area.
 2. As the area of the proposed site is only one-third of an acre, it is not adequate to accommodate satisfactorily a septic tank.
- (A) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmings and J. Sweeney:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the

County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Browne, Lacken, for the provision of a bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the last Housing Meeting of the Council. The following report was submitted.—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Ref. 6518/73.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary.

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

11th June, 1973.

RE/ Proposed Bungalow at Lacken for William Browne.

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A notice was served on the applicant on the 18th ultimo requiring the opening of a further trial hole 6 ft. deep and requiring details of an alternative water supply as the proposal to provide water from spring well was considered unsatisfactory because of animal pollution in the catchment area of the spring. The applicant now proposes boring a well on the site.

The Chief Medical Officer has reported that the further trial hole was dug to a depth of 3 ft. 9 in. only and that probing indicated the likelihood of rock. Examination of the previous trial hole 6 ft. deep indicated that the site was unsatisfactory for a septic tank installation.

Furthermore, the subsoil stream at the site discharges at the roadside boundary where it joins other small streams which flow directly into the Dublin Corporation Reservoir.

Mr. Andrew Carroll draws his drinking water at the point where the subsoil stream discharges at the roadside. The Chief Medical Officer considers that the installation of a septic tank at Mr. Broe's site would be likely to pollute both Mr. Carroll's water supply and Dublin Corporation Reservoir, and accordingly recommends that permission be refused. The recommendation that permission be refused for this bungalow for the following reasons still stands:

- (1) The proposed development would endanger public health because of the unsuitability of the soil for the disposal of sewage by means of septic tank drainage.
- (2) The proposed development which is in an area of high amenity value would be unduly prominent in views from the Blessington Lake Shore and the Blessington Lake Shore Drive and would be injurious to the visual amenities of the area.

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A. HUGHES,

Staff Officer.

AH/AD.

* At the request of Councillor Miley, who stated that he wished to inspect the site again, the Council agreed to defer the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 18th June, 1973.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, and J. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Tomás J. Ryan, Clarach, Paire Uí Mhorda, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Coolmore, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Tomás J. Ryan, Clarach, Paire Uí Mhorda, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolmore, Arklow.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. Phelan, J. Miley, and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42 Connolly Street, Arklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Templeraíney, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application from Mr. Byrne was before the Council. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter pending the submission of a new application.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney, and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Miley asked that consideration of the matter be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 18th instant as he wished to inspect the site again. The Council agreed to the deferment of the Notice to the Meeting on the 18th June.

- (E) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955,

We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Manley, for a Bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew."

The County Secretary stated that the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer on the matter had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the grant of Permission for erection of a house on an adjoining site had been made to Mr. Eamon Manley, who, it was understood, was a brother of Mr. James Manley.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Manley, for a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

- (F) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Seán Fields, Blessington, to Erect a House at Hempstown."

Councillor J. Miley stated that there had been an error in the Notices which he had handed in in regard to this matter and that the name of the applicant was Seán Fealy. He asked that this be amended and that the matter be considered by the Council at the Meeting on the 18th June. The Council agreed to consider the proposal altered to the name of Seán Fealy at the Meeting on the 18th June.

- (G) In the Names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley, and M. J. O'Neill:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Michael Comerford for the Provision of a House at Rathattin, Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that the recommendations of the County Engineer on the matter had been circulated to the Members. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the land on which Mr. Comerford wished to build was owned by his mother and that there was no difficulty in his obtaining a larger site. Mr. Comerford intended to look after the farm for his mother.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Comerford, for the provision of a house at Rathattin, Hollywood.

Passed—Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held on 5th March, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 5th March, 1973.

Passed.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Councillor T. J. Keenan, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mrs. Byrne and family on the death of her husband, Mr. Michael Byrne, who had been a Road Overseer with the Council for many years. On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a Resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. Melia and family on the death of her husband, Richard, who had been a Road Overseer with the Council for many years. On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of Mr. Malachy J. Brennan, who had been a former Member of the Council and had for many years been a member of the Committee for Agriculture. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH RURAL ELECTRICITY SCHEME.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that he felt that the E.S.B. had given insufficient time in a recent public notice regarding the extension of the Rural Electrification Scheme in the Avoca/Aughrim Area, and the Secretary was asked to write to the E.S.B. to request them to extend the time for receiving applications.

Item No. 3—Housing Capital Allocation for 1973/74.

The Council noted that the capital allocation for local authority housing construction in the County Council area for 1973/74 amounted to £875,000.

Item No. 4—Emergency Supplemental Housing Programme.

A copy of the Minister's letter to the County Manager of 29th May, 1973, reference N. 107/61, in regard to the Government's Emergency Supplemental Housing Programme, together with a report of Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, on a housing review and proposals for the special programme had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Minister's proposed Emergency Programme for housing warranted a special meeting of the Council so that the Housing Programme could be reviewed and housing dealt with in all its aspects.

He proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held on the 25th June, 1973, in relation to housing. Councillor F. Hynes seconded the proposal and the Council approved of a special meeting being held on

the date suggested. Councillor Costello suggested that it would be preferable that the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area should meet first and consider the recommendations put forward for further housing in their respective areas. The Council having agreed to this suggestion, Local Electoral Area meetings were arranged for the Bray Electoral Area on Friday, 15th June, at 8.00 p.m., at The Town Hall, Bray; the Wicklow Electoral Area on Wednesday, 13th June, at 8.30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Wicklow; and the Baltinglass Electoral Area on Friday, 22nd June, at 3.30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Baltinglass. The Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area decided to arrange a date for their meeting at the Meeting of the Council on the 18th June.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT KILPEDDER.

Councillor Gregory asked what land it was proposed to acquire at Kilpedder for housing and Mr. U. McCabe stated that it was proposed to acquire by Compulsory Purchase some land in the ownership of Mr. Evans land in the ownership of Mr. Taylor for the purpose of access and also two fields in the ownership of Miss Chapman. Councillor Gregory inquired whether Miss Chapman's land had previously been offered to the Council and asked that a report on the matter be submitted to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at their next meeting. Arising out of the arrangements made for meeting of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral areas, Councillor J. Temple stated that Officers of the Council who were required to attend at these meetings outside official hours should receive payment at overtime rates for such attendances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Council Officials be paid overtime rates in respect of attendance at meetings of Council Committees held outside of normal office hours.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Option-to-Purchase Schemes for (A) Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme (26 Houses); (B) Aughrim Housing Scheme (9 Houses).

The County Secretary stated that details of the proposed schemes had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the period for exercise of option-to-purchase be extended for six months or until the new purchase scheme comes into operation whichever date is the earlier.

Passed.

The Council deferred a final decision on the schemes to the Special Meeting to be held on 25th June.

Item No. 6—Revision of Schemes for (A) Loans for Purchase of Houses and (B) Supplemental New House Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That the Council's Scheme for acquisition or construction of new houses be amended to provide for revised income limit of £2,000 per annum and maximum loan limit of £4,500—the revised limits to apply to loan applications received on or after the 25th May, 1973.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That Council's Scheme for purchase of existing houses be amended to provide for revised income limit of £2,000 per annum, and maximum loan limit of £3,500 — the revised limits to apply to loan applications received on or after 25th May, 1973.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That the Council's Scheme of Supplementary Grants for acquisition or construction of new houses be amended to provide for increased income limit of £1,700 per annum (the usual allowances for dependants of up to £400 to remain unchanged, giving an effective limit of up to £2,100 per annum) in the case of Supplementary Grant applications received on or after 25th May, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Application for Provision of Rural Cottage for Patrick Walsh, Lemonstown, Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the erection of a rural cottage for Mr. Patrick Walsh at Lemonstown, Dunlavin.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyloughlin, Kileasle.

The County Secretary stated that an application for consent to the sale of the cottage to Mr. Patrick Byrne, Bray, had been refused because at the time of the application, Mr. Byrne was the owner of a house in Bray. Mr. Byrne subsequently re-applied and stated that

he had sold his house in Bray, but had been unable to find any other house and wished to purchase the cottage. Mr. Byrne stated that he was self-employed as a Cabinet Maker and specialised in the restoring of furniture and because of complaints from neighbours in regard to noise, he had to sell his house in Bray. He stated that he intended to continue with his work as a Cabinet Maker in the vested cottage if he acquired it, or to build a workshop on the cottage plot. His second application was refused also because it was considered that the use of the cottage on the plot for the purposes of Mr. Byrne's business would be a breach of the statutory conditions attached to the vested cottage. Recently, the tenant purchaser of the cottage had submitted an application for consent to the sale of the cottage to a Mr. Joseph Wellwood, Altadore Cottage, Newtownmountkennedy, who is employed as a motor mechanic, and this application was being examined. The Council deferred a decision on the matter and asked that Mr. Byrne be informed of the grounds for refusal of consent and that examination of the application by Mr. Wellwood be expedited.

Item No. 9—Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for Reception of Deputation.

The County Secretary stated that the Newcastle Residents' Association had requested that a deputation of four persons be received by the Council at their next Meeting. They wished to raise matters concerning housing, the extension of the refuse collection service, and public lighting. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed that the deputation be received by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at their meeting to be held on the 18th June.

Item No. 10—Letter from Greystones/Kilcoole and District Housing Action Association Requesting Meeting with Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area and Council Officers.

The County Secretary stated that the Greystones/Kilcoole and District Housing Action Association had asked that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area receive a deputation from the Association at their next Meeting at Bray. In their letter they stated that they would elect five people to act as their representatives. They asked that at least 7 days' clear notice be given to them in regard to the date for receiving their representatives. Councillor Costello proposed that the deputation from the Greystones/Kilcoole and District Housing Action Association be received by the Members of the Bray Electoral Area at their meeting at Bray on the 15th June, and this was seconded by Councillor Hynes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we receive a deputation of five persons from the Greystones/Kilcoole and District Housing Action Association at the meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area on 15th June, 1973.

Councillor Costello claimed that it was not the practice to restrict the total number of a deputation to five, but only to limit the number of speakers to five. The amendment in the name of Councillor J.

Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, was put to the Meeting and declared passed, with Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council Introduce the New Purchase Scheme Without Further Delay."

In reply to Councillor Ryan's inquiry as to when the new Purchase Scheme will come into operation, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, pointed out that the Council had asked that the adoption of the Scheme be deferred as it was understood that the Minister for Local Government was considering amendments to the conditions of the proposed Scheme. The County Manager urged that the Scheme be completed and pointed out that any amendments approved by the Minister subsequently could be embodied. It was agreed that the Scheme be submitted to the Council at the earliest possible date.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council Provide a Further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the Present Scheme Will Not Meet the Needs of Those on the Housing List."

In regard to the reference in the report as circulated to the Members of the Council, that a contract could be negotiated with Mr. P. Furlong, Contractor, who is building the present scheme, for the erection of a further 8 houses, Councillor Ryan asked that negotiations in this regard be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council Acquire a Suitable Serviced Site at Blessington for the Erection of a National School at Blessington."

At the request of Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed to consider this item. Councillor Miley urged that a portion of the Council's housing site at Blessington be made available as a site for a National School, and expressed the view that a site within the housing scheme would be particularly suitable for this purpose. He stated that other sites that had been suggested had not proved suitable. He claimed that the Council should have made provision in the Development Plan for a site for a school. The County Manager pointed out that it was the responsibility of the Department of Education to indicate to the Council if a site for a school were required and the Council could then assist the Department by suggesting sites and if necessary acquiring land compulsorily on behalf of the Department. The County Manager pointed out that Councillor Miley had stressed the need for further housing in Blessington, and as it was stated that a site of about two acres would be needed for a school and recreational area, it was undesirable that this amount of land acquired by the Council especially for housing should be disposed of for the purposes of a school. The proposal by Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:—"That the Council make available a site on the Council's housing lands at Blessington, as a site for a National School," was deferred for further examination and consideration by the Members of the Council for the Ballyglass Electoral Area at their Meeting to be held at Ballyglass on 22nd June, 1973.

REPAIRS TO COTTAGES AT BALLYGANNON:

Councillor F. Hynes complained of the delay in the carrying out of repairs to cottages at Ballygannon and stated that these repairs were essential and that the Council's Direct Labour staff should be assigned to deal with these repairs without further delay.

DUMPING GROUND AT RATHNEW:

Councillor Hynes inquired as to the delay in proceeding with the opening up of the dumping ground at Coolnakilly on land acquired from Mr. Goodison and stated that the dump at Rathnew was within 170 feet of the house of Mrs. Jameson, who had complained of the nuisance caused from flies and the smell from the dump. The County Engineer stated that it was necessary to construct an access road to the new dumping ground and that this would be carried out very soon.

FOOTPATHS AT MAIN STREET, BRAY:

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge enquired if a reply had yet been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to the Council's representations about the Department's failure to reinstate the footpath at Bray in a proper manner. The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that her daughter had had her clothing torn as a result of a fall on the path, and that other people had accidents also on the path which was very dangerous as a result of the slabs not being properly laid. The Council agreed that the matter be taken up again with the Department and an assurance requested that the footpaths be put right without further delay.

EXAMINATION OF TRIAL HOLES BY HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Councillor J. Sweeney claimed that Health Inspectors were being too harsh in their recommendations on trial holes opened to test ground for suitability to absorb effluent from septic tanks. He claimed that in one case a trial hole had been turned down on the grounds that water showed in the hole, although there had been two days of continuous rain prior to the inspection. He felt that there should be further consultations between Health Inspectors and applicants for Permissions for installations of septic tanks. Councillor Hynes urged that the Minister for Local Government be asked to require the Council to accept the Department's plans in relation to the method of disposal of effluent and agreed that too severe an attitude was being taken by the County Medical Officer and the Health Inspectors.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSE:

Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to the cottage which had been allocated to a Mr. Brady who had refused to occupy the cottage until it was put into a proper state of repair. She contended that the Assistant County Engineer was not being reasonable in regard to the extent of repairs required. She asked that the County Engineer inspect the cottage himself or arrange for another engineer to examine the cottage and to arrange an appointment in advance with her (Councillor Miss O'Neill).

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Haughton, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymerrigan, Rathnew."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and K. Ryan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kieran Mellon, Lamberton, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyraine Upper, Arklow."

In the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Stephens, 22-25, Harbour Road, Arklow, for the erection of a house at Ballyduff North, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to the Russell Brothers on their land at Ballinabarney, Rathnew."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 18th JUNE, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th June, 1973.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notice of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Sweeney:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to William Browe, Lacken, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Sean Feely, Blessington, to erect a house at Hempstown."
- 2 To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.
3. To consider arrangements for filling vacancy on Council and vacancies on Committee of Agriculture and Vocational Education Committee.
- 4 Application for permit for use of Public Address Equipment.

- 5 Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1973.
- 6 Payment of Removal Expenses to Officers.
- 7 Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmacanogue—Letter from Kilmacanogue Residents' Association and Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee.
- 8 Bray/Wicklow Joint Sewerage Scheme—To authorise borrowing.
- 9 Transport Museum at Castleruddery, Donard.
- 10 Local Improvements Scheme—Road at Ballintemple.
- 11 Repairs to offices at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
- 12 Broadlough, Wicklow:- Letter from Department of Lands re inclusion in Game Birds Protection Order for 1973/74.
- 13 Report of Inter-Departmental Working Group on Air and Water Pollution.
- 14 Proposed extension of boundary of Bray Urban District.
- 15 White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation — Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin—Wicklow Rural Association's (Copies circulated to Members).
- 16 Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 17 Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely, and Blessington.
- 18 Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for recognition as an approved Local Council.
- 19 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re-presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to members of County Council and Urban District Councils.
- 20 Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
- 21 Rating of Community Halls.
- 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road Carnew."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the 'Sphink' Road from Tigrone Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new School, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 25 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:- "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the east Wicklow Area involving horses, we, the members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they kept at night while in the area."
- 26 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
- 27 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this council bore two wells for three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."

- 28 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacadamed."
- 29 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:- "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
- 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, and R. Miley:- "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
- 31 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
- 32 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:- "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution Authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
- 33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintagart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
- 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
- 35 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."
- 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castlemacadam, Avoca."
- 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council clean the drain between the old railway line and the roadway at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding there."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over and surface the Road at the back of the new housing Estate at Carnew."
- 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council reconstruct and surface dress the road on the School Height, Carnew (Brunswick Row)."
- 40 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair and surface Cobbler's Lane at Coolroe, Tinahely."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect a pump at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 42 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, J. Temple, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the following facilities be provided for the residents of Prieststown, Delgany:- (1) refuse collection service; (2) sewerage facilities for houses; (3) repairs to water pump; (4) provision of direct water supply to houses."
- 43 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect the following lights at Rathnew:- One at Saint Brigid's Terrace; one at Saint Patrick's Terrace; one on pole at Girls' School, one on The Green; one on pole near the house of Mr."

F. Doyle, The Bank; and one half way up the hill near Railway Bridge and Merrymeeting."

- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay the E.S.B. to erect four lights from Mr. Phelan's house at Clash back towards Greenane."
- 45 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the cleaning of the river below this bridge at Aughrim be completed to ensure that there will be no more flooding to the houses in that area."
- 46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council will have their legal adviser present at all meetings of the Council in future."
- 47 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the following bends: (1) Bend opposite Mr. Wilding's entrance near Ashford; (2) Bends between Bel Air Hotel and Mr. Ward's cottage on the Ashford-Glenealy Road."
- 48 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, and R. Miley:- "That this Council take over Church Road, Newcastle, and carry out the necessary repairs to road and bridge."
- 49 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council extend the refuse collection in the Newcastle area to take in Blackditch."
- 50 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That in view of the urgency of the situation at the present Wicklow dump, this Council is informed of the present position regarding the acquiring of dumps for both Wicklow and the surrounding areas."
- 51 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council surface dress the road at Shroughmore Avoca known as 'Widow's Lane.'"
- 52 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council provide a telephone kiosk at Kilquiggan."
- 53 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That I or some Member for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."
- 54 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That a progress report be given on water supply for the cottages at Leabeg Lane, Newcastle. Also a report on the septic tanks for the three houses at Killadrennan, Bolton's, Duffy's and Doyle's."
- 55 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That the Council carry out the following works:-
- (1) Road from Kilpedder to Kilquade be widened.
 - (2) Road from Newtown to Trudder be reconstructed.
 - (3) Roads in O'Neill Park and path from St. Patrick's Road to O'Neill Park be tarred.
 - (4) Footpath to be tarred in Glenealy.
 - (5) Footpath in Kilpedder where water pipe was laid.
 - (6) Footpaths in Newcastle Village.
 - (7) Bad bend at Kilcoole side of Newcastle Village be removed."

- 56 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council carry out the following works in the year 1973/74:-

- (1) The footpaths at Ballybeg, Rathnew.
- (2) The road leading into the following Council Cottages:- Mr. Hollingsworth's, Mr. Davis's, Mr. Jameson's, and Mr. Byrne's at Merrymeeting.
- (3) The widening of the road leading from the Merrymeeting Road and comes out opposite the Priest's bungalow.
- (4) The taking away of the bad bends near Mr. Flynn's House at Milltown.
- (5) The laying of a footpath from Wicklow Golf Links to the footpath that leads down to the Sea.
- (6) Surface dress the road running from the Old Village, Rathnew, to Merrymeeting as this road is a disgrace with holes opposite Mr. Franey's Cottage."

- 57 Notice of Motion in the names of J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That the Council build a new bridge and reconstruct the road known as Church Lane, Newcastle; the cost for doing the road to be taken out of the Road Grant."

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

- (A) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Sweeney:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Browe, Lacken for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the last Meeting of the Council at the request of Councillor Miley, who wished to inspect the site again. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer has recommended that permission be refused because the installation of a septic tank on Mr. Browe's lands would be likely to pollute the water supply of Mr. Andrew Carroll and the Dublin Corporation Reservoir. Councillor Miley contended that the site was a considerable distance from the Reservoir and was unlikely to cause pollution of the Reservoir and that the applicant would provide an alternative water supply from his bored well to Mr. Andrew Carroll. He asked that the matter be adjourned again to enable the Members of the Council to inspect the site. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed that any Member who wished to do so would visit the site on Wednesday, 27th June, 1973, and would meet for the purpose at Lacken Post Office at 3.00 p.m.

- (B) In the name of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins, T.D.-"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that refusal had been recommended because the adjoining public road was too narrow to allow any further de-

velopment without causing a possible traffic hazard; that the site was in an unserviced rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services; it would seriously injure the amenities of the area by destroying the scenic and rural character of the area and would set a precedent for other unsuitably located sites. No evidence had been submitted to show that ground conditions were satisfactory for the disposal of sewage effluent by means of a septic tank without giving rise to possible pollution of the Reservoir. Councillor Miley asked that this application also be adjourned and that the Members inspect the site. It was agreed that Members would inspect this site also on Wednesday, 27th June, 1973.

(C) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Sean Feely, Blessington, to Erect a House at Hempstown."

The County Secretary stated that it had been recommended by the Chief Planning Assistant and approved by the County Engineer that permission be refused as the access to the site would be from the National Secondary Route and would give rise to traffic hazard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Sean Feely, Blessington, to erect a house at Hempstown.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Request for Use of Car Park at Brittas Bay

The County Secretary stated that subject to the agreement of the Members of the Council it was proposed to make available the car park at Brittas Bay on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evening for the purpose of driving tests in connection with the Competition for "Woman Driver of the Year." The Council agreed that there was no objection to the use of the car park as proposed.

Applications for Reception of Deputations

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. J. Byrne, Secretary, Housing Committee, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting the reception of a deputation by the Council to discuss points of importance on the Housing Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at meeting of the Council on held on 2nd July, 1973. The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Bray Traders' Association for the reception of a deputation from the Association to discuss the traffic situation in Bray. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th July, 1973.

Creation of Post of Draughtsman Grade II

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a second post of Draughtsman Grade II be created in order of

cope with the requirements of the expanded Housing Programme. On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council approved of the creation of a second post of Draughtsman Grade II.

Item No. 2—To Fix Date for Annual Meeting of Council.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 2nd July, 1973, as the date for the Annual General Meeting of the Council, for the year 1973.

Passed

Item No. 3:—To Consider Arrangements for Filling Vacancy on Council and Vacancies on Committee of Agriculture and Vocational Education Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor Mark Deering, and to fill the vacancies on the Committee of Agriculture and the Vocational Education Committee at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 9th July, 1973.

Passed

Item No. 4:—Application for Permit for Use of Public Address Equipment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the issue of a permit to the Irish Evangelistic Band, 67 Dublin Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, for the use of a public address system attached to a Volkswagen van, regd. no. XZ 612 on public roads within the County Health District of Wicklow, during the period from 1st July to 31st August, 1973.

Passed

Item No. 5—Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1973.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1973 in accordance with the specimen scheme received from the Department of Education and the details submitted to this Meeting.

Passed

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill, the Council agreed that further representations be made to the Minister for Education to allow a payment of Higher Education Grants at a higher rate, i.e., at the rate applicable to an area not adjacent to the University, in all parts of County Wicklow. The Council noted

that at present any area in County Wicklow within 18 miles of the University was regarded as being adjacent to a university and consequently applicants residing in such areas would qualify for the lower rate of grant.

Item No. 6:—Payment of Removal Expenses to Officers.

The County Secretary stated that an officer of another local authority had been recommended for the vacant post of Chief Assistant County Engineer in County Wicklow and had enquired whether removal expenses would be payable to him on his changing his residence

from Cork to Wicklow. The Council had deferred consideration of the adoption of a scheme for payment of removal expenses to officers but it was now proposed that the Council adopt the Scheme and approve of payment of such expenses in accordance with the Scheme approved by the Minister. The County Secretary stated that the Irish Local Government and Public Services Union had pointed out that only two local authorities had refused to adopt the Scheme although some local authorities had imposed limits on the amount payable in any one case. The Union has recently indicated that they intended to press for the application of the Scheme in full by all local authorities. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hynes the County Secretary gave particulars of the Estimate of the expenses which would be involved in the case of the officer who had been recommended for the post of Chief Assistant County Engineer and these expenses were estimated at £819.00.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of the scheme for payment of Removal Expenses to Officers who are employed in a permanent and pensionable capacity by local authorities, and who secure promotion to an office under Wicklow County Council carrying a maximum salary higher than the maximum attaching to their existing office; the scheme to be that approved by the Minister for Local Government and forwarded with the Department's letter of 19th April, 1971. Circular E.L. 11/71.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that we fix a limit of £1,000.00 on the amount payable in any one instance. A vote having been called for on the amendment it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors F. Hynes, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan—6.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, S. Costello, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple and G. Timmins—9.

Senator Miss M. Walsh did not vote. The amendment was declared defeated by 9 votes against to 6 votes in favour.

A Vote having been called for on the substantive proposal it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, J. Whelan—8.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney—7.

Senator Miss Walsh did not vote. The Resolution was declared passed by 8 votes in favour to 7 against.

Item No. 7—Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmacanogue — Letter from Kilmacanogue Residents' Association and Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee.

The County Secretary submitted the following letters which had been received from (a) The Bray/Dun Laoghaire Itinerant Settlement Committee and (b) The Kilmacanogue Residents' Association.

THE BRAY/DUN LAOGHAIRE ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Luan Cuffe, Carrickgolligan, Quarry Road, Shankill.

Hon. Secretary, Askefield, Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

June 11th, 1973.

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

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmacanogue

We were delighted to hear that the Council are taking steps to provide a halting place for travellers at Kilmacanogue. We gladly welcome this but would point out that it is the committee's hope that the 'halt' be fully serviced, i.e., hard standing and running water being the minimum requirements. We hope that work will get under way as quickly as possible to provide these.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA BUTLER,

Hon. Secretary.

KILMACANOGUE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Moor Park,
Kilmacanogue,

Bray

4/6/73.

K. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

re. Itinerant Halt at Kilmacanogue

I refer to the report on the above in the Wicklow People and am surprised that the views of the residents of this area do not appear to have been taken into consideration when this matter was under discussion by your Council.

To avoid misunderstanding I would point out that the members of my Association are not Anti-Itinerant, but are of the opinion that the

Itinerant problem can only be solved by the provision of houses and not halts.

Our objection to the proposed halt at Kilmacanogue is based on the following points:—

- (1) The number of Itinerants who camp in the Kilmacanogue Area would not justify the spending of large sums on a halt. If halts must be provided they should be sited near itinerant encampments where these people like to stay.
- (2) The proposed site at Kilmacanogue is most unsuitable for the following reasons:—
 - (a) It is an old quarry on the Sugar Loaf Mountain surrounded by gorse and ferns. It would therefore be a danger to life should a fire break out on the mountain near it.
 - (b) Approach roads are not suitable for Caravan traffic and would need to be widened.
 - (c) Itinerant dogs would have to be kept under strict control as the mountain is grazed extensively by sheep. Likewise their horses, which could not be allowed to roam free over the mountain.
- (3) The cost of converting this quarry into a suitable halt, with water, sewerage and refuse collection would be in the region of £6,000/£7,000. We believe that this money—which is supplied by the Ratepayers—could be utilised to better advantage by providing 2 or 3 houses for the more needy Itinerant families.

I would point out that most of the "Itinerants" who occasionally camp in Kilmacanogue area are in fact Dealers. It is most unlikely that they would stay in a halt so far removed from the Main Road. The project would, after spending large sums, therefore, become a White Elephant. I note that of the twelve Councillors who voted in favour of providing this halt, only three are from the Bray Electoral Area. It would be interesting to know how many Councillors inspected the proposed site to judge its suitability, etc.

I am to request you to place this letter before the next meeting of your Council, and I await your comments.

Buaidh is beannacht,
le meas mor,
KEVIN WHELAN,

Chairman, Kilmacanogue Residents' Association

The Council agreed that the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association be supplied with a layout plan of the Halting Place and details of the services proposed to be provided together with an estimate of the cost of the provision of the Halting Place and of the amount of the grant which would be made available by the Department of Local Government towards such cost.

Item No. 8—Bray/Wicklow Joint Sewerage Scheme—to authorise borrowing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of an additional supplementary loan in the sum of £16,000 from the Commissioners of Public

Works repayable over a period of 50 years to finance additional costs incurred to date on Bray Urban District Council/Wicklow County Council Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Transport Museum at Castleruddery, Donard.

The County Secretary stated that the Transport Museum Society of Ireland Limited had forwarded a plan showing the proposed further development of the site at Castleruddery and in a covering letter has asked for the views of the Council on the proposed future development. They had also requested the Council's help in the matter and any materials the Council could offer relating to public utilities for display on the site. The Council agreed that additional copies of the plan be requested for circulation to the Members of the Council for the Ballinglass Electoral Area and that the proposals be examined by the Members for that area and a report submitted to the Council.

Item No. 10—Local Improvements Scheme—Road at Ballintemple.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been previously before the Council but had been deferred for further examination. It had been suggested that the Council might make a contribution towards the cost of the Scheme having regard to the fact that the road served the old Burial Ground at Ballintemple. The County Engineer pointed out that the old Burial Ground was no longer in use and that he could not recommend any greater grant than £141.00.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we approve of a contribution of £141.00 being made by the Council towards the cost of the improvement of the road serving the old Burial Ground at Ballintemple which it is proposed to improve with the aid of a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme.
Passed.

Item No. 11—Repairs to Offices at Tinahely—Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the following repairs and items were urgently required in the Assistant County Engineer's office and Clerk/Typist's office at the Courthouse, Tinahely:—

1. Heating: The supply and installation of two Convector Heaters	£20.00
2. Decoration: Painting of both offices and repairs to timber work	£60.00
3. Erection of partition and doorway to break breeze coming under Assistant County Engineer's office door	£75.00
4. Filing Cabinets: 2 No. four drawer	£55.00
5. Toilet facilities: Installation of new W.C.	£15.00
6. Repairs to roof: To prevent rain water seeping through ceilings and running down walls in both offices. At present buckets have to be placed under drips in order to prevent flooding of the premises.	£500.00
TOTAL COST:	£725.00

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It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer, we approve of the carrying out of repairs and provision of equipment for the Assistant County Engineer's office and Clerk Typist's office at the Courthouse, Tinahely, at an estimated cost of £725.00 and hereby authorise expenditure of £725.00 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed.

Senator Miss Walsh suggested that the Council should consider disposing of the premises and building a new office for the Assistant County Engineer and Clerk Typist. The Council agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter and submit a report and recommendation on the suggestion that the building at present housing the offices of the Assistant County Engineer and Clerk Typist be disposed of and new offices provided on an alternative site.

Item No. 12—Broadlough, Wicklow—Letter from Department of Lands Re: Inclusion in Game Birds Protection Order for 1973/'74.

The following letter from the Department of Lands was submitted:

Department of Lands
(Forest and Wildlife Service),
22 Upper Merrion St.,
Dublin 2.

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

27 Marta, 1973.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to refer to your letters of 2nd and 7th March in regard to representations made to the Council by the Wicklow Wildfowlers' Association in regard to the proposed re-inclusion of Broadlough as a sanctuary in a Game Birds Protection Order for 1973/'74. I am to say that the claim by the deputation from the Association to the Council that they had permission from Mrs. Wilby to shoot over Knockrobin Murragh is not accepted: Mrs. Wilby does not own any part of Knockrobin Murragh (which is, it appears, the property of Messrs. Goulding and of Coras Iompair Eireann, who have agreed to its inclusion in the sanctuary area of these lands) and there was no question of her agreement to such inclusion.

The lands of Tinakelly Murragh and Clonmannan on the east side of Broadlough are not included in the sanctuary, in the absence of agreement of the Wilby Estate. The Department has no knowledge of any permission given by Mrs. Wilby for shooting over these lands.

In regard to shooting on the lands on the western side of Broadlough, the sanctuary project included an undertaking that shooting of

wildfowl would be controlled and limited by the landowners concerned: this undertaking is being observed.

In these circumstances, a meeting such as proposed in your letter of 7th March would not appear necessary.

A copy map of the sanctuary area is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

E. CONNOLLY.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. C. M. O'Rourke had also submitted a letter setting out details of the work he had done in connection with the preservation of wildfowl and the breeding of wildfowl on his lands, and the Council agreed that this letter be circulated to the Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area. The Council decided that the meeting which had been proposed between the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area, Wicklow Wildfowlers' Association, Mr. C. M. O'Rourke, Mrs. Wilby and representatives of the Department of Lands be held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd July, 1973, at 8.00 p.m. and the Department of Lands be again requested to send representatives to the meeting.

Item No. 13—Report of Inter-Departmental Working Group on Air and Water Pollution.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Report had been received from the Department and the Report indicated that the main causes of pollution were industrial waste, untreated sewage, farm waste, particularly silage effluent, the overloading of town sewers and disposal works, mining and milled peat and the dumping of refuse. It was indicated that pollution would be much more intensive but for the control exercised by planning authorities. The cost of remedial works to local authority sewerage plants was estimated at £35,000,000 and for treatment work only at £15,000,000. The Council agreed that a copy of the Report be obtained for each Member of the Council and the matter be included on the Agenda for a later Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 14—Proposed Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Bray Urban District Council for an Order to extend the boundary of the Bray Urban District as indicated on a map supplied. It was stated by the Town Clerk that the Urban District Council recently acquired 30 acres of land at Old Conna for housing development purposes and when the development of that land was completed within a few years' time there would be no other land available to the Council within its own administrative area for housing or any other purposes. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that if the Council was satisfied that a *prima facie* case existed for the alteration of the boundary of the Urban District, the Council could direct that an enquiry be made in the locality and notice given to the Minister and in the locality as prescribed by regulations and that Members of the Council be constituted a Committee to hold an Inquiry. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter for further details as to the areas involved and the financial effects which might arise.

Item No. 15—White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation—Submission by Bray and District Trades Council and Dublin-Wicklow Rural Associations (Copies Circulated to Members).

The Council noted that the views of Bray and District Trades Council and the Dublin-Wicklow Rural Association had been obtained and circulated to the Members of the Council but having regard to recent alterations in the financing of the costs of local authorities decided to adjourn the matter sine die.

Item No. 16—Application for Plot of Ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of notice being issued of our intention to dispose of a plot of land adjoining the Tinahely-Hacketstown Road, situated in front of the dwellinghouse occupied by Mr. Patrick Brennan, to Mr. Brennan for the sum of £5, Mr. Brennan to be responsible for maintaining the plot and keeping it in good condition.

Passed.

Item No. 17—Metered Water Charges at Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington.

The County Secretary submitted the advice of the Council's Solicitor in which he indicated that the Council could not remit charges made for the supply of water to premises comprising a house and business premises prior to separate services being provided for the dwellinghouse and for the business premises. The Council noted that the water rates leviable were properly payable.

Item No. 18—Application from Newcastle Residents' Association for Recognition as an Approved Local Council.

The following letter from Newcastle Residents' Association was submitted:—

Newcastle Residents' Association,

Bridge View,

Newcastle

Co. Wicklow

15th February, 1973.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

At a General Meeting of the Newcastle Residents' Association held in the Schoolhouse, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 7th February, it was

unanimously agreed to apply to Wicklow Co. Council for recognition as "An Approved Local Council." The application is made under Local Government Acts, 1941 and 1955—Part VIII, Section 72/75.

Newcastle Residents' Association complies in every way with the conditions laid down by the Act referred to, and the Minutes of all meetings, record of formation of Association and list of Members may be inspected at any time.

Please accept this letter as a formal application for approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

N. LANG

(Hon. Sec.)

In reply to enquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that the County Council was empowered to declare a body to be an Approved Local Council for the purposes of Part 8 of the Local Government Act, 1941, and the power to make such a declaration was a reserve function exercisable by the Members of the Council. The County Council was authorised to provide a building for use by an Approved Local Council for public and other meetings and for electorate exhibitions, etc., and might entrust the care and management of such a building to such Local Council either temporarily or permanently and could also assist an approved Local Council by supplying furniture, office equipment, stationery, and where a building had been provided, paying the whole or part of wages of a caretaker. The County Council might also delegate to an Approved Local Council any of the powers and duties of the County Council which in their opinion would be better regulated or managed by or through such Approved Local Council. The County Secretary stated that in only one case had the Council many years ago, declared a body to be an Approved Local Council, but the matter had not been followed up by the organisation concerned. Having regard to proposed re-organisation of local government the Council decided to defer consideration of the application.

Item No. 19—Letter from Industrial Development Authority Re Presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to Members of County Council and Urban District Councils.

The County Secretary stated that the Industrial Development Authority had indicated that they would welcome an opportunity of making a presentation of the I.D.A.'s Regional Industrial Plans to the County Council and would welcome suggestions as to a suitable time and place. They stated that they would appreciate it also if when a meeting was arranged invitations to attend could be extended to the Members of the local urban authorities in County Wicklow also. The Council agreed that arrangements be made with the Industrial Development Authority for a presentation of their Plans and that a suitable time and place be determined.

Item No. 20—Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.

The following letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council was submitted.—

Bray and District Trades Union Council,

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

J. P. O'BRIEN,
Secretary,
2 Springmount Cottages,
Glenard Ave.,
Bray.
25th October, 1972.

Re: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN BRAY AREA

A Chara,

The Bray and District Trades Union Council is deeply concerned over the drop in employment potential in this area because of recent redundancies along with an apparent absence of prospects of any improvement in industrial development.

So much so that the following motion was adopted by the October meeting:—That this Trades Union Council, in view of the recent redundancies and closures of firms in the area, coupled with the high unemployment figures for Bray, which are above the national average.

Supports the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union's call to the Industrial Development Authority to have Bray designated as an area of high priority for industrial investment and development; And, furthermore, that this Council should make representations to all Public Bodies in Bray to support this call in the interests of Bray and the surrounding area.

As a consequence of this resolution, we are requesting your Council to support its terms.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN P. O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

The Council recorded their support of the Resolution adopted by the Bray and District Trades Union Council at their October meeting.

Item No. 21—Rating of Community Halls:

The Council agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to consider granting exemption of Community Halls from rating.

**Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
‘That the Council Extend Water and Sewerage to Five Houses on Gorey Road, Carnew.’**

The County Engineer stated that a new sewerage scheme for Carnew was being prepared and that the matter of the extension of water supply and sewerage to these houses would be considered in conjunction with the scheme.

The Council decided to defer the remaining items on the Agenda for consideration by the Members of the Council for the respective local electoral areas at their next local electoral area meetings.

Special Housing Meeting Arranged for 25th June, 1973.

The Members of the Council noted that due to other commitments it had not been possible for Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area or the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area to arrange suitable dates for their Local Electoral Area Committee Meetings at which the Housing Programme for the coming year was to be considered. It was agreed that the Members for these areas would arrange to hold meetings during the week commencing the 25th June and that the proposed Special Meeting on the 25th June be cancelled and the reports of the Local Electoral Area Committee in relation to the Housing Programme be considered by the Council at their Meeting on the 2nd July, 1973.

It was subsequently agreed that the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area would meet at Tinahely at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28th June, 1973, and that the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area would meet at Baltinglass at 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 29th June, 1973.

Brittas Bay.

Councillor J. Whelan stated that there had been trouble at Brittas Bay over the weekend and complained that persons coming from Co. Dublin with sleeping-bags had broken into houses and caused damage. In regard to the car park at Brittas Bay he complained that no fresh water was available and urged that a supply of fresh water be provided and that proper control be exercised over the car park. He asked also that additional Gardai be made available at weekends at Brittas to maintain order. Councillor Whelan urged that additional funds be obtained from the local authorities in the Metropolitan Area who had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the development at Brittas Bay. The County Secretary stated that temporary toilets had been provided at the car park and a water supply for these toilets but that it was not proposed to provide a supply of drinking water and that this was not provided in other car parks such as Glendalough.

Regatta at Blessington.

Councillor Miley asked that the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána be requested to arrange for extra gardai to be available at Blessington for the week prior to and after the Regatta which would be held on the 4th July, 1973, to maintain order and prevent vandalism having regard to the valuable boats which would be located at Blessington during that period. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, regarding the need for having extra gardai available.

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

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Ryan, Clohogue, Redcross, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow.

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William and James Lawlor, Ballinastocken, for the provision of two bungalows."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That the County Council repair the lane serving four cottages at Ballisheel, Aughrim, which is flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gate."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:— "That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's Cottage at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Carnew."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Tinahely, to Ballinacor, Killavaney."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss N. O'Neill:— "That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering the players and spectators at Matches."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley: —"That the Members of the Council be supplied immediately with copies of the Circular received from the Department of Local Government which gives full details of the changes claimed to have been made by the Minister in the policy on Roads Construction."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 2nd JULY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd July, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

Following the termination of the Annual Meeting, a meeting of the Council to deal with Housing and other matters was held.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

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 on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That Councillor J. Whelan be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed.

There being no other proposal, Councillor J. Whelan was elected as Chairman and expressed thanks to the Members for his re-election.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.**It was**

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Councillor J. Temple be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed.

There being no other proposal, Councillor J. Temple was declared elected as Vice-Chairman. Councillor Temple thanked the Members for his election.

Item No. 3 — Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.**It was**

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillors J. J. Bourke
J. Gregory
T. J. Keenan
R. Miley
Miss N. O'Neill
B. Phelan
J. Temple.

Passed.**Item No. 4—Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.****It was**

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:—

Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge
F. Hynes
Senator Miss M. Walsh

Passed.**Item No. 5—Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.****It was**

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to form the Local Advisory Committee under Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

Councillors R. Miley
M. J. O'Neill
M. Yann Renard Goulet
Comdt. Matthew Kavanagh
Mr. B. Riordan

Passed.**Resolution of Sympathy.**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Deputy Timmins on the death of his mother. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution. Councillor J. Temple proposed that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to Deputy Timmins and this was supported by other Members. Councillor Costello pointed out that during the present year there had been a number of deaths of members of local authorities in the County and Meetings had been adjourned and he felt that the Council should adopt a definite procedure in regard to these matters. He proposed that except in the cases of deaths of Members of the Council a reasonable procedure would be a Resolution of Sympathy and one minute of silent prayer and that the Council then proceed with the business of the Meeting. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss Walsh and Councillor Hynes expressed agreement with Councillor Costello and following a discussion on the matter the Council decided not to adjourn the Meeting in this instance and to consider at a later Meeting what procedure would be adopted in future.

AGENDA FOR HOUSING MEETING

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1965, to William Browne, Lacken, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. Phelan, J. Miley and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42, Connolly Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Temple-rainey, Arklow, County Wicklow."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Haughton, Rathnew, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymerrigan, Rathnew."

- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, and K. Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kieran Mellon, Lamberton, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyraine Upper, Arklow."
 - (f) In the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Stephens, 22-25, Harbour Road, Arklow, for the erection of a house at Ballyduff North, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to the Russell Brothers on their land at Balinabarney, Rathnew."
 - (h) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Ryan, Clohogue, Redcross, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (i) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William and James Lawlor, Ballinastocken, for the provision of two bungalows."
- 2 Housing Review and proposed Emergency Supplemental Housing Programme; Recommendations of Local Electoral Area Committees.
 - 3 Creation of additional office of Clerk Typist for Housing and Sanitary Services Capital Section.
 - 4 Option-to-purchase Scheme for two houses at Arklow.
 - 5 To receive deputation from Newtownmountkennedy Housing Committee.
 - 6 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant: James Davis), so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."

- 7 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at the Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 8 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That this Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the creation of a National School at Blessington."
- 9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That the County Council buy the land at Tinakilly, Aughrim (owner: C. Byrne), which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."
- 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council purchase Messrs. Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow town."
- 11 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
- 12 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the Scheme for small farmers."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build an extra 12 houses at Rathnew or a larger number if required."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:— "That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land which has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."
- 18 Council houses repaired during June, 1973, and to be repaired in July, 1973.

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

The following reports and recommendations in regard to the Notices appearing on the Agenda had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

1. C Proposed bungalow at Templarainey, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Alfred Byrne.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proper planning and development as stated in the County Development Plan and as specified by the Minister for Local Government requires that development giving rise to additional access on the National Primary Traffic Routes be restricted since such development would create additional traffic hazard, reduce the traffic carrying capacity of the road and depreciate the value of road improvements. The proposed development, with access on the public road, is seriously in conflict with these requirements.
 - 2 The proposal would induce infill development between this site and the existing houses to the north which would result in further ribbon development and associated access points along the National Primary Road. Such development would be a source of serious traffic hazard.
 - 3 There is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system.
1. E Proposed bungalow at Ballyraine Upper, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Kieran Mellon

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 Having regard to existing and proposed development along this narrow County Road, this proposed development would consolidate the tendency towards ribbon type urban development in a rural area and would thereby be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
 - 2 The site of the proposed development would be separated from Arklow Town by the National Primary Road by-pass. The extension and consolidation of development outside this by-pass would seriously depreciate the value and function of the by-pass route.
 - 3 There is evidence that ground conditions of the adjoining site are not suited to septic tank sewage effluent dispersal and there is no evidence before the Council that soil conditions of the site of this proposed bungalow would be suited to effluent dispersal.
1. G Proposed 2 houses at Ballynabarney, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. J. Russell.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposed development would detract from the rural character and amenity of this area by reason of the elevated and unscreened position of the site directly adjoining this National Primary Road.

- 2 The proposed development in this unserved rural area would give rise to demands for services which could not be adequately provided from the resultant rates revenue.

- 3 There is no evidence before the Council that the ground conditions are suitable for septic tank installations.

1. H Proposed bungalow at Cloghoge, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. James Ryan. It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (a) The proposed site, which is only 1 acre in area, is of insufficient size to accommodate adequately both a bored well and a septic tank. Furthermore, the proposed septic tank would prejudice the future provision of a septic tank for the existing adjoining dwelling.

1. I Proposed 2 bungalows at Ballinastockan for William and James Lawlor.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because

- a) The proposed entrance would create a serious traffic hazard by giving rise to turning movements onto and off the adjoining public road at a point where visibility is restricted.

- b) when taken in conjunction with other development proposals in this area, it would give rise to a concentration of housing in an unserved rural area remote from existing settlements and community facilities and from such services as public water supply, sewerage, public lighting and refuse collection. Such developments would generate a future demand for public services which could not be provided economically from the revenue deriving from such development.

- c) it would add to the ribbon pattern of development which is already becoming evident in this area and would thus add to the multiplicity of access points along this stretch of road and would thereby reduce the carrying capacity and increase the traffic hazard to traffic using this road. Such a ribbon of development would also radically alter the rural character of this area and would thereby seriously injure the visual amenities of the area.

- d) it would set a precedent for the development of other unsatisfactorily located sites in this area.

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

- (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Sec-

tion 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that consideration of these proposals had been deferred from the last Meeting to allow Members of the Council an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the sites. Members of the Council had visited the sites on the 27th June, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

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

In the course of a discussion on the matter, Members who had visited the site gave their views on its suitability or otherwise. On the motion being put the Resolution was declared passed, with Councillor S. Costello and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting, and Senator Miss M. Walsh abstaining.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Carroll, Rathnabo, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow.

In the course of a discussion on the visit to the site, Councillor Whelan referred to the condition of the road serving the house, which was very narrow, and he referred also to the number of other houses erected in the vicinity for which permission had been granted following directions given by the Council under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Councillor J. Miley referred to the fact that three houses had been built at Poulaphouca adjoining the lake, but the County Manager pointed out that these houses were in County Kildare and it was understood that in the case of two of these houses permission had been obtained by default in that the decision on applications was not given within the prescribed period. On the motion being put, it was declared passed with Councillors Costello, M. J. O'Neill and B. S. C. Phelan dissenting.

(C) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. Phelan, J. Miley and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Per-

mission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42, Connolly Street, Arklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Templaraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42 Connolly Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Templaraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Cleary in proposing the motion stated that there had previously been two dwellings on this site and the applicant was prepared to demolish these structures and build this house further back from the road to allow land for road improvement. Councillor Cleary also pointed out that there were three Council houses built alongside the road on a bend a short distance away. The motion was put to the Council and declared passed with Councillor Costello dissenting.

(D) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Haughton, Rathnew, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that the Notice in this case had been withdrawn, and Councillor F. Hynes confirmed this.

(E) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and K. Ryan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kieran Mellon, Lamberton, Arklow, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballyrairie Upper, Arklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kieran Mellon, Lamberton, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyrairie Upper, Arklow, subject to ground being found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tank.

Passed.

Councillor Costello dissenting.

(F) In the Names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Stephens, 22-25 Harbour Road, Arklow, for the Erection of a House at Ballyduff North, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

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

(G) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to the Russel Brothers on their land at Ballinabarney, Rathnew."

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that the houses were required for two brothers and it was on their own land. The County Secretary stated that in addition to the grounds on which it had been recommended that permission be refused, the County Engineer had pointed out that the road junction adjoining the site was a very dangerous one and the extra traffic generated by the proposed houses would give rise to increased traffic hazard at the junction and accordingly he recommended the following additional reason for refusal:—

"4. The extra traffic generated by the proposed houses would give rise to increased traffic hazard at the nearby road junction on the National Primary Road while visibility is severely restricted."

Councillor B. S. Phelan stated that the applicants were willing to screen the houses by planting trees and that a condition could be imposed to require that the ground be suitable for disposal of the effluent from septic tanks.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to the Russell Brothers on their land at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, subject to screening by planting of trees and to soil being found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tanks.

Passed.

—Councillors Costello and M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

(H) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Per-

mission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Ryan, Clohogue, Redcross, County Wicklow, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

Councillor Keenan stated that water for the house would be supplied from a well on the applicant's father's land which adjoined the site and that the applicant's father owned three acres of land adjoining which was available for siting a septic tank. There would be no difficulty therefore in siting septic tanks to serve both the new house and the existing dwelling.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Ryan, Clohogue, Redcross, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow.

Passed.

Councillor Costello abstaining.

(I) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William and James Lawlor, Ballinastocken, for the Provision of Two Bungalows."

Councillor J. Miley stated that two brothers, William and James Lawlor, lived in the existing farmhouse which was in bad condition and they wished to build houses for themselves on the land. Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, stated that he had suggested that a new house could be built behind the farmyard rather than on the sites proposed. In reply to enquiries from Councillor Costello as to permission granted for other houses in the area, Mr. Gibson submitted a map which showed that there had been seven outline permissions and ten full permissions granted for houses along this road and a number of these had been in consequence of directions given by the Council under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Two houses had been built in the adjoining field for members of a family, but these houses had subsequently been sold.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Gov-

ernment (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William and James Lawlor, Ballinastocken, for the provision of one bungalow.

Passed.

Councillor Costello dissenting.

The Council indicated that they were directing that permission be granted for only one bungalow and that the applicants be asked as to which one they wished to have permission for.

Item No. 2—Housing Review and Proposed Emergency Supplemental Housing Programme: Recommendations of Local Electoral Area Committees.

The County Secretary stated that Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas had been held during the past two weeks and that the Committees had recommended the building of houses and also acquisition of additional lands for houses in certain areas. Details of the recommendations of the Committee were given to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered the recommendation of the Committees of the Council for Arklow, Baltinglass, Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas, we approve of the building of houses under the supplemental programme as follows:—

Arklow Electoral Area:	Carnew	..	..	8	
	Coolboy	..	..	4	
	Knockananna	..	..	6	
	Tinahely	..	..	6	
	Shillelagh	..	..	6	30
Baltinglass Electoral Area:	Blessington	..	..	20	
	Donard	..	..	2	
	Kiltegan	..	..	6	
	Rathdangan	..	..	6	34
Bray Electoral Area:	Bray Environs	..	..	50	
	Enniskerry	..	..	20	
	Greystones	..	..	50	
	Kilcoole	..	..	30	
	Roundwood	..	..	20	170
Wicklow Electoral Area:	Glenealy	..	..	14	
	Kilpedder	..	..	20	
	Newcastle	..	..	26	
	Newtownmountkennedy	..	..	36	
	Rathdrum	..	..	20	
	Rathnew	..	..	24	140
					374

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Reports from the County Manager, Chief Medical Officer and County Engineer on housing needs within the County and the land required to meet such needs, and having also considered the recommendations from the meetings of members specially held in the Electoral Areas in the County, we approve of the acquisition, and wherever necessary by Compulsory Purchase, of lands for housing at the following locations:—

Ashford
Blessington
Coolboy
Donard
Enniskerry
Kilpedder
Kiltegan
Newcastle
Rathdangan
Shillelagh.

Passed.

HOUSING AT AVOCA AND AUGHIRM:

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan, it was agreed that the National Building Agency be approached and asked to assist in obtaining Contractors for the building of houses at Avoca and Aughrim.

Item No. 5—To Receive Deputation from Newtownmountkennedy Housing Committee.

The Council received a deputation of five persons from the Newtownmountkennedy Housing Committee. Mr. J. Byrne, Secretary, and other members of the deputation addressed the Council and stated that they would insist on completion of the houses being hurried up, and pointed out that they had been under construction for the past 15 months; that they would also insist on the houses being given to people from the Newtownmountkennedy area; and that they required information on the scheme for purchasing the houses. The County Engineer stated that the schedule date for completion of the houses was October, 1973, and he stated that good progress had been made to date and that he would hope to have the houses completed by October, but that he could not give any guarantee on this matter. He pointed out that there was a scarcity of plasterers. In regard to the allocation of houses the deputation was informed that the houses would be let on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer, but that as far as possible local applicants would get priority. In regard to the Option-to-Purchase Scheme for the houses, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, pointed out that the final costs were not yet available and that details of an Option-to-Purchase Scheme could not be given until the costs had been determined. Councillor Costello asked that the secretary of the deputation be kept informed by the County Secretary of progress on the Scheme and of any matters relating to the Scheme which were of importance to the applicants.

CLOSING OF ROADS AT BLESSINGTON

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Closing to public traffic of County Road No. 371 from the junction east of Woodend Bridge to a point 50 feet east of Blessington Bridge, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 14th and 15th July, 1973, for the purpose of the holding of Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake. Passed.

The County Secretary stated that public notice of the closing of the road had been given, but the period for receipt of objections had not yet expired and it would be taken that the Council had approved of the closing of the roads provided that no objections were received. If any objections were submitted, the matter would be brought to the notice of the Council at the Meeting on 9th July, 1973.

FOOTPATHS AT BRAY:

In reply to enquiry by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was indicated that no reply had yet been received to the application by Bray Urban District Council and the County Council for the reception of a joint deputation by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in regard to the condition of the footpaths at Bray. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and seconded by Councillor Costello and passed that a telegram be sent to the Minister asking for a date for the reception of the deputation as a matter of urgency.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE WICKLOW ELECTORAL AREA:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, it was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area to consider the Roads Programme for the Area be held on Friday, 6th July, 1973, at 3.30 p.m. at The Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, P. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Vykinglow Enterprises, "Roseville," Church Street, Wicklow, for 11 houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 9th JULY, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th July, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, Mr. G. Nichols, Acting County Secretary, the County Engineer and Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings held on 5th, 12th, 20th March, 1973, and 9th April, 1973.
2. To authorise Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1973.
3. To fill vacancy on County Council caused by the death of Councillor M. Deering.
4. To fill vacancies on County Committee of Agriculture.
5. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
6. Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal Event."
7. Application for Permit for use of public address system on motor vehicles from:—
 - (a) Boys' Club, Baltinglass;
 - (b) Baltinglass G.A.A. Club;
 - (c) Tinahely Carnival Committee.
8. Road Fund Grants, 1973/'74—Circular from Department of Local Government re General Instructions relating to Allocation of Grants (copy circulated).
9. Creation of additional post of Clerk Typist for Housing and Sanitary Services Capital Section.
- 9(a) Appointment of County Manager—Report on Recommendation of Local Appointments Commission.
10. Clearance of Oil Pollution—Letter from Department of Local Government re Subsidy for oil clearance operations.
- 10(a) To authorise excess expenditure on Roadworks Scheme, 1973/'74 arising from increases in Social Welfare Contributions for Employees.
11. To receive deputations from the Bray Traders' Association re Traffic Situation.
12. Report by Inter-Departmental Working Group on Water Pollution (Copy circulated).
13. European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975—Circular from Department of Local Government.

14. Broadlough, Wicklow—Report on meeting with Members of Wicklow Wildfowling Association and Landowners.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Members of the Council be supplied immediately with copies of the Circular received from the Department of Local Government which gives full details of the charges claimed to have been made by the Minister in the policy on Roads Construction."
- 15(a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Will the Council explain the reason why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glen-ealy, cannot get a water supply."
16. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Engineer repair the lane serving four cottages at Ballishell, Aughrim, which it flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gate."
17. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's Cottage at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people."
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council repair the footpath at Main Street, Carnew."
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Tina-hely, to Ballinacor, Kilavenny."
20. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss N. O'Neill:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering the players and spectators at matches."

Item No. 1—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings Held on 5th, 12th, 20th, March, 1973, and 9th April, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 5th, 12th, 20th March, 1973, and the 9th April, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To Authorise Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to the 30th September, 1973.

It was reported that in order to meet the requirements of the County Council for the quarter ending 30th September, 1973, Overdraft accommodation to the extent of £750,000 would be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland, Limited, Main Street, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary Overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 30th September, 1973, shall not exceed £750,000.

Passed.

RAISING OF TERM BANK LOANS FOR CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS —LAND ACQUISITION, SANITARY SERVICES, HOUSING, Etc.

The following Report which had been prepared by Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, in relation to the Council's capital requirements and the necessity to arrange for Term Bank Loans was submitted:—

The Report was as follows:—

6th July, 1973.

RAISING OF TERM BANK LOANS FOR CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS —LAND ACQUISITION, SANITARY SERVICES, HOUSING, Etc.

In relation to the raising of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation for the quarter to the 30th September, 1973, it is intended to raise a number of loans covering balances on the Council's Capital Account in order to reduce the amount being carried by way of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation. Most of the items refer to old balances which arose as a result of excess expenditure on Schemes, due in most cases to increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause. In other cases the balances have occurred in respect of small schemes which were approved during the financial year after the Estimates Meetings and loans were not raised at the time to finance them.

Set out hereunder are details of the loans required:—

SANITARY SERVICES LOANS

Hollywood Water Supply Scheme: £2,786.18

The final expenditure on this Scheme exceeded the amount of loan raised due to additional works and increases under the Prices and Wages Variation Clause.

Churchlands Sewerage Scheme

Lueduff Water Supply Scheme

Killiskey Water Supply Scheme

Monaline Sewerage Scheme: £4,260.08

The loan raised for these Schemes was not sufficient due to increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Knockrobin Water Supply Scheme: £549.46

The loan raised for this Scheme was not sufficient as subsequently to raising the loan it was decided to change from 2" water main to 4" main.

Blackditch Water Supply Scheme: £1,513.17

The debit here arose as a result of extra houses being included and increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Rathnure Sewerage Scheme: £4,955.11

A big extension to the original Scheme for which a loan was raised gave rise to this debit balance.

Aughrim Sewerage Scheme: £432.04

Pumps and Wells: £2,300.85

Approval to the carrying out of these Schemes was given after Estimates Meeting, and accordingly had not been defrayed out of rates and no loan was raised.

Rural Water Supply and Sewerages: £8,728.83

The expenditure under this heading arose from the employment of special staff some years ago to carry out a survey in relation to proposals for small water supply and sewerage schemes in rural areas.

Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme: £6,697.86

The expenditure here is in respect of Consultant's Fees.

Carrig/Lacken Water Supply Scheme: £1,760.05

Provision was not made in the rates for this expenditure at the time as it was approved during the year and accordingly a loan is now required.

Kilcoole/Knockroe Water Supply Scheme: £372.30

This debit arose as a result of increases in the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Woodenbridge/Meetings/Avoca Water Supply Scheme: £1,636.86

The expenditure on this was in respect of services by Council Temporary Staff and Consultants with a view to using the Goldmines River in Croghan area for a supply to Woodenbridge and Avoca and to augment the Arklow Urban District supply. The project was not proceeded with as it was replaced by an alternative, namely, the Garryduff/Wicklow Scheme to supply the Rathdrum area. Furthermore, Arklow Urban District Council are now using the source from Croghan for augmenting the urban supply.

Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme: £525.36

This was additional expenditure resulting from Prices and Wages Variation Clause.

Shroughaun Water Supply Scheme: £2192.50

This Scheme was carried out in mid-year and provision had not been made before the rates were struck.

Monastery Water Supply Scheme: £221.21

This debit arose due to extras in the contract.

Milltown Lane Bathnew: £789.10

The excess expenditure here resulted from extras in contract and increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Garryduff Regional Scheme: £5,581.79

This was expenditure incurred on a Scheme to serve Rathdrum, Avoca and mid-Wicklow Area and this expenditure was in respect of Consultant's Fees.

North East Wicklow Water Supply Scheme: £12,656.53

This expenditure was in respect of Consultant's Fees preparing Scheme to give a supply to the Greystones/Delgany Area and other areas in North East Wicklow.

The total amount required to defray the expenditure on these old Sanitary Services Schemes is £38,000.00 and it is intended to raise a five-year Bank Loan for this amount.

HOUSING LOANS

The following debit balances arose due to additions to contracts and increases in Prices and Wages:—

Kilcoole Houses (10) and (5): £4,325.75

Aughrim—6 Houses: £3,040.00

Kindlestown—11 Houses: £4,536.90

Baltinglass—6 Houses: £2,219.97

It is intended to raise a five-year Bank Loan of £14,000.00 to cover the above Housing Schemes.

Debits arose on the following Schemes which were completed recently due to extras and increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause:—

Rathnew—8 Houses: The final cost of this Scheme was £21,483.80 and it is now necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £2,300.00.

Blessington—21 Houses: The final cost of this Scheme will be £67,534.70 and it will be necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £15,700.00. This was a serial contract and was based on the original tender received some years before the date of commencement and as a result huge increases have arisen under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Kilgarron—19 Houses: The final cost of these houses is estimated at £66,000.00. The Scheme was carried out by direct labour and there were a number of extras and increases under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

Kilcoole—18 Houses: The final cost of these houses is expected to be £59,500 and it will be necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £2,800.00. This Scheme was also carried out by direct labour.

Tinahely—6 Houses: The Contractors for this Scheme failed to complete it and it was completed by direct labour. The final cost of the Scheme is expected to be £21,300 and it will be necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £2,300.00.

Aughrim—6 Houses: This Scheme was commenced by the same Contractor as for Tinahely (6) and was also completed by direct labour. It will be necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £1,000.00 for this Scheme.

Greystones—20 Houses: The final cost of this Scheme is expected to be £66,100.00 and it will be necessary to raise a Supplementary Loan of £9,700.00. There were a number of extras on the contract and there was a big increase under the Prices and Wages Variations Clause.

LOANS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH EXPENDITURE ON OTHER PURPOSES

Machinery Loan: It will be necessary to raise a loan of £19,000.00 over a 5 year period to defray the cost of the purchase of Council Machinery.

Industrial Sites: It will be necessary to raise a loan of £19,300.00 to defray the cost of provision of the following Industrial Sites:—

Blessington: £15,230.00

Dunlavin: £6,880.00

Baltinglass: £10,897.00

These Sites will be leased to industrialists and the receipts will cover the cost of servicing the loan.

Blessington Library: £2,650.00

It is proposed to raise a loan for the above over a 5 year period. The Council will receive 50 per cent. subsidy on the loan charges.

Offices and Machines: It is also intended to raise a 5 year loan of £8,800.00 to cover the cost of purchase of an Accounting Machine (£6,000) and Alterations to Offices (£2,800).

Land Acquisition:

The Council has acquired land all over the County for housing purposes and industrial development and it will be necessary to raise a 5 year Bank Loan to cover the cost of the expenditure which amounts to £150,000.00. The Department of Local Government has indicated that it will be possible to charge interest on this loan against the appropriate Housing Schemes.

The Council will only be liable for a half-year's charges on all the above loans for the current year and provision has been made in the Estimates to cover the cost. In the following years, taking into account subsidies received, it is likely that there will be no additional cost on the rates having regard to the fact that if we did not raise loans we would have to meet out of the rates the cost of Temporary Overdrafts. The Banks are now insisting, however, that all expenditure of the above nature should be on a term loan basis.

SUMMARY OF LOANS REQUIRED: 5 YEAR BANK LOANS

Sanitary Services	..	..	..	£58,000
Housing	..	..	..	£14,000
Machinery	..	..	..	£19,000
Industrial Sites	..	..	..	£19,300
Blessington Library	..	..	..	£2,650
Accounting Machine and New Offices	..	..	..	£8,800
Land Acquisition	..	..	..	£150,000
				£271,750
Loan for Housing from Office of Public Works (35 years)	..	..	..	£42,400
				£314,150

The County Manager pointed out that as mentioned in the Report prepared by Mr. Heraty, the amounts raised for capital works in recent years had sometimes not been adequate because of the effect of Prices and Wages Variations Clauses on various schemes such as Housing and Sanitary Services. In addition, in many instances the Council had decided that additions to capital works be carried out whilst they were in progress. Such additions were not, however, included in the original costs and the borrowing arrangements. For example, it frequently was decided to extend water mains and sewerage services beyond the provision made in the original scheme. Such arrangements were approved by the Council whilst the works were in progress, and it was taken into account that this would be the most convenient way for arranging for such additions and extensions. In the first place, it would cost less than having to arrange for these additions and extensions separately at a later date, whilst if the details (such as Plans, Specifications, etc.) had to be submitted to the Department for approval inevitable delay would occur.

Again, there was expenditure on the necessary work in connection with preliminary surveys for large scale capital schemes such as the North East Wicklow Water Supply Scheme, the Garryduff Regional Scheme and the South Wicklow (Tinahely/Carnev) Water Supply Scheme.

One of the principal items featuring in the short term loan arrangements was the cause of building up the Land Bank. The County Manager reported that due to the efforts of Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, assisted by Mr. G. Flood, B.E., the Council had acquired over 200 acres of land at reasonable prices. This land situated in various parts of the County was available for housing and industrial development.

In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Manager stated that the details in relation to the South Wicklow (Tinahely/Carnev) Water Supply Scheme had been sent to the Department of Local Government some considerable time ago. It was most unlikely that the North East Wicklow Water Supply Scheme which would have its source in the Dargle River at Tinnahinch, Enniskerry, would now be proceeded with, and instead there had been negotiations with Dublin Corporation for the supply of water from the Corporation's Vartry System. The water supply requirements of the Eastern Region generally, viz., Dublin City and County, County Wicklow, County Kildare and County Meath, had recently been the subject of special investigation with a view to determining needs for an expanding population over a long-term period and finding adequate sources for supplies.

There was a proposal to derive a new supply from an Impounding Reservoir at Cloghlea in the head waters of the River Liffey, but for the present this had been deferred and the Corporation proposed to extract more water instead from the Liffey downstream near Leixlip.

Regarding the use of Lough Dan as a water supply source, the County Engineer informed the Members that this source ultimately might be resorted to, but for the present the Corporation did not propose to take water from it. It seems that there were some difficulties about the character of the water, and there would be technical problems to be overcome.

It was stressed by the County Manager that in the matter of housing it would be found that the costs of the houses involved in the various Schemes was quite reasonable, and generally the cost per house was just over £3,000.

There were three industrial sites involved in the Term Loans, the total cost being £19,300 in respect of sites at Blessington, Dunlavin and Balinglass. The sites were acquired and serviced by the Council and the cost, as mentioned in Mr. Heraty's Report would be recovered as individual sites were leased to Industrial Promoters.

Because of the introduction of weekly payments for workers and the impact of P.A.Y.E. arrangements, the Council's Accounting System had to be mechanised. In addition, new offices had to be provided in the basement of the building at Kilmartin Hill to meet the Accounting requirements and also to provide a Strong Room for Public Registration Records.

The County Manager expressed the view that Mr. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, was to be commended on the manner in which he had compiled the details for this special Report.

Additional costs involved by arranging for Term Loans would only be marginal as the Council already had to meet interest charges, and, moreover, provision was made for borrowing arrangements in the Estimates submitted for the current financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £58,000 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to cover the cost of balances on the Council's Capital Account in respect of various Sanitary Services Schemes.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £14,000 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of balances in the Council's Capital Account in respect of Housing Schemes at Kilcoole, Aughrim, Kindlestown, and Balinglass.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £19,000 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of purchase of machinery.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £19,300 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of provision of Industrial Sites at Blessington, Dunlavin and Balinglass.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £2,650 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of the provision of a Library at Blessington.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £8,800 to defray the cost of the purchase of an Accounting Machine and alterations to offices at Wicklow.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £150,000 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of land acquired for housing and other purposes.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of the following loans from the Commissioners of Public Works over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of additional expenditure arising out of extras on contracts for the erection of houses:—

Rathnew—8 Houses	..	..	..	£2,300
Blessington—21 Houses	..	..	..	£15,700
Kilgarron—19 Houses	..	..	..	£8,600
Kilcoole—18 Houses	..	..	..	£2,800
Tinahely—6 Houses	..	..	..	£2,300
Greystones—20 Houses	..	..	..	£9,700
Aughrim—9 Houses	..	..	..	£1,000

Passed.

Item No. 3—To Fill Vacancy on County Council Caused by the Death of Councillor M. Deering.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Daniel Joseph McEvoy, Ballyboys Upper, Blessington, to be a Member of the County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Mark Deering.

Passed.

The County Secretary informed the Members that a letter had been received from Mr. McEvoy prior to the Meeting stating that if co-opted as a Member of the County Council, he was prepared and willing to act in that capacity. The Chairman welcomed the new Member to the Council, for which Mr. McEvoy expressed his thanks.

Item No. 4—To Fill Vacancies on County Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Costello referred to the three vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture which had now to be filled and that nominations had been submitted by Rural Bodies which were directly representing the interests of the Agricultural Community. He, therefore, appealed to the Council to accept the persons nominated by the Rural Bodies. The Members of the Council did not accept the suggestion made by Cr. Costello that the three persons nominated by the Rural Bodies should fill the vacancies. The Members decided that—(1) Proposals for the filling of the vacancy would be taken individually, and

(2) that a vote would be taken, and (3) any person proposed and seconded who obtained 50% + 1, i.e., 11 votes or more in respect of the three vacancies, would be deemed to be selected to fill the vacancies.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Mr. Barry Deering be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That Councillor K. Ryan be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That Mr. T. J. Keenan be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor D. McEvoy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That John Whelan be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor R. J. McKeon:

Resolved—That Harry Cullen be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That Mr. Bernard Keating be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That Mr. Jim Norton be appointed to be a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

The first vote having been taken resulted as follows:—

Cullen	..	..	..	7
Deering	..	..	..	13
Keating	..	..	..	9
Keenan	..	..	..	10
Norton	..	..	..	9
Ryan	..	..	..	4
Whelan	..	..	..	8

TOTAL 60

The vote resulted in Mr. Deering being declared elected to fill one of the vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture. Councillor K. Ryan having received the lowest number of votes was, therefore, eliminated.

The second vote resulted as follows:—

Cullen	..	..	..	9
Keating	..	..	..	5
Keenan	..	..	..	10
Norton	..	..	..	7
Whelan	..	..	..	9

TOTAL 40

Mr. Keating having received the lowest number of votes was, therefore, eliminated.

The third vote resulted as follows:—

Cullen	..	..	..	10
Keenan	..	..	..	11
Norton	..	..	..	14
Whelan	..	..	..	5

TOTAL 40

Since Mr. Norton obtained 14 votes and Councillor Keenan 11 votes both were elected to fill the remaining two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following to be members of the County Committee of Agriculture to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Mark Deering, Joseph Kavanagh and Malachy Brennan:—

Barry Deering
Jim Norton
Thomas Keenan.

Passed.

Councillor S. Costello wished to have it recorded that he was dissenting from two of the persons selected, i.e., Mr. B. Deering and Councillor Thomas Keenan.

Item No. 5—To Fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Fr. S. Malone, C.C., Dunlavin, to be a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mark Deering.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" Event.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of the roads described hereunder, on Saturday, 15th September, 1973, and authorise the holding of road tests for the Circuit of Wicklow—16th Annual "An Tostal" Event, on the roads while so closed to public traffic:—

- (1) Road from Lacken in a north-easterly direction to the junction with the road from Old Court to Ballysmuttan.
- (2) Road from Sally Gap Crossroads in a south-westerly direction to the car park at Glenmacnass Waterfall.
- (3) Road from T. Junction at Ballinderly south to the crossroads and south-west to the junction with the Grennan-Glenmalure Road.
- (4) Road from Junction with Aughavannagh-Aughrim Road south-west to Ballycurragh Bridge.
- (5) Road in a westerly direction from T. Junction at Ballingulle via junction at Cranareen north-east to junction with the Ballinabarney Gap road, then in a north-westerly direction to the junction at Coan and continuing north-westerly to T. Junction near Seskin.
- (6) From the junction off the Knockanarrigan to Youth Hostel road in a westerly direction to T. Junction, then north-west to T. Junction and south to T. Junction at Davidstown.
- (7) From the junction at Davidstown south through Knockaderry Cross Roads to T. Junction, then in a westerly direction to T. Junction from there in a south-easterly direction to T. Junction, then south to the junction at Kelshabeg and westerly to a point before the next junction.
- (8) A Point south-east of the junction at Byrneshill, then south-west through Freynestown to T. Junction, continuing south-west to T. Junction, south to T. Junction.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Application for Permit for Use of Public Address System on Motor Vehicles from:—(A) Boys' Club, Baltinglass; (B) Baltinglass G.A.A. Club; (C) Tinahely Carnival Committee.

The Council agreed to the granting of a Permit in each of the following cases, for the use of a public address system:—

- (a) Boys' Club, Baltinglass—14th July, 1973.
- (b) Baltinglass G.A.A. Club—27th July, 1973, to 6th August, 1973.
- (c) Tinahely Carnival Committee—15th to 22nd July, 1973.

Item No. 8—Road Fund Grants, 1973/'74—Circular from Department of Local Government re General Instructions Relating to Allocation of Grants (Copy Circulated).

The County Manager stated that the Road Fund Grants as provided by the Local Government Department are for the purpose of supplementing the resources of road authorities in the performance of the statutory functions of maintaining and improving the public road network with special regard to the needs for:—Improved traffic flow; safety of movement for all road users, including pedestrians; and preservation of good environmental conditions. The general instructions set out innovations introduced by the Department for the current financial year by way of:—(1) Provision of separate grants for the maintenance and improvement of National Secondary Roads; (2) the merging of Tourist Road grants into the improvement grants for National Secondary and other Main Roads; (3) the provision of a combined (block) grant for the maintenance and improvement of Main Roads other than National Roads and the improvement of County Roads.

The County Manager also pointed out that the Road Fund Grants allocated to Wicklow County Council for the current financial year 1973/'74 were as follows:—

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| (1) National Primary Road | |
| (a) Improvement Grant | £293,000 |
| (b) Upkeep Grant | £27,000 |
| The Department of Local Government indicated that the improvement schemes to be carried out with the aid of the above grant will be the completion of the dual carriageway, Kilpedder-Glen of the Downes, and Kilmacanogue-Saint Valerie's Bridge. | |
| (2) National Secondary Road (Road from County Dublin boundary via Blessington and Baltinglass to Co. Carlow Boundary). | |
| (a) Improvement | £18,000 |
| (b) Upkeep (50%) | £10,000 |

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| (3) Other Main and County Roads | |
| Improvements and Upkeep of other Main Roads and Improvement of County Roads | £150,830 |

The grants allowed for National Primary Roads for the current year show an increase of £137,080 over the grants allocated for 1972/'73 and the total of grants allocated for the National Secondary Road and other Main and County Roads show an increase of £4,970 over the total of grants allocated for these Roads in 1972/'73.

Councillor J. Miley drew attention to Paragraph 16 of the circular in which the Minister directed attention to the problems created by Road side development affecting the National Routes and to the objections, on the grounds of traffic hazard and interference with traffic flow, to the location of new means of access to such roads, or development dependent on such means of access (except in areas where speed limits of 30/40 m.p.h. apply or in the case of infilling, in existing built-up areas). He considered that unnecessary restrictions were being imposed in relation to planning and development adjacent to National Routes if the Council accepted the Department's views as set out in Paragraph 16 of the General Instructions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That the Minister be asked to receive a deputation in relation to the exercise of Planning Control generally, and the restriction on building development in areas adjacent to National Routes and public roads, and that special Area Meetings be held to discuss the Roadworks Programme, especially the long term proposals.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Creation of additional post of Clerk Typist for Housing and Sanitary Services Capital section.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist for the Housing and Sanitary Services (Capital) Section of the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 9 (a) Appointment of County Manager — Report on recommendation of Local Appointments Commission.

The County Manager informed the Members that the Local Appointments Commission had recommended Mr. Francis J. O'Brien, "Fahan," Model Farm Road, Carrigrohane, County Cork, for the post of County Manager, Wicklow County Council. Mr. O'Brien had been informed of the recommendation received from the Local Appointments Commission and was asked to indicate when he would be in a position to take up duty with Wicklow County Council. The County Manager stated that Mr. O'Brien had informed him that he expected to be in a position to take up duty on the 1st October, 1973.

Item No. 10—Clearance of Oil Pollution—Letter from the Department of Local Government re Subsidy for Oil Clearance Operation.

The following circular dated 25th June, 1973, reference 19/73 from the Department of Local Government was submitted to the Council:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Custom House,

Dublin 1

25 Meitheamh, 1973.

SUBSIDY FOR CLEARANCE OF OIL POLLUTION

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's circular letter No. 22/72 of the 12 December last and subsequent circulars regarding arrangements for clearance of oil pollution and to state that State subsidy for oil clearance operations, carried out in accordance with the guidelines issued by this Department, will be paid on the following basis. The State will meet 50% of the cost to local authorities of clearance of oil pollution from beaches and immediately offshore, including purchase of approved dispersant, equipment and other materials, subject to a limit on local authority expenditure for this purpose of a sum equal to the produce of 2½p in the £ on the rates in any year. Any such expenditure by a local authority over this limit in any year will rank for 100% subsidy.

Claims for recoupment should be made to the Environmental Services Section of this Department. Local authorities who have already incurred expenditure on oil pollution clearance are requested to submit their claims at an early date. Claims in respect of the purchase of equipment, dispersant or other materials should give full details, including the amount, type and cost of materials, etc., purchased, as appropriate. Claims for other costs of clearance of oil pollution should give all relevant information, including the circumstances of the spil-

lage, the amount and type of oil dealt with, and a breakdown of the cost under appropriate headings, including labour. All claims should indicate the period covered by the claim.

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B. CAMPBELL.

To Managers of maritime local authorities.

Copies to oil pollution officers.

It was noted that in the case of oil pollution on beaches the State would recoup local authorities 50% of the cost involved subject to a limit of the equivalent of 2½p in the £, and any such expenditure by a local authority over this limit in any year would rank for 100% subsidy. It was considered by the Members that the cost of cleaning beaches and foreshores as a result of oil pollution should be a national charge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That the cost of Clearance of Oil Pollution should be a National Charge and that this view be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils.

Passed.

Item No. 10 (a) To Authorise excess expenditure on Roadworks Scheme 1973/74 arising from increases in Social Welfare contributions for employees.

The County Secretary read a letter dated 4th July, 1973, from T. J. Donovan, County Engineer, which set out details of employment contributions increased with effect from the 2nd July, 1973, and stating that the effect of the increase on the cost of operating the Council's Direct Labour Force on Roadworks would be £6,415 in the current financial year ending 31st March, 1974, and an increase of £8,554 per annum in subsequent years. The County Engineer requested confirmation that the provision in the Council's Current Roadworks Scheme be increased by £6,415 to meet the extra expense of employment contributions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise excess expenditure on the Roadworks Scheme, 1973/74, amounting to £6,415 to meet the extra expenditure arising from increases in Social Welfare Contributions for employees.

Passed.

Item No. 11—To receive Deputation from the Bray Traders' Association re Traffic situation.

The Council received a deputation from the Bray Traders' Association which was composed of Messrs. McGarry, Dunne and Doyle, who drew the attention of the Members of the Council to the memorandum circulated to the Council on behalf of the Bray Traders' Association and termed "Constructive Traffic Proposals" as follows:—

**BRAY TRADERS' ASSOCIATION
CONSTRUCTIVE TRAFFIC PROPOSALS**

July, 1973.

- 1) We urge the immediate erection of traffic lights for through and crosstown traffic at the junction of Main Street and Quinsboro Road.
- 2) We request the One Hour Parking to be enforced.
- 3) We urge the immediate appointment of a Traffic Warden or Wardens.

- 4) We strongly object to Parking Meters and would point out that the local Garda authorities do not favour same.
- 5) We suggest the Automobile Association's recommendations of August, 1964, be acted upon. They advised that Car Parks be strategically situated in the Town.
- 6) Suggested sites for Car Parking:
 - A. Pound and dump at rear of Town Hall.
 - B. Waste ground at rear of Vocational School, Main Street.
 - C. 'Creagh's Coal Yard, Florence Road.
 - D. St. Paul's School, Herbert Road—no progress—why???
- 7) The Automobile Association pointed out that on the West side of Main Street, loading and unloading bays (like lay-bys) should be made.
- 8) Bus Stop areas should be extended and re-marked.
- 9) One hour parking restriction for a hundred yards from the Main Street, on Herbert Road, Florence Road, Novara Road, and fifty yards from the Main Street at the entrance to Connolly Square, Brighton Tce. This will be an effective means of preventing all-day car parkers from leaving their cars all day long at the approaches to these important junctions.
- 10) We insist that the local authorities compel Dunne's Stores Ltd., Bray, to comply with conditions of planning approval, i.e., provide car parking and off-street unloading facilities.
- 11) To relieve congestion the ideal diversion for seafront traffic would be Seapoint Road (running parallel with Quinsboro' Road), only thirty yards away.
- 12) We would like a thorough investigation into ways of getting city-bound traffic from the Seafront out onto Putland Road, Convent Hill, Main Street. (We are certain this can be achieved, it would mean an ideal roundabout back to the entrance of Seapoint Road). This would eliminate the huge volume of traffic which comes up Quinsboro Road, Florence Road, Novara Road, particularly on Sunday evenings.
- 13) Funerals: time of arrival at Old Connaught corner, 5.30 p.m. It takes a funeral procession at least 20 minutes to reach the Church in the Main Street. This creates a huge build-up of traffic, which stretches for miles at the rush hour. Change the place of arrival from Old Connaught corner to Castle Street.
- 14) To avoid congestion at the Quinsboro' Road corner, let the Ennis-kerry and '86' Buses take the normally accepted route for buses leaving Bray via Strand Road—Putland Road—Main Street.
- 15) Place a sign at Sunnybank (on Dublin side), 'Southbound HEAVY Traffic This Way.'

Particular reference was made by Mr. Dunne to the necessity for sites being made available for car parking, and to the use of traffic wardens as against the provision of parking meters. Mr. Dunne stressed that the Garda Síochána did not favour parking meters in the Bray Area. It was also pointed out that the bus stop area used by the Wicklow buses be extended and that no space for car parking be allowed between the existing bus stop and the junction with the Main Street and Novara Road. Reference was also made to the necessity for not allowing car parking space at the Lower Main Street near Hazlett's Shop as the fact of one or two cars parking near the existing bus stop at that place tends to create a further traffic hazard along the Main Street. Mr. Frank Doyle particularly referred to the time of arrival of funerals at Old Connaught Corner and gave as his opinion that the

place of arrival for funerals should be changed from Old Connaught Corner to Castle Street, Bray, as in present circumstances a build-up of traffic occurs by reason of funerals arriving and stopping at Old Connaught Corner before proceeding to the Parish Church. The County Manager referred to the matter of sites for car parks in the Bray Urban District and in particular to the prohibitive prices which were being sought for car parking spaces. He pointed out that negotiations for a site at the rear of the Vocational School, Main Street, Bray, were now being concluded, but he could not accept the suggestion that the ground and stores at the rear of the Town Hall, Bray could be used for car parking purposes as it was necessary to have a pound in the Bray Urban District and also a store for essential items of equipment such as water mains, plant and other equipment. The County Manager also stated that Bray Traffic and Parking Temporary Rules, 1970, were prepared and signed by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána in September, 1970, and forwarded to the Department of Local Government but these were not approved by the Minister in view of some objections raised by local traders. At that time the Department indicated that the Minister would not endorse his consent to the Rules until a further investigation was made of the traffic problems in Bray. The proposals submitted by the County Engineer and approved by the Council in October, 1971, were also forwarded to the Department of Local Government and to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, but so far no decision has been given by the Minister to enable the proposals to be implemented.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the proposals by the Bray Traders Association and stated that if any of these proposals were in conflict with the proposals already with the Department of Local Government, the Council would need to rescind its original Resolution approving of the County Engineer's Traffic proposals for Bray. Councillor Temple asked that the matter of the Bray Traffic proposals be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That the Council request the Minister to give a decision regarding the Bray Traffic proposals.

Passed.

The Chairman thanked the members of the deputation for attending and putting forward their proposals.

Item No. 12—Report by Inter-Departmental Working Group on Water Pollution (Copy Circulated).

It was agreed that a special Report on the Danger of Water Supplies Pollution and on Sewage Disposal arrangements be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the County Council.

Item No. 15 (a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "Will the Council explain the reasons why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, cannot get a water supply."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That the County Engineer submit report and estimate for the provision of a water supply to cottages at Kilnamanagh, Glenealy.
Passed.

Enniskerry Housing Action Committee.

An application was submitted from Mrs. Mary O'Hagan, Secretary, Enniskerry Housing Action Committee requesting that the County Council would receive a deputation from the Enniskerry Housing Action Committee at the next Meeting of the County Council. It was agreed that the deputation would be received at the next Housing Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, 13th August, 1973.

Bray Sewerage Scheme.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Consulting Engineers, for the Bray Sewerage Scheme in which they referred to misrepresentation relating to matters concerning the Scheme and asking that Mr. McCabe of that Firm be received by the Council. The County Manager stated that a further report from the Consultants was awaited and would be examined by the County Engineer following which his report would be submitted for the information of the Council. It was decided to await the submission of the County Engineer's Report.

Restoration of Footpaths—Bray Urban District.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge inquired if any reply had been received from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs concerning arrangements for a joint deputation from the Commissioners of Bray Urban District Council and Members of the Co. Council for the purpose of discussing the restoration of footpaths in the Bray Urban District. The members were informed that a reply had not yet been received to representations made. Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge requested that a telegram be sent to the Minister requesting him to receive a deputation, as the restoration of footpaths in Bray was a very urgent matter.

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

In the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:— "That this Council provide fuel houses for the nine new houses at Aughrim."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan and J. Gregory:— "That water supply be extended from Ballycurry to Killiskey to serve 14 houses and 6 new houses."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan and B. S. C. Phelan:— "That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay this Council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council, and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Vykinglow Limited, Church Street, Wicklow, for 11 houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aidan Kavanagh, to build a bungalow at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for his own use."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 13th August, 1973.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. W. Byrne, Planning Assistant, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Stephens, 22-25, Harbour Road, Arklow, for the erection of a house at Ballyduff North, Arklow, County Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Vykinglow Limited, Church Street, Wicklow, for 11 houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

- (c) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Milley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aiden Kavanagh, to build a bungalow at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for his own use."
2. National Differential Rent Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 5/7/73 (Circulated).
 3. New Terms for sale of existing Local Authority Houses to Tenants—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 30th July, 1973 (Circulated).
 4. Provision of Rural Cottages—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 30th July, 1973 (Circulated).
 5. Bye-Laws in relation to Rented Houses—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th June 1973.
 6. Aughrim 9 House Scheme—Terms of sanction to option-to-purchase Scheme.
 7. Proposed provision of rural cottages at Ballinacor, Kilbride.
 8. Supplementary Grant for new house at Stratford-on-Slaney.
 9. To receive deputation from Enniskerry Housing Action Committee.
 10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant: James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked to report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
 11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
 12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Milley:—"That this Council acquire a suitable serviced site at Blessington for the erection of a National School at Blessington."
 13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Council buy the land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (owner: C. Byrne) which is for sale and which could be developed for an industrial estate in future years."
 14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council purchase Messrs. Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow Town."
 15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."

16. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the Scheme for small farmers."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Milley:—"That the Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land, which has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."
21. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"That this Council provide fuel houses for the nine new houses at Aughrim."
22. Council houses repaired during July, 1973, and to be repaired in August, 1973.

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

- (A) In the Names of Senator Miss M. Walsh, and Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Stephens, 22-25 Harbour Road, Arklow, for the Erection of a House at Ballyduff North, Arklow, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that an application by Mr. Stephens for permission for the erection of a house at Ballyduff North had been refused on the 7th June, 1973, for the following reasons:—

The proposed house would consolidate a tendency towards ribbon development in a rural area remote from urban services and the development would give rise to demands for provision of urban services which would be uneconomic. Furthermore, the site of the proposed development would be separated from Arklow Town by the National Primary Road by-pass and the extension and consolidation of development outside the by-pass would seriously depreciate the value and function of the by pass route.

The County Secretary stated that subsequently the applicant met the Council's Planning Assistant and stated that the site was part of the farm held by his future father-in-law. The Planning Assistant, having examined the farm-holding, found that the site chosen was the least objectionable available and advised Mr. Stephens to re-apply for permission on the original site. Mr. Stephens submitted an application for planning permission on the 13th July, 1973, but omitted to submit fresh evidence of notice of intention to apply for planning permission and he was advised on the 17th July that this was necessary, but to date it had not been received.

The County Secretary stated that if Mr. Stephens submitted the necessary evidence of having given public notice, the application could then be dealt with. The Council noted the position in the matter.

(B) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Vykinglow Limited, Church Street, Wicklow, for 11 Houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

The following recommendation of the County Engineer for refusal of Outline Permission had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

1. (B). Reference Number 6733/73.

Application of Vykinglow Limited, Church Street, Wicklow, for outline permission for 11 houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow. It is recommended that outline permission be refused on the following grounds:—

The setting of Wicklow Town is such that it is bound on the east by the sea and on the south and west by a semi-circle of Mountain Ridge. This ridge is an important and basic element of the townscape of Wicklow and maintains its relationship with its rural surroundings. The contour levels indicate that the ridge falls off towards the east at the western end of the applicant's site, and only three most westerly sites could be developed as proposed without infringement of the skyline. Furthermore, in order to provide adequate water pressure it would be necessary to raise the level of the water tower and this would result in even greater infringement of the skyline to the detriment of the visual amenity.

This infringement by the proposed dwellings would commence at the 4th most westerly site and extend eastwards to the last site; the degree of infringement varying from approximately 6 to 9 feet over this range.

The infringement of the skyline as described would be seriously injurious to the amenity of the area, particularly when seen from the major recreational areas of Wicklow Town which are used both by residents and visitors. Furthermore the proposed corridor of tree planting approximately perpendicular to the contour lines would itself constitute a strident feature on the skyline.

The County Secretary gave details of previous Planning Applications and decisions on such applications in relation to this site. Permission had been granted for an hotel and four houses, and in relation to a subsequent application it had been indicated that it was likely that permission would be granted for a further three houses. The present application was for eleven houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Vykinglow Limited, Church Street, Wicklow, for 11 houses at Ballyguile, Wicklow. Passed—Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

(C) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and J. Whelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aiden Kavanagh to Build a Bungalow at Balinabarny, Rathnew, for His Own Use."

The County Secretary stated that the plans in respect of this proposal had been received on the morning of the 13th August, 1973, and there had been insufficient time to have them examined. He suggested that the matter be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd September, 1973. Councillor R. Miley urged that this proposal be considered at the Meeting on the 20th August, 1973, and stated that the application was similar to that which had been made previously. The Council agreed to have the matter included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 20th August, 1973.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR WALSH:

The Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to Senator Miss M. Walsh on her appointment as Chairman of the General Council of County Councils, and Senator Walsh thanked the Members for their congratulations.

Item No. 2—National Differential Rent Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 5/7/1973 (Circulated).

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Scheme had been circulated to the Members of the Council. It would be noted that the Scheme was a new National Differential Rent Scheme which would apply uniformly throughout the country to all houses now let on differential rents and would supercede all existing differential rent schemes. The Scheme was intended to come into operation with effect from 1st July, 1973. While it was expected that the effect of the Scheme would be that in most cases rent would be reduced, particulars of the effect of the application of the Scheme would not be available until details of current incomes of tenants and particulars of Tax Free Allowances had been obtained and the necessary calculations made. The Council, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Costello, approved of the adoption of the Scheme.

Item No. 3—New Terms for Sale of Existing Local Authority Houses to Tenants—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 30th July, 1973 (Circulated).

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the New Terms for Sale of Existing Local Authority Houses to Tenants had been circulated to Members of the Council. The sale prices of houses would be the original all-in cost adjusted to allow for a change in the value of money over the period from the erection or provision of the house to the date of sale less—

- (a) An amount equivalent to the maximum State and Supplementary Grants (£650).
- (b) A fixed amount in respect of the capitalised value of rates remission (£250).
- (c) A tenancy discount of 3% a year subject to a maximum of 30% in built-up areas and 45% in other areas off the net sum after the deductions at (a) and (b).

The County Secretary stated that it will be necessary to prepare a Purchase Scheme based on the revised terms, but it was expected that a new Scheme could be prepared in a short time. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Costello, the Council approved in principle of the adoption of the Scheme, but noted that a revised Scheme was being prepared and would be submitted for consideration by the Members. Councillor J. Temple suggested that it might be necessary to have a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the Scheme in detail.

Item No. 4—Provision of Rural Cottages—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 30th July, 1973 (Circulated).

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

Department of Local Government,

O'Connell Bridge House,

Dublin, 2.

30th July, 1973.

Circular N. 4/73.

Provision of Rural Cottages

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is concerned that some housing construction programmes of County Councils are being hampered by a shortage of competent building contractors in rural areas. While this difficulty has been largely overcome in a few areas by special measures, the Minister feels that more positive steps should be taken by County Councils generally to try to offset this shortage. He considers, for example, that more could be done by negotiation with potential local builders and craftsmen to encourage them into local authority housing construction. Suitable men may be available in the Council's own work force. A start could be made by introducing suitable tradesmen to the labour contract system for a single cottage. The Council would provide the materials and the men the labour. Where this first step is successful further progress could be made by using the traditional form of contract for a cottage or two in suitable cases. The contractors might then be able to progress to take on small group schemes. If this type of operation is to succeed, continuity of work would have to be provided for men who are ready to do a good job at a reasonable cost.

Another measure which can help to achieve the expanded housing target in rural areas is the provision by local authorities of building sites for persons willing to build houses for themselves. In this connection, cases arise where the purchaser of a vested cottage is willing to divide the cottage plot in order to provide a site for a member of the family in need of housing. The Minister requests that these cases be facilitated as far as is practicable.

The Minister also requests that where an approved applicant for rehousing by a local authority in a rural area can supply a suitable site, the local authority should do everything possible to get the house built quickly.

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To: Each County Council.

In the course of a discussion on suggestions made in the letter for expediting the provision of rural cottages, Councillor R. Miley stated that there were many families who needed houses and who included tradesmen or craftsmen and he urged that in such cases the Council arrange to supply material and the members of the family would erect the houses. Councillor F. Hynes stated that in his view one of the principal difficulties met by persons needing houses in the rural area was that of obtaining a site at a reasonable cost. He suggested that the Council should provide more sites in rural areas which could be made available at reasonable prices. Senator Walsh referred to the difficulty the Council appeared to be experiencing in carrying out repairs to existing houses and that the explanation given for failure to carry out repairs was that tradesmen were not available. She stated that she was handing in a Notice of Motion in relation to 15 cases where repairs were needed to Council houses. Following a discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that a small committee of two members from each Electoral Area be formed to examine and report on methods to expedite the provision of rural cottages and repairs to cottages. Councillor G. Timmins, supported by Councillor J. Gregory, suggested that it would be preferable that this matter be considered by each of the four Electoral Area Committees and that the Committees then report back to the County Council and put forward their recommendations. The Council agreed that meetings of the Electoral Area Committees be arranged and the following dates were settled for the meetings in the Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas:—

Arklow Electoral Area at the Council Offices, Tinahely,
at 4.00 p.m. on 24th August, 1973.

Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on the
22nd August, 1973.

Wicklow Electoral Area at the Council Chamber,

The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 8.30 p.m. on 22nd August, 1973.

It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Area would decide on a date for their meeting at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 20th August, 1973.

PROVISION OF RURAL COTTAGE AT HOLLYWOOD.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill complained of the condition of a special house being built near Hollywood Cross for Mr. Joseph Hearne by the Council, and urged that work be suspended pending an inspection by the Members of the Council and/or a County Engineer. Councillor Costello supported the request of Councillor M. J. O'Neill and stated that there were cracks in the panels and also in the roof and that in his view the structure should be demolished. The County Engineer stated that the house in question was not in a finished condition and it was not possible to judge its quality at the present stage. He pointed out that any defects in the house would have to be put right by the contractor and that similar houses had been provided by the Council in other parts of the county and had been found very satis-

factory. Following a discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, that the Committee appointed by the Council to inspect the houses at Oldcourt, Bray, would also inspect this house and report back to the next Meeting of the Council. The Committee in question consisted of Councillors J. Whelan (Chairman), J. Gregory, F. Hynes and T. J. Keenan. It was agreed that local Members of the Council might also attend with the Members of the Committee. As it was found that the date first proposed for the visit by the Committee was inconvenient for local Members, the Council agreed to defer the fixing of a date for the inspection until the Council Meeting on the 20th August, 1973, when a date could be determined for the meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Area and the inspection of the house at Hollywood Cross be carried out on the same date.

SITES FOR HOUSES IN WEST WICKLOW:

Councillor S. Costello referred to the number of directions given by the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for the grant of Planning Permission for houses in West Wicklow and suggested that it would be desirable that the Members of the Council arrange a visit to the West Wicklow area to inspect the area and determine suitable districts where housing development could be permitted. He suggested that if the Council could indicate areas where there would be no difficulty in obtaining Planning Permission for houses, this would obviate the necessity in many cases for giving directions to grant Planning Permission under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. The Council agreed that an inspection as suggested be arranged but deferred to the Meeting of the Council on the 20th August the fixing of a date for the suggested visit.

PLANNING APPEALS:

Councillor J. Miley asserted that Appeals made by Councillor S. Costello against grants for Planning Permission made following the giving of directions by the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, were not valid and should not have been considered by the Minister. He claimed that in making the Appeals Councillor Costello had not indicated that the Appeals were made against grants for permission made under Section 26 or Section 27 of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, and in consequence had no validity. Councillor Costello stated that he had complied with all necessary requirements in the making of Appeals in the cases referred to by Councillor Miley, and pointed out that all Appeals made by him had been accepted by the Department of Local Government as being in order and the Appeals had been heard and decisions issued by the Minister in regard to them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That legal opinion be obtained as to the validity of Appeals made by Councillor S. Costello against grants of Planning Permission.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. S. C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—14.

AGAINST—Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, D. McEvoy, R. McKeon and M. J. O'Neill—5.

The Resolution was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to five votes against.

Item No. 5—Bye-Laws in Relation to Rented Houses—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th June, 1973.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Department's letter together with the copy of the model bye-laws referred to therein had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Medical Officer had reported that he considered it desirable that the Council should make new bye-laws. The County Medical Officer forwarded a report of the Health Inspector, who stated there was a considerable number of rented houses in the Bray Urban Area, some in the Greystones Area and a lesser number mainly in the villages in the rest of the county area. He agreed that the existing bye-laws were outmoded and that it was desirable to make new bye-laws. He drew attention to what appeared to be ambiguities in sections of the bye-laws, and the County Medical Officer stressed that the bye-laws should be precise where at all possible and that double standards should also be eliminated. The enforcement of the bye-laws would be likely to give rise to a necessity to increase the staff of Health Inspectors. The Council approved in principle of the adoption of new bye-laws as suggested in the Department's letter and asked that a suitable draft of the bye-laws be prepared and submitted for adoption.

Item No. 6—Aughrim 9 House Scheme—Terms of Sanction to Option-to-Purchase Scheme.

The following letter of 12th July, 1973, from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Wicklow.

12th July, 1973.

Department of Local Government,

O'Connell Bridge House,

Dublin 2

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 4th instant seeking the Minister's approval of the terms of an option to purchase scheme in respect of the 9-house scheme at Aughrim and to state that the Minister approves of the terms therein. As regards proposal to dispose of the fee simple and not charge any ground rent the Minister's policy has been to insist that a local authority retain some interest in their property and in this respect a nominal ground rent of £1 per annum is generally acceptable to all parties.

I am to draw your attention to the necessity to obtain confirmation from the Housing Grants Section of the Department that the houses qualify for the appropriate State grants before circulating prospective tenants with details of the scheme (Para 5, Appendix Circular Letter H.14/72 refers). In this connection plans and specification of houses nearing completion should be forwarded to the Housing Grants Section immediately if this has not already been done.

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J. A. CARROLL,

Councillor S. Costello expressed surprise that the Minister should consider that a ground rent be imposed by local authorities in respect of the sale of Council houses and referred to the current controversy in regard to the matter of ground rents. He stated that he objected in principle to the charging of ground rents and stated that in his view the local authority should not be responsible for the creation of any new ground rents. The County Manager suggested that a distinction should be drawn between what could be regarded as "commercial" ground rents which were charged for the purpose of producing an income to the estate by which the ground rents were created and nominal ground rents such as those charged by a local authority. The purpose of charging a ground rent in the case of local authority houses was to ensure that the local authority could secure under the terms of the lease that the interests of the house purchasers were protected and that the houses were used only as dwellings and were not used for business purposes or for any purpose which would depreciate the value of the adjoining houses. In recent years leases which had been granted in Dublin and other places during the past century had run out, and because of the change in the value of money over the period of the lease the rents now being asked in respect of renewal of such leases showed very substantial increases. The County Manager stated that while the Council had powers under the Planning

Acts to control development, there was some doubt as to whether the Council would be successful in an application to the Courts in relation to an unauthorised or objectional development, whereas if the houses were sold subject to a lease with a nominal ground rent, the Council would have more effective powers which could be legally enforced.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan:

Resolved—That we object to a charge for ground rent in respect of Council houses.

Following a discussion on the proposal, the Council agreed that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to the effect of charging ground rents in respect of the sale of Council houses and as to what powers the Council might have in relation to the houses if no ground rents were charged.

Item No. 9—To Receive Deputation from Enniskerry Housing Action Committee.

The Council received the following deputation from Enniskerry Housing Action Committee:—

Messrs. Eamonn Kelly, Thomas Murphy, Desmond Doran, John Cawley and Miss Mary O'Hagan.

The members of the deputation spoke of the need for more houses in Enniskerry and expressed the view that the proposal to build twenty houses was insufficient. It was stated that at the present time twenty-five names of persons seeking houses could be submitted and particulars of these were handed in. The deputation also stated that before the twenty houses could be completed there would be a further ten to fifteen eligible applicants for housing in the area. They stated that housing conditions in the area were bad, in one case three families were living in one house and others were living in caravans. The members of the deputation suggested that thirty-five houses be built in Enniskerry. In regard to land for houses the deputation gave the names of landowners who had land which would be suitable for housing. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council approved of the acquisition of lands at Enniskerry for the building of forty houses. The County Manager having indicated that it was unlikely that suitable lands could be obtained in the Enniskerry area by agreement, it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, and agreed by the Council that any necessary lands be acquired by Compulsory Purchase. The deputation thanked the members of the Council for their reception.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Members of the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Temple on the recent bereavements in his family.

HOUSING CONGRESS AT COPENHAGEN.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that she understood that Wexford County Council were sending a representative to attend the Housing Congress to be held in Copenhagen. It was agreed that details of the Congress be obtained and particulars circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan: "That the County Council Buy the Land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim (Owner: C. Byrne), Which Is for Sale and Which Could be Developed for an Industrial Estate in Future Years."

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, that the Council acquire the lands referred to in the Notice of Motion for development as an industrial estate. It was agreed that reports and recommendations on the matter be circulated to the Members.

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

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Acts, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son, together with all ancillary development, at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications, and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Gregory and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Nicholas Crennan, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, for a bungalow at Ballinalea, Ashford, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors Senator Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Stapleton, "Rock View," Macreddin, Aughrim, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Annacurra, Aughrim, for Kevin Stapleton for his own use."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the demand for houses this Council will take immediate steps to build a further eight houses on the Council's site at Tinahely, for which plans have been prepared."

"That repairs, which in most cases have been approved of, be carried out immediately to the following cottages:—

- (1) Margaret Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (2) James Mernagh, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (3) Kathleen Ward, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (4) Mrs. P. McEvoy, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (5) Richard Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (6) Mary Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (7) Mrs. Waterton, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (8) Mrs. B. Madden, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (9) Miss C. Baines, Ballyruane, Arklow
- (10) Charles Farle, Ballintemple, Arklow
- (11) William Newsome, Rednagh Road, Aughrim
- (12) John Doran, Ballinamona, Avoca
- (13) James Kennedy, Rathshanmore, Hacketstown
- (14) Patrick Hayden, Kilballyowen, Aughrim.

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 20th AUGUST, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th August, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors P. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss M. Walsh, D. McEvoy, J. Milley, M. J. O'Neill, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Milley, B. S. C. Phelan.

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

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Milley, P. Hynes, J. Gregory, and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aiden Kavanagh, to build a bungalow at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for his own use."
2. Waiver of Rates Scheme for 1973/74.
3. Proposed Disposal of lands (a) at Glenphillipeen and Curravanish, and (b) at Blessington Industrial Estate.
4. Appointment of County Manager.
5. Eastern Regional Development Organisation—Report and Statement of Accounts (copy circulated to Members).
6. Reinstatement of Roads and Footpaths in Bray.
7. Bray Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws—Letter from Assistant Commissioner, Garda Síochána.
8. Part-time Fire Brigades—Proposals for revision of rates of payment.
9. Authorisation of borrowing for (a) Extension of Tinahely Water Supply; (b) Extension of Stratford on Slaney Water Supply, and (c) Dunlavin Water Improvement Scheme.
10. Proposed Improvement of Annacurra Water Supply.
11. Extension of Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme to Bulford.
12. Clearance of Oil Pollution—Letter from Department of Local Government.

- 13 Housing Development at Ticknock, Arklow—Access to National Primary Route.
- 14 Report by Inter Departmental Working Group on Water Pollution (copy circulated).
- 15 European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975—Circular from Department of Local Government.
- 16 Broadlough, Wicklow—Report on meeting with members of Wicklow Wildfowling Association and landowners.
- 17 Litter, dumping of refuse, etc.—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 18 Letter from Wicklow County Executive, Macra na Feirme, re filling of vacancies on Committee of Agriculture.
- 19 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council repair the lane serving four cottages at Ballisheel, Aughrim, which is flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gate."
- 20 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's Cottage at Killinkeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people."
- 21 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Carnew."
- 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Timahilly, to Ballinacor, Killarney."
- 23 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering the players and spectators at Matches."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and J. Gregory:—"That water supply be extended from Ballycurry to Killisley to serve 14 houses and 6 new houses."
- 25 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and B. S. C. Phelan:—"That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay, this Council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council, and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and J. Whelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aiden Kavanagh, to Build a Bungalow at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for His Own Use."

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

1. The proposed bungalow would detract from the rural character and scenic amenity of this hillside by being prominently visible in an elevated, isolated and unscreened position in views from the adjoining road and in views from many areas to the north and north-west.
2. The development for residential purposes of land fronting onto this minor road would magnify the existing traffic hazard at the nearby junction of this road with the Rathnew/Arklow National Primary Road, by reason of the lack of adequate visibility at this junction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Aiden Kavanagh, to build a bungalow at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for his own use. Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Councillors R. Miley and F. Hynes expressed the view that the building of the house in this situation would not detract from the rural character and scenic amenity of the hillside.

INSPECTION OF HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT HOLLYWOOD.

Councillor D. McEvoy stated that he had attended on the previous Friday to inspect with the committee appointed by the Council the house at Hollywood at present under construction, and was surprised that no other Members attended. He stated that the applicant for the house was disappointed that Members had not called to inspect the house. The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council it had originally been arranged that the committee consisting of Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and T. J. Keenan would carry out the inspection on Friday, 17th August. Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area had indicated that they would like to inspect the house with the Members of the committee, and it had been proposed to arrange a meeting of the Baltinglass Local Electoral Area Committee on the same date as that proposed for the inspection. It was found, however, that some Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral

Area would not be available on the date proposed for the meeting and the Council decided to defer the fixing of a date both for the Local Area Committee Meeting and for the inspection of the house until the Council Meeting on the 20th August. The Council agreed that Councillors Whelan, Gregory and Keenan would arrange a date convenient to themselves during the coming week to inspect the house, Councillor Hynes having indicated that he had already examined the house for himself. The fixing of a date for a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area was deferred. The Council asked that a letter be addressed to the applicant for the house explaining why the visit of inspection had not been carried out on the 17th August.

Item No. 2—Waiver of Rates Scheme for 1973-1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Scheme for Waiver of Rates for the year commencing on 1st April, 1973:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

1973/'74

Waiver of Rates Scheme

Applications for Rate Relief which applies only to dwellings occupied for domestic purposes for the financial year, which commenced on the 1st April, 1973, are invited from persons in any of the undermentioned classes and must in each case be made by the occupier.

1. Applicants must be recipients of

- (a) Old Age Pension, non-contributory or contributory;
- (b) Widows Pension, non-contributory or contributory;
- (c) Home Assistance;
- (d) Disablement Allowances, or
- (e) Similar forms of Social Assistance.

2. Applicants must be living alone or with another person who has no income except from the above-mentioned sources.

3. Persons who do not qualify under the prescribed conditions may also apply and all such applications will be considered on their merits.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme was estimated to cost £3,000 in the year 1973/1974.

Item No. 3—Proposed Disposal of Lands (A) at Glenphilipeen and Curranish, and (B) at Blessington Industrial Estate.

The County Secretary stated that notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended had been circulated to the Members of the Council giving the details of the proposed disposal of the plot of land in the townland of Glenphilipeen and Curranish.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of 1 rood, 8.6 sq. perches of land adjoining the Tinahely/Hacketstown Road in the Townlands of Glenphilipeen and Curranish to Mr. Patrick Brennan, Curranish, Tinahely, in accordance with the terms specified in notice issued to the Members of the Council on the 19th July, 1973.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed disposal of a site at Blessington Industrial Estate to Dundrum Engineering Limited was required to be deferred as a revised Planning Application was being submitted. A new notice will be issued to Members when the details have been settled.

Item No. 4—Appointment of County Manager.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Francis J. O'Brien had indicated that he would be available to take up duty as Wicklow County Manager with effect from the 1st October, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—In pursuance of recommendation received from the Local Appointments Commission, Mr. Francis J. O'Brien, "Fahan," Model Farm Road, Carrigrohane, Cork, is hereby appointed to the post of Wicklow County Manager, with effect from the 1st October, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Eastern Regional Development Organisation—Report and

The Council, on the proposal of Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, noted the submission of the Report and Statement of Accounts by the Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

Item No. 6—Reinstatement of Roads and Footpaths in Bray. Statement of Accounts (Copy Circulated to Members).

A copy of letter of 20th July, 1973, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, together with a copy of the County Engineer's report of the 27th July, 1973, had been circulated

to the Members of the Council. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge agreed that a very satisfactory job of repair and restoration had been carried out to the footpath in the Main Street in Bray of which she had complained. She pointed out that other footpaths for which the County Council was responsible also required repairs and enquired when such work would be started. The County Engineer stated that all work for which provision had been made in the Estimates would be carried out before the end of the financial year. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that if further monies were needed to carry out repairs to footpaths in Bray she would be prepared to propose a supplementary estimate, and Councillor S. Costello stated that he would second the proposal so the work should not be delayed. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer could be asked to submit an estimate of any additional works which might be needed for consideration by the Council, and the Council agreed that such report be requested.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill raised the matter of repairs to footpaths in the Greystones Area and asked that this matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, stressed the need for traffic lights at Doyle's of Sunnybank, Bray, and also at the Vevay Road/Putland Road Junction, and it was agreed that the views of the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána on these matters be obtained.

Councillor Senator Walsh, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, urged that arrangements be made for consultations between Dublin County Council, Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council in regard to new developments in County Dublin and the effect of such developments on traffic in Bray and Wicklow.

Item No. 7—Bray Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws—Letter from Assistant Commissioner, Garda Síochána.

The County Secretary stated that a letter of 20th July, 1973, had been received from the Assistant Commissioner, Garda Síochána, with which had been forwarded a copy of a letter of the same date sent to the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, and proposals for new traffic and parking bye-laws. The Assistant Commissioner requested any observations the Council might wish to make in regard to the proposals.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of draft proposals for Bray Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws as proposed by the Commissioner, Garda Síochána.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Part-Time Fire Brigades—Proposals for Revision of Rates of Payment.

The County Secretary stated that following a Conciliation Conference at the Labour Court, proposals for revised rates of remuneration for Part-time Firemen had been agreed between the group of unions representing the Part-time Firemen and representatives of County Managers. As the agreement of the unions to the proposals had not yet been received, it would be necessary to defer consideration of these proposals. The County Secretary stated that the cost of applying the proposed new rates of remuneration was estimated at approximately £20,000 for the full year. The Council noted that if the proposed terms were accepted by the unions the matter would be again submitted to the Council.

Item No. 9—Authorisation of Borrowing for (a) Extension of Tinhealy Water Supply; (B) Extension of Stratford-on-Slaney Water Supply, and (C) Dunlavin Water Improvement Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the raising of a loan of £5,300 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the following Schemes:—

(1) Tinhealy Water Supply—Extension to 15 houses at Boleybawn, Tinhealy	£1,004.00
(2) Extension of Stratford-on-Slaney Water Supply to serve 7 houses at Manger	£1,278.00
(3) Dunlavin Water Supply Improvement Scheme	£3,000.00
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Councillor M. J. O'Neill enquired whether the Scheme for the extension of the Stratford-on-Slaney Water Supply to serve seven houses at Manger included two Council houses occupied by Messrs. Byrne and Nolan. He asked that if these two Council houses were not included in the Scheme as proposed, that the Scheme be extended to take them in. The County Engineer stated that he would look into the matter.

In regard to the Dunlavin Water Supply, Councillor J. Miley stated that no final agreement had yet been made with Mr. Foster for the acquisition of the Water Rights, nor had the amount of compensation been determined and he asked that this be settled immediately. He referred also to the need for provision for the extension of the Water Supply to Cottages at Milltown and Lugabryna. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, it was agreed that provision be made for extensions to serve these cottages.

Item No. 10—Proposed Improvement of Annacurra Water Supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the scheme for the improvement of Annacurra Water Supply as submitted by the County Engineer and direct that the Scheme be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval by the Department.
Passed.

Item No. 11—Extension of Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme to Bulford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the extension of the Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme to Bulford in accordance with the plans prepared by the County Engineer, and direct that the plans and specification be submitted for approval by the Department of Local Government.
Passed.

Item No. 12—Clearance of Oil Pollution—Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Env 203/14/3.

2nd August, 1973.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 19th ultimo and previous correspondence regarding clearance of oil pollution and to state that the Council's resolution of the 9th idem on the matter of expenditure under this heading has been noted. I am to state, however, that it is considered that the provision for State subsidy in relation to such costs, notified to local authorities on 25th June, 1973, is fair and reasonable and ensures that an undue financial burden will not fall on a local authority in the

event of oil spillage threatening amenities in its area. It is not envisaged that there will be any alteration in the subsidy arrangements.

I am to state that the making of the necessary preparations, as outlined in the circular letter of the 12th December last, is now well advanced in most maritime areas. A number have prepared draft contingency plans, either on a local or regional basis, while others are in course of doing so. A number have also purchased supplies of dispersant and have placed orders for the necessary equipment. It will be appreciated that unless similar steps are taken in respect of the Wicklow area the local authority will be unable to deal effectively with oil pollution in the event of its occurrence in the area. Accordingly, I am to request that the Council reconsider the position and proceed, in common with other areas, to take the steps outlined in the Department's earlier letters on the subject.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN PHELAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we reject in principle that any person in Ireland should be required to contribute towards the cost of clearance of oil pollution from beaches or other parts of the coast and that the persons responsible for causing such pollution be required to meet the full cost of clearance."

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we view with the gravest concern, and are completely opposed to, the proposal to establish an Oil Refinery on Dublin Bay, as it could lead to a possibility of the pollution of the coastline and beaches of County Wicklow.

Passed.

The Council asked that copies of the Resolutions be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the General Council of County Councils, and to Mr. M. Hillery, E.E.C. Commissioner.

Item No. 13—Housing Development at Ticknock, Arklow—Access to National Primary Route.

As Councillor W. Cleary and Councillor J. Sweeney, who had indicated that they wished to speak on this matter, had had to leave early, the Council decided to defer consideration of this item. The Council, however, discussed the matter of order of priority of proposals

for improvements to the National Primary Route, and Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that she understood that the Minister for Local Government would have no objection to giving priority to the provision of a by-pass road for Arklow if the Members of the Council considered this the most urgent work. She pointed out that residents in Newtownmountkennedy were opposed to the proposed by-pass road at Newtownmountkennedy, whereas the townspeople in Arklow wished to see the by-pass road provided at the earliest possible date. Senator Walsh stated that traffic congestion in the Main Street in Arklow was having a serious effect on business in the town and that there were frequent traffic jams. The County Engineer pointed out that traffic counts showed that the volume of traffic being carried by the National Primary Route at Newtownmountkennedy was very much higher than that recorded for Arklow. He stated also that there had been a number of accidents at Newtownmountkennedy and that on the figures available he considered that the proposed by-pass road at Newtownmountkennedy should be the next work on the National Primary Route. Members of the Council pointed out that there were other factors which should be taken into account in determining the order of priority of works. The County Manager agreed with the Members of the Council regarding the traffic difficulties being experienced in Arklow and pointed out that although car parks had been provided by the Urban District Council, this did not overcome the problem of very heavy traffic passing through the Main Street. He agreed that the provision of the by-pass road appeared to be the only solution to the problem. Some land had already been acquired by the Council along the proposed by-pass road.

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That steps be taken to proceed immediately with the by-pass road for Arklow.

Passed.

Item No. 14—Report by Inter-Departmental Working Group on Water Pollution (Copy Circulated).

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from a previous Meeting for the observations of the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer. These reports were not yet available and the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 15—European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975—Circular from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Government had agreed that Ireland would participate in the European Architectural Heritage Year which had been proclaimed by the Governments of the Member States of the Council of Europe. The aim of the campaign was to awaken the interest and pride of the European Peoples in their common architectural heritage; to draw attention to the dangers which threaten

it; and to secure the action needed for its preservation. A National Committee had been set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister which will be responsible for promoting and co-ordinating activities in connection with the Year, and it was anticipated that the National Committee will be anxious to encourage the formation of local or area committees and will be approaching local authorities for their assistance. The Minister expected that local authorities would be prepared to adopt a leading role in the formation of local committees and to give them support and assistance. The County Secretary stated that the following organisations were represented on the National Committee:—

1. Association of Chambers of Commerce of Ireland.
2. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.
3. Bórd Fáilte Éireann.
4. College of Technology.
5. Construction Industry Federation.
6. County and City Engineers' Association.
7. County and City Managers' Association.
8. Department of Education.
9. Department of Finance.
10. Department of Foreign Affairs.
11. Department of Local Government.
12. An Foras Forbartha.
13. General Council of County Councils.
14. Institute of Engineers of Ireland.
15. Irish Congress of Trade Unions.
16. Irish Countrywomen's Association.
17. Irish Georgian Society.
18. Muintir na Tíre.
19. National Monuments Advisory Council.
20. National Youth Council of Ireland.
21. Office of Public Works.
22. Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.
23. Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.
24. Royal Town Planning Institute (Irish Branch).

25. School of Architecture, U.C.D.

26. An Taisce.

The Council noted the arrangements proposed in relation to the European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975, and that the General Council of County Councils was represented on the National Committee.

Item No. 16—Broadlough, Wicklow—Report on Meeting With Members of Wicklow Wildfowlers' Association and Landowners.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Wicklow Electoral Area Committee of the Council had met a deputation of four persons from the Wicklow Wildfowlers' Association in regard to the continuation of the Game Birds Protection Order applied to Broadlough Wildfowl Refuge. Mr. O'Rourke, Broadlough House, Rathnew, and Mr. Reid, representing Mrs. Wilby of Clonmannon, Rathnew, also attended. Details of the areas covered by the Protection Order were given to the members of the deputation as it appeared there had been some misunderstanding in regard to the actual extent of the Order.

In regard to claims that shooting took place on the western side of Broadlough on lands owned privately, Mr. O'Rourke stated that he used only about 3 acres of his own land for limited private shooting and that he had offered about 45 to 50 acres of his lands for conservation purposes, but his offer had been declined by the Department of Lands. At the request of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, elected as Chairman, the Members of the Wicklow Wildfowlers' Association stated their requirements were as follows:—

- (1) That there be more official conservation on the western side of the Broadlough.
- (2) That they be allowed the right to control shooting on State lands on the seaward side of the sanctuary area.
- (3) That controlled shooting be allowed within the sanctuary area.

It was agreed that the Association's requirements in regard to the Preservation Order would be brought to the notice of the Council. The County Secretary stated that by Order of the Minister of the 18th July 1973, the Protection Order on the Broadlough Wildfowl Sanctuary had been continued for a further year. The Council noted that the Minister's Order was now operative and would continue until July of 1974.

Item No. 17—Litter, Dumping of Refuse, Etc.—Letter from Department of Local Government.

A letter of 9th August, 1973, reference P.D. 28/8, from the Department of Local Government conveyed the Minister's concern about the increasing amount of litter, dumping of refuse, including old cars and household junk, the defacement of buildings, road signs, roads, footpaths and hoardings by billposting, old Election and Referenda posters

and graffiti evident in many places throughout the country. The Minister had asked that local authorities take a positive approach towards dealing with the matters as will best serve the interests of their areas in the long term. The County Secretary stated that while the Council had adopted litter bye-laws, there was difficulty in taking action under the bye-laws as sufficient evidence could not be obtained as to the persons responsible for dumping refuse on roadsides, etc. The Members of the Council were aware of the difficulties also in obtaining suitable sites for dumping grounds. The Members noted the views expressed by the Minister and agreed that it was desirable that every effort be made to deal with the problem of litter.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IFHP AT COPENHAGEN.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Phelan, the County Secretary stated that information had been obtained regarding the Congress organised by the International Federation for Housing and Planning to be held at Copenhagen from the 9th to the 14th September, 1973. He confirmed that nine Members of Dublin County Council would be attending the Congress and the expenses of their attendance were being met by the Council. It was estimated that the cost of attendance per person was £250. Lep Travel, Limited, had been appointed Official Travel Agent to the Congress.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That the following Members of the Council attend the International Federation of Planning and Housing Conference at Copenhagen from 9th to 14th September 1973:—

Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan and R. Miley.

Councillor S. Costello objected to Members being sent to Congress and expressed the view that if the Council wanted representation two or three officials from the Planning Section of the Council should be sent.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors D. McEvoy, T. K. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—10.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, and S. Costello—3.

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to three against.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That the County Engineer be authorised to attend the International Planning and Housing Conference at Copenhagen.
Passed.

CLOSING OF ROAD AT ASHFORD.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to close to public traffic portion of the Mill Road, Ashford, between the Garda Station and the rear entrance to Mount Usher House for the purpose of carrying out excavations in connection with the Ashford Sewerage Scheme. The road would be closed from the 21st August to the 30th September, 1973. The Council noted that the closing of the road was essential to enable the Sewerage Scheme to be carried out and approved of the closing of the road.

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCIL'S LEGAL ADVISER AT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the Notice of Motion which he had submitted in regard to the Council's Legal Advisor attending at future Meetings of the County Council had been dealt with by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their last local meeting at which he had been unable to attend. He asked that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council and this was agreed.

ROAD PLANNING.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that details be given of progress in the construction of the new arterial road at the Glen O' The Downs, Kilpedder, for the next Meeting of the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Sara Hudson for a bungalow at Ennisboyne, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Brian McCabe, for the provision of a bungalow at Oughill, Redcross."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 3rd September, 1973.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Bourke.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son, together with all ancillary development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Gregory, and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Nicholas Crennan, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, for a bungalow at Ballinalea, Ashford, County Wicklow."

(c) In the names of Councillors Senator Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Stapleton, "Rock View," Macreddin, Aughrim, Arkow, for the erection of a bungalow at Annacurra, Aughrim, for Kevin Stapleton for his own use."

(d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. O. Phelan, and R. Milley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Sarah Hudson, for a bungalow at Ennisboyne, County Wicklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager

to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Brian McCabe, for the provision of a bungalow at Oughill, Redcross."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, and B. S. C. Phelan:—

(f) "We the undersigned hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, for the erection of a house at Callow Hill, County Wicklow."

- 2 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 2nd April, 1973.
- 3 Appeals against grants of Planning Permissions—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
- 4 Unauthorised development at Kilpedder West.
- 5 Charging of Ground Rent: Advice of Council's Solicitor.
- 6 Application from Baltinglass Boys' Club in relation to Club Sports and Community Games on 16th September, 1973, for (a) use of public address system on motor vehicle, and (b) contribution to cost of Band Performance.
- 7 Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme—To authorise borrowing of £16,500 to defray the cost of erection of 4 houses at Kilmacanogue.
- 8 Kilcoole 28 House Scheme—Option-to-Purchase Scheme.
- 9 Provision of Rural Cottages—Recommendations of Local Electoral Area Committees.

- 10 Council house under construction at Hollywood—Report of Committees on inspection.
- 11 Repairs to vacant cottage 35/10 at Killavenehy, Tinahely (former tenant—Andrew Sinnott, deceased).
- 12 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to Council.
- 13 Proposed provision of rural cottages at Ballinacor, Kilbride.
- 14 Supplementary grant for new house at Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 15 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant: James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in, and that the County Medical Officer be asked to report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."
- 16 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside the cottage at the Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Hynes:—"That this Council purchase Messrs. Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow Town."
- 18 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
- 19 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the Scheme for small farmers."
- 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
- 21 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That George Synnott's house at Kilpedder be redeemed."
- 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Milley:—"That the Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land which has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"That this Council provide fuel houses for the nine new houses at Aughrim."
- 25 In the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the demand for houses, this Council will take immediate steps to build a further 8 houses on the Council's site at Tinahely, for which plans have been prepared."

26 Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That repairs, which in most cases have been approved, be carried out immediately to the following cottages:—

- (1) Margaret Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (2) James Mernagh, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (3) Kathleen Ward, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (4) Mrs. P. McEvoy, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (5) Richard Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (6) Mary Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (7) Mrs. Waterton, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (8) Mrs. B. Madden, Ballygannon, Rathdrum
- (9) Miss C. Baines, Ballymane, Arklow
- (10) Charles Parle, Ballintemple, Arklow
- (11) William Newsome, Rednagh Road, Aughrim
- (12) John Doran, Ballinamona, Avoca
- (13) James Kennedy, Rathshanmore, Hacketstown
- (14) Patrick Hayden, Kilballyowen, Aughrim.

27 Council houses repaired during the month of August, 1973, and to be repaired in September, 1973.

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

The following recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to the Planning Applications which were the subject of Notices of Motion had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

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1. A. Proposed bungalow at Kilmacanogue South, Co. Wicklow—Patrick Whyte.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the following respects:—
 - a) By consolidating the tendency for development to ribbon southward from Kilmacanogue in the vicinity of the National Primary Road (N 11) forming urban sprawl.

b) By having access on a county road deficient in alignment and of inadequate width (approx. 8-10 feet) to accommodate further similar type development. In particular, visibility immediately to the north of the site is severely restricted by virtue of a blind bend and provision of adequate visibility at this point would necessitate the acquisition of lands and removal of fences over which the applicant has no control.

c) By setting a precedent for the development of other such sites in the area, particularly those to the North of the site over which the applicant has no control.

2. The proposed development on the lowland slopes of the Sugarloaf Mountain would be extremely prominent in the foreground of views to the Sugarloaf from the National Primary Road (N 11) and would thereby be injurious to the scenic and rural character of this area.

1. B. Proposed bungalow at Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow:—Nicholas Crennan.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The water table level is high and the subsoil conditions are unsuitable for septic tank effluent dispersal. Such development would create a serious public health hazard.
2. The proposed development when taken with existing and proposed developments in the vicinity would consolidate the tendency for ribbon development along the public road which would be likely to create traffic hazard. Furthermore, because of the low level of the site relative to the public road, suitable access gradients could not be achieved.
3. It would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area to permit extension of development in the Ashford/Ballinalea area to an area which would be served by inferior type sewage disposal system while the Council intend to provide a public sewer at an early date to serve development in the area.

1. C. Proposed bungalow at Annacurra, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow:—Kevin Stapleton.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. It is the policy of both the Council and the Department of Local Government to maintain the safety and traffic capacity of main roads and to restrict further access. The proposed development together with existing developments would
 - a) initiate a pattern of ribbon development along this road.
 - b) create a precedent for similar development which would result in Annacurra Village, to the west of the main road, straddling the main road.

Such development would result in serious traffic hazard and reduction in the traffic carrying capacity of this main road.

2. The proposed development would set a precedent for similar development in this rural area unduly isolated from the existing village settlement. Such development would result in demands for services which could not be economically provided from resultant rates revenue.

1. D. Proposed bungalow at Ennisboyne, Co. Wicklow:—Mrs. Sarah Hudson.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The site overlooking the coastal area is extremely prominent. The erection of a dwelling on this site would seriously injure visual amenity by virtue of such prominence.
2. The proposal would constitute an extension of the ribbon of residential access points on the public road. In addition, by virtue of the absence of adequate visibility on exit, the proposal is likely to create serious traffic hazard.

1. E. Proposed bungalow at Oghill Upper, Redcross, Co. Wicklow:—Brian T. McCabe.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. Proper planning and development require that new residential development be located at existing centres of development where services are available or can be economically provided, and that new residential development should consolidate existing centres of development.

The proposed erection of the dwelling outside Redcross Village is in conflict with these requirements since the site is located approximately half mile outside the village and, having regard to the proposed erection of other dwellings in similar locations in this vicinity, would give rise to demands for services which could not be economically provided outside the village.

2. The site is located on the upper valley slopes and is visible over a wide area. The proposed development by virtue of such prominence, would be injurious to the visual amenity and rural character of the area.

- (A) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Full Planning Approval for the erection of a Bungalow for his son, together with all ancillary development, at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son, together with all ancillary development, at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Briton Avenue, Bray.

Councillor S. Costello proposed that consideration of the proposal be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 10th September to enable Members to visit the site of the proposal. The proposer and seconder of the Motion indicated they had no objection and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on 10th September.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Gregory, and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us By Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Nicholas Crennan, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, for a Bungalow at Ballinalea, Ashford, County Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Nicholas Crennan, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, for a bungalow at Ballinalea, Ashford, County Wicklow.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Phelan stated that work on the provision of the Sewerage Scheme for Ashford was at present in progress, and it should be possible to connect to the Main Sewerage Scheme in due course. The County Manager pointed out that the house would not be served by the sewerage scheme at present in progress, and it would be necessary to give priority to the Council's Housing Programme when considering connections to the public sewerage. At the request of Councillor Costello the report of the Chief Medical Officer, in which he recommended refusal, was read to the Council. The Motion having been put to the Council, the Resolution was declared passed, with Councillor Costello dissenting, but subject to a condition that land drainage be provided to deal with effluent from the septic tank.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors Senator Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., and T. J. Keenan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Stapleton, "Rock View," Macreddin, Aughrim, Arklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Annacurra, Aughrim, for Kevin Stapleton, for His Own Use."

The recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused was read to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Stapleton, "Rock View," Macreddin, Aughnam, for the erection of a bungalow at Annacurra, Aughnam, for Kevin Stapleton for his own use.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

In supporting the proposal, Councillor Keenan stated that there was another house immediately beside the site of the house proposed and as the roadway was straight for a considerable distance on both sides of the proposed access, he did not consider that there would be any likelihood of a traffic hazard being created.

(D) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Sarah Hudson, for a Bungalow at Ennisboyne, County Wicklow."

The recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that when a previous application in respect of this site had been refused, it had been indicated to the applicant that if a need for the house was established the applicant should submit a map of her holding to enable the Council to consider whether a suitable site could be found on the holding which would overcome the objections to the present site. On the suggestion of Councillor Costello, it was agreed that consideration of the proposal be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th September, 1973, to enable the Council's Planning Officer to have discussions with the applicant with a view to seeing if an acceptable site could be found.

(E) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, and J. Whelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Brian McCabe, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Oughill, Redcross."

The recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused was submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Brian McCabe, for the provision of a bungalow at Oughill, Redcross.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(F) "We the Undersigned Hereby Direct the County Manager, Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to Grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinastoe, Kildruther for the Erection of a House at Callow Hill, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received for this proposal and the Council deferred the matter for consideration to the October Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council Held on the 2nd April, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—To confirm and sign Minutes of Council held on the 2nd April, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Appeals Against Grants of Planning Permission—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The following advice of the Council's Solicitor was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

J. H. McCarroll and Co.,

4 Church Street,

County Solicitor.

Wicklow.

McC/HP.

17th August, 1973.

Dear Sir,

Re: Appeals Against Grants of Planning Permission

I duly received yours of 16th instant and I note that it has been proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan that legal opinion be obtained as to the validity of Appeals made by Councillor S. Costello against the granting of Planning Permission by the Council.

This point has been raised on different occasions by Barristers and Solicitors, but the Inspector has held that anyone has a right of Appeal against the granting of Planning Permission and that this is a statutory right given by the Acts and that it is a matter for the Minister to decide on the validity, or otherwise, of the Appeal. On receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the Minister can call upon the person appealing to give him all necessary information and can decide whether or not he will hold an oral hearing and these powers are vested in the Minister under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 (Appeals and References) Regulations, 1964.

As the law stands at the moment there is nothing the Council can do to prevent Councillor Costello from appealing, and it is a matter solely for the Minister to decide what should happen when he does appeal, but the Minister does take the view that Councillor Costello is within his legal rights in appealing.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL.

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

Item No. 4—Unauthorised Development of Kilpedder West.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that, following an inspection of Council Cottage No. 268/6 in Kilpedder West of which the Tenant Purchaser was Mr. George Synnott, it was found that a second dwellinghouse had been erected to the rear of the Council Cottage and also a pigsty at the rear of the garden. The second house was occupied by Mr. Synnott's son and family and it was stated that the house was originally a garage and had been occupied as a dwelling from the 12th June 1968. An extension was being built on at the eastern side of this dwelling which it was stated was to provide a further room to the dwelling and increase the area of the existing room. Planning Permission had not been sought nor granted for the change of use of the garage to a dwellinghouse nor for the extension. Mr. George Synnott stated that the piggery had been erected in 1955 or 1956. Permission had not been obtained from the Council for the erection of the piggery which was also an unauthorised structure. Councillor Gregory stated that the County Engineer's report arose from a Notice of Motion in his name at Item No. 21 on the Agenda, that Mr. George Synnott be allowed to redeem the annuity on his house at Kilpedder. He asked that the Council consider the Notice of Motion in conjunction with the report. The Council agreed to consider the Notice of Motion (Item Number 21). Councillor Gregory stated that Mr. Synnott had been using what was now the piggery as a slaughterhouse, but now used the structure for keeping pigs. He wished to redeem the annuity on the cottage so as to be in a position to seek a licence for the use of the structure as a slaughterhouse. Councillor Gregory stated that Mr. Synnott had no intention of disposing of the cottage if the annuity was redeemed and he urged that the Council consent to redemption of the annuity. The County Manager pointed out that while provision was made under the Housing Act, 1966, for the redemption of annuities, subject to the consent of the Council, the Council had adopted as a policy that consent be not given to the redemption of annuities. The reason why the Council had pursued this policy was that if consent were given and the annuity redeemed, the Council could not exercise any control over the future occupancy of the house and the house could be sold to any person irrespective of income or need for housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. O. Phelan;

Resolved—That the annuity on Cottage No. 268/6, Kilpedder West, of which the tenant-purchaser is Mr. George Synnott be redeemed.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, D. McEvoy, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, J. Whelan—14.

AGAINST—Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill—2.

Senator Miss M. Walsh did not vote.

The Motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to two against, with one Member not voting.

Item No. 5—Charging of Ground Rent: Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The following advice from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:

J. H. McCarroll & Co.,

4 Church Street,

Solicitors.

Wicklow.

McC/HF.

20th August, 1973.

Dear Sir,

Re: Charging of Ground Rent by Council

in Respect of Council Houses Sold.

I duly received yours of 16th instant and I note that at the Council's Meeting on 13th instant some members of the Council expressed strong disagreement with the charging of Ground Rents and referred to the current controversy in relation to Ground Rents.

I agree that Ground Rents should be abolished except in respect of Local Authorities and there is a special reason why Local Authorities should retain the Ground Rents system, and that is so as to ensure that the houses in question would not get out of the hands of the people for whom they were originally intended. If the Council dispense with Ground Rents it means that they lose control over who will acquire the houses, whereas where Ground Rent is in existence the Council's consent is necessary before there can be any sale or transfer of the house. To my mind, the Ground Rent system is an asset in respect of houses occupied by people of the lower income group. If premises were held in fee simple and not subject to a Ground Rent, anyone at all could buy them and, therefore, a person in the lower income group would have no hope whatever in competing financially for an unlimited market.

The Housing Act provides for sales by way of a Transfer Order and this means that the Council can exercise control only during the repayment period which in most instances would not exceed thirty-five years, but if a Ground Rent were chargeable the Council would have control for the whole period of the Lease.

As the Council's Purchase Scheme only applies to a certain income group, in my opinion dispensing with Ground Rents would react against the persons for whom the houses were being provided, and I think in their interest the Ground Rents system should be retained by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council resolve not to charge Ground Rents and that the Minister be asked to introduce legislation to enable all local authorities to maintain the same degree of control as had been operated by means of Ground Rents.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That information be sought from other County Councils as to their practice in relation to the charging of Ground Rents and that the proposal in the name of Councillor Costello be deferred pending receipt of replies.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor Costello stated that he was prepared to amend his proposal to read as follows:—

"That the Minister for Local Government be informed that we as a body are anxious to terminate the charging of Ground Rents and that he be requested to introduce legislation which would enable Councils who wished to do so to maintain the same degree of control as was now availed of through the means of charging Ground Rents." Councillor J. Miley and Councillor Miss N. O'Neill agreed to withdraw their amendment and the amended proposal seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill was declared passed.

Item No. 6—Application from Baltinglass Boys' Club in Relation to Club Sports and Community Games on 16th September, 1973, For (A) Use of Public Address System on Motor Vehicle, and (B) Contribution to Cost of Band Performance.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a licence for the use of a public address system attached to Car No. PNI 286 on the 15th and 16th September, 1973, between 14.00 hours and 19.00 hours in the Baltinglass area in connection with the Boys' Club Sports and Community Games.

Passed.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of a contribution being made by the Council towards the cost of the band performance, to be given by No. 3 Army Band at Baltinglass at 15.00 hours on 16th September, 1973, in connection with the Boys' Club Athletics and Community Games.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme—To Authorise Borrowing of £16,500 to Defray the Cost of Erection of 4 Houses at Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £16,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of 4 extra houses at Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

Item No. 8:—Kilcoole 28 House Scheme - Option - to - Purchase Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved - That we approve of the Option-to-Purchase Scheme in respect of the Kilmocke 28 House Scheme as circulated to the Members of the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 9:- Provision of Rural Cottages - Recommendations of

Local Electoral Area Committees

The County Secretary stated that while the Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Local Electoral Area Committees had met and considered the circular letter from the Department of Local Government on the provision of rural cottages the Members for the Baltinglass Local Electoral Area had not yet met to consider this matter. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Housing Meeting.

Item No. 10:- Council House Under Construction at Hollywood

Report of Committees on Inspection

Councillor T.J. Keenan stated that he had inspected the house under construction at Hollywood and he was satisfied that the house was not likely to fall down. Some items needed attention but he found no fault in the roof and no cracked slabs. There was a slight sag in the roof over one window, but he did not consider this any defect. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had inspected the house at a time when it was raining heavily and there was no trace of leakage from the roof. There was some small leakage near a chimney. He noted nine cracked slabs lying adjacent to the house but did not see any cracked slabs in the house itself. Councillor J. Whelan stated that there were some dips in the roof in places and this took somewhat from the appearance of the house but in his view the roof was good and would not leak and he saw no cracked slabs. Councillor S. Costello enquired whether any member of the Committee had been in communication with Wall Units who are building the houses prior to the inspection. He pointed out that all inspections had been carried out after the slabs had been replaced. The Members of the Committee stated that none of them had been in communication with the Contractors. In reply to Councillor Costello's enquiry why work had not been stopped pending the report by the Committee the County Engineer stated that under the terms of the Contract he could not instruct the Contractor to cease work as the Contractor would have had a claim against the Council. The Contractor had been asked to replace cracked slabs. There were some defects in the building which required to be remedied and

some of these may have been due to the floor sinking slightly. The floor had been put in by the Council. The Council agreed that the the County Engineer, or if he was not available, the Chief Assistant County Engineer, Housing, together with the Members of the committee, inspect the house again and it was agreed that the inspection be carried out at 5.30 p.m. on the 6th September, 1973. The Council asked that the Contractor be informed of the date of the inspection.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O' Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. James Woods, to build a bungalow at Kilmurray South for his own use."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward Connolly, Kilmacanogue, to build a house for his own use."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James G. Ginly, Church Hill, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for himself and family at Monastery, Enniskerry."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Whiston, 17 Lower Windgates, Greystones, for a house for himself and family."

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper together with all ancillary development to Mr. Peter Doyle and L. Johnston, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, G. Gregory and B.S.C. Phelan:- "That this Council extend the sewer to the Council cottages on the Ashford/Glencree Road at Ballinalea."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 10th September, 1973.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss M. Walsh, D. McEvoy, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. McKeon.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. P. Hand, Deputy County Secretary, Mr. J. Forristal, Deputy County Engineer, Mr. W. Byrne, Planning Assistant, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, deferred from Meeting held on the 3rd September, 1973, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son together with all ancillary development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications, and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Sarah Hudson, for a bungalow at Ennisboyne, County Wicklow."
- 2 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 21st and 28th May, 1973.

- 3 Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st December, 1973.
- 4 To fill vacancy on Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- 5 Application of Fingal Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of Roads at Wicklow on 27th and 28th April, 1974, for purpose of motor-cycle road race.
- 6 Letter from Industrial Development Authority re presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to Council.
- 7 Housing Development at Ticknock, Arklow—Access to National Primary Route.
- 8 National Primary Route—Report on progress of works at Glen of the Downs/Kilpedder.
- 9 Proposed Compulsory acquisition of lands at Castle Street, Bray, for road improvements.
- 10 Extension of Domestic Scavenging Service to Council cottages at Blackditch and Leabeg Lane.
- 11 Public Lighting—Additional lights at Rathnew.
- 12 Proposed erection of wall at Old Cemetery, Killbride, Arklow.
- 13 Works to be carried out under Amenity Grants Scheme in current year.
- 14 Library for Dunlavin—Letter from Library Council.
- 15 Council Offices and Hall at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
- 16 Report of Committee on inspection of Council house under construction at Hollywood.
- 17 Letter from Wicklow County Executive, Macra na Feirme, re filling of vacancies on Committee of Agriculture.
- 18 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council repair the lane serving four cottages at Ballisheel, Aughrim, which is flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gates."
- 19 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's Cottage at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people."
- 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Carnew."
- 21 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsby:—"That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Tinahely, to Ballinacor, Kilmavenny."

- 22 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering the players and spectators at Matches."
- 23 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and J. Gregory:—"That water supply be extended from Ballycurry to Killyskey to serve 14 houses and 6 new houses."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and B. S. C. Phelan:—"That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay, this Council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply, and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Deferred from Meeting held on the 3rd September, 1973, as follows:

- (A) In the Names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the Undersigned Hereby Direct the Wicklow County Manager, Under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to Grant Full Planning Approval for the Erection of a Bungalow for his son, Together With All Ancillary Development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in Accordance With Plans, Specifications, and Details Lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."

The Deputy County Manager stated that this item had been deferred from the previous Meeting of the Council to enable Members of the Council to inspect the site of the proposal. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the following respects:—
 - (a) By consolidating the tendency for development to ribbon southward from Kilmacanogue in the vicinity of the National Primary Road (N 11) forming urban sprawl.
 - (b) By having access on a county road deficient in alignment and of inadequate width (approx. 8-10 feet) to accommodate further similar type development. In particular, visibility immediately to the north of the site is severely restricted by virtue of a blind bend and provision of adequate visibility at this point would necessitate the acquisition of lands and removal of fences over which the applicant has no control.
 - (c) By setting a precedent for the development of other such sites in the area, particularly those to the North of the site over which the applicant has no control.

2. The proposed development on the lowland slopes of the Sugarloaf Mountain would be extremely prominent in the foreground of views to the Sugarloaf from the National Primary Road (N 11) and would thereby be injurious to the scenic and rural character of this area.

Councillor S. Costello drew attention to the objection to a grant of Planning Permission in this instance because of the unsatisfactory access to the site and asked if it would be possible to overcome this objection. The Deputy County Manager stated that it was understood that the land to the North of the site was not in the ownership of the applicant and consequently a condition could not be imposed to require the carrying out of any works on this land by way of improving vision at the access. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the Meeting to be held on the 1st October, 1973, to enable further discussions to take place with the applicant with a view to seeing if land required for the purpose of providing adequate visibility at the access to the site could be acquired and fences removed.

(B) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Sarah Hudson, for a Bungalow at Ennisboyne, County Wicklow."

The following report of the Planning Assistant to the County Engineer was submitted to the Council:—

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

September, 1973.

Re/ Bungalow at Ennisboyne—Altered to Cullen Up.,
for Mrs. Sarah Hudson.

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On 9th August, 1973, the letter addressed to the applicant suggested that consideration would be given to the granting of planning permission for a suitable (unspecified) alternative site. In accordance with the wishes expressed at the Council meeting of 3rd September, 1973, a meeting on site was arranged and held on 5th September, 1973, with Mr. J. Hudson and his agent, Mr. M. O'Connor.

A suitable alternative site was agreed to in the Cullen Upper townland (marked Red X on map to 1/2500 scale). The following provisions were agreed on:—

1. Excavation would be carried out on the hillside to achieve a floor level not more than 7 ft. over the level of the lane at the point of entry to the field which contains the site.
2. A trial hole would be excavated to determine the suitability of the ground condition for sewage effluent disposal.
3. Semi mature trees approx. 9-10 feet high would be planted adjacent to the lane to the North-West of the dwelling.
4. The access on the public road would be improved by providing a splay from a point marked by an existing tree on the west side of lane to a point 10 yards west of the centreline of the lane along the roadside boundary.

5. The field entrance west of the lane would be moved nearer the tree to avoid undue proximity to the public road.
6. Details submitted would describe how a suitable fall to the septic tank would be achieved.

Applicant's agent to be informed if public notices already submitted is adequate.

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W. E. BYRNE,
Planning Assistant.

The Deputy County Manager stated that as the site which had been agreed with the applicant was in a different townland it would be necessary for her to make a new application for Permission for that site and this had been explained to the applicant, who was agreeable. The Council noted that there was no need to proceed with the proposal under Section 4 of the 1955 Act, and that the applicant would submit a new application for the site as agreed with the Council's Planning Assistant.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held on the 21st and 28th May, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on the 21st and 28th May, 1973.

Passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR K. RYAN.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that it had been agreed at a previous Meeting that a Notice of Motion in his name in relation to the attendance by the Council's Solicitor at Meetings of the County Council would be included as an item on the Agenda for the Meeting on that date. The Deputy County Manager confirmed that it had been agreed that this matter be included on the Agenda and the Chairman indicated that the matter would be dealt with if time permitted at the end of the Meeting. The Chairman added that if the matter could not be reached at the Meeting on that date, Councillor Ryan's proposal would be included early on the Agenda for the Meeting on 8th October, 1973.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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 Bank of Ireland, 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 ending the 31st December, 1973, shall not exceed £550,000.

Item No. 4—To Fill Vacancy on Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Rathdrum Old Age Pension Sub-Committee had recommended that Mr. J. Woulahan, P.C., Main Street, Rathdrum, be appointed as a Member of the Rathdrum Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Barry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. James Woulahan P.C., to fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Application of Fingal Motor Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads at Wicklow on 27th and 28th April, 1974, for Purposes of Motor-Cycle Road Race.

The following letter from Fingal Motor Club, Limited, was submitted:—

FINGAL MOTOR CLUB LTD.

Wicklow County Council, 28 Mellows Road,
Kilmantin Hill, Dublin 11.
Wicklow. 26th June, 1973.

Attention Mr. K. J. Brannigan.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo regarding our application for road closing orders in respect of the Wicklow circuit for the 25th/26th August, 1973, and we are naturally disappointed that your Council have been unable to accede to our request.

We do, however, appreciate the problems involved and we do agree that objections raised are valid and understandable and we are quite happy that your Council have given our application every consideration. On the question of an alternative venue, we are looking into this and should we find one suitable in the Wicklow area we will submit this to you for approval.

Regarding the Wicklow circuit over which this Club is anxious to stage a major event, we would now hope to run such a race in the

early part of 1974, with the proposed dates being the 27th/28th April. This period, we feel sure, would be eminently suitable, as the traffic density would be minimal and this would lessen the problem of disruption.

We also feel that a major event of this nature would help in promoting an influx of people into the area at an early part of the season with consequent benefit to local trade. We would be pleased if you would consider this letter an initial application for road closing for the dates specified and we look forward to having your comments in due course.

Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN GUILFOYLE,

Hon. Secretary.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that in view of the heavy traffic which had been constantly on the increase on these roads, he considered that the closing of the roads in April, 1974, would cause a grave inconvenience to the public, traffic congestion and a possible traffic hazard. Having noted the report of the County Engineer, the Council agreed that the Fingal Motor Club, Limited, be informed that the Council would not be agreeable to close the circuit at Wicklow as proposed for the purpose of a Motor-Cycle Race and that the Club might consider submitting proposals for an alternative circuit in the County or examining the possibility of finding a suitable circuit in some other county.

Item No. 6—Letter from Industrial Development Authority Re Presentation of Regional Industrial Plans to Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Industrial Development Authority wished to present their Regional Industrial Plans to the Council and had suggested the first Monday in October as a suitable date for this purpose. They had enquired whether the date was acceptable, and if so, the most appropriate time. It was stated that the presentation of the Plans would take about forty minutes, after which the meeting would be open to the floor for comments and questions. Senator Miss M. Walsh suggested that it would not be practicable to consider the Regional Industrial Plans at an ordinary meeting of the Council and suggested that a Special Meeting be held for the purpose. The Council agreed that the Industrial Development Authority be informed that the Council would be glad to have the presentation of the plans made on Monday 15th October, 1973, at a Special Meeting of the Council on that date. On the suggestion of Councillor Costello it was agreed that the Industrial Development Authority be asked to supply a copy of the Plans to each Member of the Council in advance of the Meeting at which the Plans would be presented.

Item No. 7—Housing Development at Ticknock, Arklow—Access to National Primary Route.

The Deputy County Manager stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council this matter had been considered and the Council had noted the report of the County Engineer of the 9th August, 1973, in regard to the matter of priority of Schemes for the improvement of the National Primary Route. The Council had passed a Resolution

urging that the provision of a Relief Road for Arklow received priority. It had been agreed that that matter be included again on the Agenda for that Meeting as Councillor Cleary and Councillor Sweeney wished to express views on the matter. Councillor Sweeney stated that he considered that there should not be access from the Main Road via Ticknock Lane to the new development, but agreed that the Lane could be used for traffic from the housing development going towards Arklow. He considered that the 30 m.p.h. sign should be relocated at the top of the hill at Killiniskeyduff so as to reduce the traffic hazard at the Church and School at Templarney. Due to the heavy traffic in the Town of Arklow and the large trucks using the roads, the roads in the town were deteriorating, and it was the view of Arklow Urban District Council that the County Council should take over responsibility for the South Quay, North Quay, Abbey Street, Harbour Road and Mellows' Avenue which formed an alternative route from Ferrybank to the Wexford Road. Councillor J. Temple suggested that this matter should appropriately come to the Council by way of a Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council for consideration by the County Council. Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that the Relief Road for Arklow was essential and no amount of car parks if provided in the town would relieve congestion. Councillor Sweeney while agreeing that the Relief Road was necessary was of opinion that improvement of the present road network in Arklow would assist in dealing with the present traffic. In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council, Mr. J. Forristal, Deputy County Engineer, stated that it was unlikely that the provision of a Relief Road at Arklow could commence for a period of two to three years and the road would take about two years to complete. The Council agreed that Arklow Urban District Council submit details of the proposal that certain roads in the town be taken over for maintenance by the County Council.

Item No. 8—National Primary Route—Report on Progress of Works

at Glen of the Downs/Kilpedder.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that work was proceeding satisfactorily on the Scheme and that the construction of the bridge was practically completed. It was hoped to have the road open for traffic before the end of the present year. The total cost of the Scheme to 3rd August, 1973, was £257,000.00 and the cost of the bridge was £54,000.00 approximately. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that she understood that the Dublin Corporation Watermain to Greystones would have to be relaid and that it would cross the line of the new road, and she asked if the size of the main had yet been determined and when the main will be laid. Mr. J. Forristal, Deputy County Engineer, stated that the Watermain would be laid under the new road before the road was surfaced and that this could be done easily and within a few days. The size of the new main had not yet been determined, but it was expected that a decision on this matter would be taken very soon. On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council agreed that a report be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the 8th October, 1973, regarding the arrangements for the laying of the Watermain and also arrangements for dealing with telephone cables which also would cross the new road.

Item No. 9—Proposed Compulsory Acquisition of Lands at Castle Street, Bray, for Road Improvements.

The Deputy County Manager stated that for some years past Bray Urban District Council had been acquiring properties at Castle Street, Bray, with the intention of eventually completing the acquisition of all the houses on an island between Castle Street and Emmet Road with a view to the carrying out of a Road Improvement Scheme and provision of a car park, etc., at this place. The County Council had recouped the cost of the acquisition of properties to the Urban District Council and a sum of over £6,000 had been expended to date. As it had not been possible for Bray Urban District Council to acquire certain of the properties by agreement and as in some cases difficulties of Title had arisen it was proposed, subject to the agreement of the Council, to acquire certain properties at Castle Street by Compulsory Purchase. The properties involved were numbers 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 38 Castle Street. Councillor J. Temple stated that in the case of a house at Castle Street occupied by a Mr. Boland, he would object to this property being included in any Compulsory Purchase Order as Mr. Boland was agreeable to surrender the house provided that he obtained suitable alternative accommodation in the vicinity. It was understood that Bray Urban District Council could make satisfactory arrangements to accommodate Mr. Boland. The Deputy County Manager stated that the house occupied by Mr. Boland would not be included in the Compulsory Purchase Order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of properties at Castle Street, Bray, required for the purposes of the Road Improvements Scheme at Castle Street, Bray.

Passed.

REQUEST THAT DEPUTATION BE RECEIVED.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill, supported by Councillor Costello, urged that the applicants for a house at Hollywood who were present at Wicklow be received as a deputation by the Council in connection with Item Number 16 on the Agenda. Councillor J. Milley pointed out that to receive a deputation would contravene the Council's Resolutions in regard to the reception of deputations and the Deputy County Manager stated that there were two applications to be submitted to the Council that day from groups wishing to have deputations received by the Council, and that it would be contrary to the policy adopted by the Council to receive a deputation without their having given previous notice and the reception of the deputation being agreed by the Council. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, ruled that the deputation could not be received. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that the Chairman and the Members of the Committee which had inspected the house in course of construction at Hollywood and any Members interested might meet the deputation after the Meeting and this suggestion was accepted. On the proposal of Councillor J. Milley, it was agreed that if necessary the time for termination of the Meeting be extended in order to deal with Item Number 16.

Item No. 10—Extension of Domestic Scavenging Service to Council Cottages at Blackditch and Leabeg Lane.

The Deputy County Manager stated that Mr. John Connolly, Contractor for the Domestic Scavenging Service at Newcastle had submitted a tender in the sum of £345.00 for collecting refuse from seven Council Cottages at Blackditch and a group of four Council Cottages at Leabeg Lane together with one private house as an extension on the existing Contract. The tender covered a period of five years. The County Engineer had expressed the view that the figure was too high having regard to the existing collection area for which Mr. Connolly's tender of £1,300.00 for a five year period had been accepted. The Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area had, however, recommended that the refuse collection service be extended to include these cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. John Connolly, Grattan Park, Blacklion, for an extension to the Newcastle Refuse Collection area to include the group of seven Council cottages at Blackditch, a group of four Council cottages at Leabeg Lane, and a private house and caravan at Leabeg Lane, in the sum of £345 for a five year period.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Public Lighting—Additional Lights at Rathnew.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation of £375.54 to cover the erection of seven new public lights and a change of location of one public light at Rathnew as follows:—

Lambert's cottage, Merrymeeting—Pole 45, Merrymeeting.

Pole 8, Merrymeeting.

Pole 14 at the Girls' School.

Pole 22 at the Bank, Rathnew.

New light at St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew.

New light at St. Bridget's Terrace, Rathnew.

Changing of lamp on Pole No. 18 at the Bank, Rathnew, to Pole No. 19 and erecting a new lamp on Pole No. 17.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of the Estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of seven new public lights and change of location of one public light for a total sum of £375.54.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Proposed Erection of Wall at Old Cemetery, Kilbride, Arklow.

The Deputy County Manager stated that arising out of a Notice of Motion by Councillors J. Sweeney and Senator Miss M. Walsh, that a wall be built around the cemetery leaving only steps as an entrance, in view of the fact that the cemetery was closed. The County Engineer had reported that the estimated cost of reconstructing the 50 lin. yards of masonry walls would be £300.00. Complaints had been received some time ago that cattle had been poisoned after stripping the yew trees in the cemetery.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer, we approve of the reconstruction of 50 lineal yards of masonry wall at the Old Burial Ground at Kilbride, Arklow, at an estimated cost of £300.00.

Passed.

Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh asked that Templemichael Graveyard receive attention and Councillor Sweeney made a similar request concerning Kilbride Graveyard.

Item No. 13—Works To Be Carried Out Under Amenity Grants Scheme in Current Year.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Council at the Meeting in February had approved of the County Engineer's list of Schemes arranged in order of priority for carrying out with the aid of grants under the Amenity Grants Scheme. The total of the works set out in the list was £52,600.00. The Department of Local Government, however, had indicated that the grant allocated to the Council for the current financial year was £4,000.00 and this would allow Schemes costing in all only £3,000.00 to be carried out. It was proposed, accordingly, to carry out the first five Schemes listed on the County Engineer's priority list and to include also Scheme No. 19 for the provision of paths, scenic walk and seats at Blessington, amounting to £500.00 to absorb the balance of the grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of the following Schemes under the Amenity Grants Scheme for 1973/'74:—

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1. Community Centre at Carnew	£2,000
2. Playing Pitch and Recreational Centre, Rathnew	£2,000
3. Children's Playground, Kilmagig, Avoca	£800
4. Recreational and Community Centre, Greystones	£2,000
5. Children's Playground, Aughrim	£800
6. Paths, Scenic Walk and provision of Seats at Blessington	£500
TOTAL:	£8,100

Passed.

Deputy Timmins stated that the next Scheme in order of priority on the list was that for works at Baltinglass, and he urged that Council agree that if any additional grants were made available during the current year that this Scheme be proceeded with if further monies were not made available for 1973/74, that the Scheme receive priority for 1974/75. The Council agreed to this proposal, which was seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, referred to the Scheme which had been carried out in Knockananna with the aid of a grant under the Amenity Grants Scheme, and stated that the monies had not been sufficient to complete the Road Improvement Works which had been proposed. He stated that he hoped that these works could be carried out under the Roadworks Scheme. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be requested to increase the monies allowed for Amenity Grants to the same figure as had been allowed in 1972/73.

Item No. 14—Library for Dunlavin—Letter from Library Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Library Council had rejected the proposal to provide a pre-fabricated library building on a site at Dunlavin which was being obtained by the Council from the Vocational Education Committee, and had indicated that the Capital Grants Scheme for Libraries did not extend to building projects for towns with small populations like Dunlavin's and that a better library service could be provided from a mobile unit. It was suggested by the Library Council that an arrangement with Kildare County Council which was about to introduce a mobile service might be considered as the border between the two counties ran only a few miles from Dunlavin. The County Librarian had reported that he was totally opposed to the introduction of a mobile library service for any part of County Wicklow, and having had eight years' experience in the County he recommended strongly that future library development be based on local Branch Libraries. He pointed out that the Council now had adequate Library facilities in Blessington and Baltinglass and that the provision of proper accommodation in Dunlavin would give complete library coverage to that area. The Library Advisory Committee had also indicated their opposition to the proposal that a mobile service only be provided. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded

by Senator Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that the Library Council be informed that the Council did not accept the suggestion that a mobile library service would be adequate for Dunlavin and that the Library Council be asked to reconsider their decision and agree to the grant towards the cost of a library building at Dunlavin.

Item No. 15—Council Offices and Hall at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.

The following report of 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,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
30th August, 1973.

Re: Council Offices and Hall at Tinahely.

A. Chara,

Reference yours of the 28th instant.

I recommend that the present Council Offices and Hall at the Courthouse, Tinahely, be disposed of to the local Development Association for community purposes. It would be a focal point in the town for meetings, community and social activities.

The roof of the building is in a very poor state of repair, as already the Council are committed to the spending of £725.00 on the repair of the Courthouse. This sum need not be expended if the Council decide to dispose of the building. The repair of the building will be an annual liability on the Council. The price for the sale of the building could be negotiated by the Council and a Public Representative Local Committee, who would be prepared to use the Hall in the best interests of the Community.

A new Assistant County Engineer's Office could be erected on the site which the Council have purchased for the Stores at the Old Railway site. This site is at present being developed for the transfer of the Stores from The Diamond.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer was having Plans prepared for an Assistant County Engineer's Office and that he estimated that the cost of providing the office would be between five thousand and six thousand pounds. Any proposed disposal of the Council Offices and Hall at the Courthouse, Tinahely, to a local development association would be subject to the sanction of the Minister and it would be necessary to determine a reasonable price for the property.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That Council Offices and Hall at Tinahely (former Court-house) be disposed of to Tinahely Local Development Association for use for community purposes on terms to be negotiated.

Passed.

Item No. 16—Report of Committee on Inspection of Council House Under Construction at Hollywood.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had inspected the Council house in course of erection at Hollywood and that he saw no reason to condemn it. He pointed out that a similar house had been erected at Blainroe, near Wicklow, and other houses had been erected of a similar type in other parts of the County. In his view, the applicant need have no fear in regard to the quality of the house when completed. Councillor Gregory stated that there was nothing wrong with the house except that it had a concrete roof which, in his view, was not a fully satisfactory type of roofing. He agreed that the provision of Aeroboard may prevent condensation which could occur with a concrete roof. He stated that he saw nothing to justify the removal of the structure. In regard to a dip in the roof he stated that this could be overcome. He pointed out that the partitions between the rooms were better than those being provided in the houses at Oldcourt, near Bray. Councillor J. Whelan stated that in his opinion the line of the roof was satisfactory and that any defects which had been referred to previously had been put right. Councillor J. Miley stated that it appeared that the type of house being provided was not acceptable to the applicants. Councillor S. Costello stated that there had been a conspiracy to foist this house on the applicants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor D. McEvoy:

Resolved—That the house at Hollywood under construction be demolished and a new house built in its place.

The Deputy County Manager pointed out that if the Resolution were passed and given effect to, it would involve a loss to Council funds and that it would be necessary to record the names of Members voting for and against the proposal.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors S. Costello and D. McEvoy—2.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. McKeon, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—14.

The Motion was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 2 in favour.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATIONS.

The Deputy County Manager stated that applications had been received for reception of deputations by the Council from—(1) Mr. J.

Whelan, Ballykeane, Redcross, on behalf of a group of people in Redcross who are interested in a Group Housing Scheme, and (2) from Mr. James O'Shaughnessy, Chairman, Rathdrum Branch, Labour Party, on behalf of residents of Rathdrum and surrounding area in relation to repairs to Council houses at Ballygannon, Clash, Avondale, Kirikee, and Bola, building of new houses and a number of other matters. The Council agreed to receive the deputations at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st October 1973.

PROVISION OF CAR PARK AT CLOGGA BEACH.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the development of the motel and chalets at Clogga Beach was nearing completion and that land had been made available as agreed for the provision of a car park and toilet facilities by the Council. He asked that arrangements be made to proceed with provision of the car park.

LANDS FOR BURIAL GROUND AT CARNEW AND TOMACORK.

Councillor Ryan asked that this matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on the 8th October, 1973.

TRIBUTE TO COUNTY MANAGER.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that the County Manager would be leaving the service of the Council at the end of the month and referred to the wonderful service given by him to the Council since 1945. He stated that in advising the Council the County Manager had always expressed his honest opinion of what he considered was best for Wicklow and the people of Wicklow, and a special tribute must be paid to him for his work in relation to the Health Services. He wished him peace and enjoyment in his retirement. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that no one had worked as hard or had been so unsparring in his efforts as the County Manager, and that in addition to his official duties he had been deeply involved in voluntary work in the County. He was a man of independent thought and the advice he had given was always in the best interests of the Council. He referred to his charity, tolerance and his understanding of problems of individuals. Councillor E. Byrne stated that he had as a Member of the Council welcomed the County Manager to Wicklow when he first took up duty in 1945 and he wished him well in his retirement. He referred to his grasp of local government and his ability to deal with any problems which arose, and referred particularly to his impartiality. The other Members of the Council, in turn, paid tribute to the County Manager and joined in wishing him every happiness in his retirement. The Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the Staff, asked to be associated with the Council's expression of good wishes to the County Manager.

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

In the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage facilities for which plans have been prepared be extended to serve the 15 houses on the Killacloran Road, Aughrim."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That the Council enlarge the Carnegie Library at Greystones, and in view of the growing population of the area the opening times for readers be extended to a full-time Library."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

ON MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st October, 1973.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, introduced to the Council Mr. Senator Miss M. Walsh, D. McEvoy, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley and R. F. McKeon.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, introduced to the Council Mr. Francis J. O'Brien, who had taken up duty as County Manager on that date. The Members of the Council welcomed Mr. O'Brien and wished him every success in his new position. Mr. O'Brien expressed thanks for the welcome accorded to him.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, M. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son together with all ancillary development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and B. S. C. Phelan:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, for the erection of a house at Callow Hill, County Wicklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. James Woods, to build a bungalow at Kilmurray South, for his own use."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by

Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward Connolly, Kilmacanogue, to build a house for his own use."

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James G. Ginty, Church Hill, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow for himself and family at Monastery, Enniskerry."
- (f) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Whiston, 17 Lower Windgates, Greystones, for a house for himself and family."
- (g) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper together with all ancillary development to Mr. Peter Doyle, and L. Johnston, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged."
2. To Confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on the 7th and 14th May, 1973, and the 11th June, 1973.
3. To authorise borrowing of £363,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of Housing Schemes in 1973/74.
4. To authorise borrowing of £700,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of loans to persons towards erection or purchase of new houses.
- 4(a) House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants—Letter dated 24th September, 1973, from Department of Local Government.
5. Provision of Rural Cottages—Recommendations of Local Electoral Area Committees.
6. To receive deputations from (a) persons interested in group housing scheme for Barndarrig Area, and (b) residents of Rathdrum and surrounding areas re housing, public lighting, etc.
7. Repairs to vacant cottage 35/10 at Killavaney, Tinahely (former tenant: Andrew Sinnott (deceased)).
8. Proposed provision of rural cottages at Ballinacor, Kilbride.
9. Supplementary grant for new house at Stratford-on-Slaney.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That

this Council purchase Messrs. Gouldings and Mrs. Wilby's fields

- at the Murrough, Wicklow, for industrial use for Wicklow Town."
11. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Noel Browne, Coolballintaggart."
12. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Council build a house for Joseph Murphy, Coolballintaggart, on his holding at Rathcot, Knockananna, under the Scheme for small farmers."
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent necessary repairs be carried out to Joseph Murphy's cottage, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, which his doctor has stated is unfit for human habitation."
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Council give consent to Michael Kearns to sub-divide his plot of land, which has building permission, at Manor Kilbride."
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a house for John Healy, Killinure, Tullow."
16. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"That this Council provide fuel houses for the nine new houses at Aughrim."
17. In the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the demand for houses this Council will take immediate steps to build a further 8 houses on the Council's site at Tinahely, for which plans have been prepared."
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That repairs, which in most cases had been approved, be carried out immediately to the following cottages:—
 - (1) Margaret Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (2) James Mernagh, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (3) Kathleen Ward, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (4) Mrs. P. McEvoy, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (5) Richard Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (6) Mary Byrne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (7) Mrs. Waterton, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (8) Mrs. B. Madden, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
 - (9) Miss C. Baines, Ballyruane, Arklow.
 - (10) Charles Parle, Ballintemple, Arklow.
 - (11) William Newsome, Rednagh Road, Aughrim.
 - (12) John Doran, Ballinamona, Avoca.
 - (13) James Kennedy, Rathshanmor, Hacketstown.
 - (14) Patrick Hayden, Killballyowne, Aughrim.
19. Council houses repaired during the month of September, 1973, and to be repaired during the month of October, 1973.

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

The following recommendations of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer in relation to the Planning Appli-

cations which were the subject of the Notices had been circulated to the Members.

1. A. Re: Proposed house at Kilmacanogue South, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Patrick Whyte. Reference 6929/73.

One of the reasons put forward for recommending that this application be refused was that visibility immediately to the north of the site is severely restricted by virtue of a blind bend and provision of adequate visibility at this point would necessitate the acquisition of lands and removal of fences over which the applicant has no control. Consideration of the application was deferred at a meeting of the Council held on the 10th September 1973, with a view to further discussion with the applicant to see if the objection in relation to the lack of visibility at the proposed access to the site could be overcome. A meeting took place on the 26th September, 1973, between the applicant and his representative and the Council's Planning Assistant. The applicant has now undertaken to set back the front boundary of the site so as to provide for a minimum roadway width of 30 feet and to locate the access avenue to the house at the most southerly point of the site. In addition, it is the applicant's intention to approach the adjoining landowner with a view to improving sight lines further. The revised proposal overcomes the problem of visibility to the north of the site.

However, the remaining objections to the proposal still stand and it is recommended that permission be refused for these reasons, viz.:-

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the following respects:-
 - (a) By consolidating the tendency for development to ribbon southward from Kilmacanogue in the vicinity of the National Primary Road (N11) forming urban sprawl.
 - (b) By having access on a county road deficient in alignment and of inadequate width (approx. 8-10 feet) to accommodate further similar type development.
 - (c) By setting a precedent for the development of other such sites in the area, particularly those to the north of the site over which the applicant has no control.
2. The proposed development on the lowland slopes of the Sugarloaf Mountain would be extremely prominent in the foreground of views to the Sugarloaf from the National Primary road (N11) and would thereby be injurious to the scenic and rural character of this area.

1. B. Re: Proposed house at Callow Hill Upper, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. P. Miller. Reference 7053/73.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed location of the dwelling at a prominent local high point on the valley slopes between Callowhill and Dunranhill would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.

2. The proposed entrance on the public road at a point where visibility is poor would be a potential source of serious traffic hazard.
3. There is rock outcrop on the site and there is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the subsoil conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system.
4. The proper planning and development of the area requires that new development be located at existing centres of the development where services are available or can be economically provided. The proposed development in a predominantly rural area is in conflict with that requirement.

1. C. Re: Proposed bungalow at Killmurray North, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. James Woods. Reference 7066/73.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed bungalow would injure the visual amenity of this scenic area by being located in an elevated position on the southern slopes of Little Sugar Loaf and by being prominent in views from the adjoining road and in more distant views from the south.
2. The public road serving this area is not capable of accommodating adequately the additional traffic generated by further residential development.

1. G. Re: Proposed two bungalows at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, for L. Johnston and P. Doyle. Reference 6961/73.

It was decided on the 5th January, 1973, to refuse permission for this development and an appeal against this decision has been made to the Minister for Local Government. It is recommended that permission be refused for the reasons previously given, viz.:-

1. The proposed site lies in an area of high amenity value. The erection of two additional dwellings at approximately 450 feet contour level on Bray Head (791 feet) would be seriously injurious to the visual amenity of this area.
2. The provision of the proposed access road to serve this development and other proposed developments in the immediate area would provide access to other elevated sites on the upper slopes of Bray Head and could create a precedent for similar development which would further erode the high visual and recreational value of this area. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan for the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
3. The proposal would consolidate the tendency for urban sprawl through Templecarrig at Greystones extending towards Bray to within approximately one mile of Bray town. It would not be economically possible to provide public services, e.g., water, sewerage, public lighting, road improvements, in such conditions of urban sprawl. The proper planning and development of this area require that the distinction between urban and rural areas be preserved and that new development should be directed to the Bray and Greystones/Delgany development areas which can accommodate a total population increase of approximately 20,000 persons under present land use zoning conditions.

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4. The site includes approximately one third of a site for which permission was granted by the council (ref. 3419 and 3624) for the erection of one dwelling and one of the two proposed dwellings is substantially within that site. Such high density development is inappropriate to this area of high amenity.

5. Further development in this area would aggravate the serious traffic hazard existing at the junction of Cliff Road and the Main Road, L.29 (Bray/Greystones) which is located at a point where visibility is severely restricted and where traffic speeds are high.

(A) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. F. McKeon, and Miss N. O'Neill:— "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son together with all ancillary development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused as circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow for his son together with all ancillary development at Kilmacanogue South (Quill Road), Kilmacanogue, Bray, in accordance with plans, specifications, and details lodged, to Patrick Whyte, Brighton Avenue, Bray.

Passed—Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

(B) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and B. S. C. Phelan:—"We the Undersigned Hereby Direct the County Manager Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to Grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinstoe, Kilpedder, for the Erection of a House at Callow Hill, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the County Engineer for refusal of Permission as circulated to the Members, and the following Special Report was also submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

1st October, 1973.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,

County Engineer.

Re/ Proposed house at Callow Hill Upper, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. P. Miller.

A Chara,

I refer to the notice of intention to propose a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant permission to Mr. P. Miller for erection of house at Callow Hill Upper, Co. Wicklow.

Further to my previous report on this application I wish to draw attention to a previous application, register reference 5182/72, in the name of Mr. John Roberts, for three dwelling houses at Callow Hill, which was the subject of a previous section 4 motion. On this occasion the motion in respect of the house on this particular site was withdrawn and the application in respect of this site was refused permission. The reason for the withdrawal and for the refusal of the permission was that the Dublin Corporation Trunk Mains from Roundwood to Dublin pass through this site, and it was considered that the construction of a house and septic tank on this site would endanger this important public facility. In this instance the water mains are not shown on the maps submitted. However, comparison with the previous map shows that the site of the house has been altered and is now, in fact, situated directly over these two trunk mains. Accordingly, I recommend that a further reason for refusal should be inserted in this decision as follows:—

5. The construction of a house and septic tank on this site would endanger an extremely important public facility, namely, Dublin Corporation Trunk Water Mains which pass directly beneath the site indicated for the dwelling house. In the event of a fracture of these trunk mains due to the construction of the house or the settlement under the weight of the house, the foundations of the house itself would be endangered.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

TG/KL.

Councillor J. Gregory stated that he had not known that the Dublin Corporation Trunk Water Main passed through the site, and the Members agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th November, 1973.

(C) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and E. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. James Woods, to Build a Bungalow at Kilmurray South, for His Own Use."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused, as circulated to the Members, and the following Special Report was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—Planning Section

Ref. 7066/73.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

1st October, 1973.

**Re/ Proposed Bungalow at Kilmurray North, Co. Wicklow,
for Mr. James Woods.**

A Chara,

In 1970, following discussions with Mr. James Woods, in relation to the proposed site at Kilmacanogue North, Mr. Woods was requested to submit a map showing his holding in this area so that an alternative site could be chosen in a more satisfactory position. As the result of these discussions outline permission was subsequently granted to Mr. James Woods for a site at Bohilla, Kilmacanogue, register reference 3557/70.

Subsequently, a further application was received from Mr. Woods for a second site at Bohilla on land immediately adjoining the existing dwelling. In discussions with the Planning Assistant, the applicant stated that this dwelling was for the use of his nephew. In view of this, outline permission (register reference 5560/72), was granted by order dated 18th January, 1973. Subsequent to this an application for approval, register reference 6989/73, was received for the first site, reference number 3557/70. This application, which was afterwards withdrawn, was on behalf of Mr. D. Isherwood. Accordingly, it is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for this site as set out on the report already circulated.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution as handed in referred to the building of a bungalow for his own use. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which reference was made to other applications made for Planning Permission by Mr. Isherwood, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 5th November, 1973.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and E. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward Connolly, Kilmacanogue, to Build a House for His Own Use."

The County Secretary stated that there was no Application received from a Mr. Edward Connolly, and Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the correct name in this case was Davis. Councillor Miss O'Neill stated that she would hand in a Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution on this matter in the correct name for consideration by the Meeting of the Council in November. The Council noted that the proposal as on the Agenda was withdrawn.

- (E) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and E. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission

Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James G. Ginty, Church Hill, Enniskerry, for the Provision of a Bungalow for Himself and Family at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that no Application had yet been received from Mr. James G. Ginty. The name had been included in error on the Agenda as Ginty. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 5th November, 1973.

- (F) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. Ledwidge, and E. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Whiston, 17 Lower Windgates, Greystones, for a House for Himself and Family."

The County Secretary stated that the Application from Mr. Noel Whiston had been received only on the morning of the Meeting, but was incomplete and the Council, accordingly, agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 5th November, 1973.

- (G) In the Names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"We the Undersigned Hereby Direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to Grant Full Planning Approval for the Erection of Two Bungalows at Rathdown Upper, together with all Ancillary Development, to Mr. Peter Doyle and L. Johnston, in Accordance with Plans, Specifications and Details Lodged."

The County Secretary read the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused, as circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood that corrected details of the site boundaries had recently been submitted to the Council and that this would overcome the objection raised under Number 4 in the County Engineer's Report. The County Secretary stated that no information on this matter had yet been received. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th October, 1973, to allow of the submission of clarification of the sites involved.

PLANNING SEMINAR.

The County Secretary stated that notice had been received from An Foras Forbartha that a Seminar on the National Coastline Study would be held at the Conference Centre, St. Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4, on Wednesday, 10th October, 1973, and that the Seminar was intended for elected Members of Local Authorities, County Managers and Engineers, Planners responsible for the planning and development of the coastline. The Seminar on that date would deal with the Counties of Louth, Meath, Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford. The latest date for receipt of applications was the 1st October, 1973, but he had been informed by An Foras Forbartha that applications would be received after that date. The County Secretary asked that any Members of the Council who wished to attend the Seminar give in their names after the Meeting.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, Senator Miss M. Walsh and other Members expressed congratulations to the Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee on their success in winning the major award in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Council agreed that the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to the Secretary of the Tidy Towns Committee at Kiltegan.

LAND FOR INDUSTRY AT CARNEW.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council recommended that land at Carnew be acquired for the purposes of an industry as a matter of urgency.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council Held on the 7th and 14th May, 1973, and the 11th June, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby sign and confirm Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 7th and 14th May, 1973, and the 11th June, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 3—To Authorise Borrowing of £363,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to Defray the Cost of Housing Schemes in 1973/1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £363,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of houses under Devolved Housing Schemes during the year ending the 31st March, 1974.

Passed.

Item No. 4—To Authorise Borrowing of £700,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to Defray the Cost of Loans to Persons Towards Erection or Purchase of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £700,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years for the purposes of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, during the period to the 31st March, 1975.

Item No. 4(a)—House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants—Letter dated 24th September, 1973, from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the income limit for house purchase loans had been increased from £2,000 to £2,350 per annum. The rateable valuation limit remains at £60.

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The County Secretary stated that these increases in limits applied to applications received by the Council on or after 21st September, 1973. The County Secretary stated that the change in the income limits for supplementary grants would require an amendment of the Council's Scheme for the making of supplementary grants and the Council approved of the appropriate amendments to the Scheme.

In regard to house purchase loans, Councillor Temple proposed that the Manager grant the maximum loan possible in all cases, having regard to circumstances, and urged that builders be required to keep deposits at a reasonable level having regard to the additional loan now available to applicants. The Council agreed with the proposal of Councillor Temple. Councillor S. Costello referred to a private co operative development company which had been set up in Dundalk, and stated that houses were available there at £5,100 with no deposit. The repayments were £8.95 per week. He asked that this scheme be investigated with a view to applying a similar scheme in County Wicklow. Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, pointed out that similar arrangements by means of a package deal with builders were already operating in the County, and mentioned in particular arrangements made by Arklow Urban District Council in this regard. The Council agreed that the Secretary obtain details of the Scheme from Dundalk.

SHILLELAGH HOUSING.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Whelan the Council agreed that the acquisition of land for housing at Shillelagh be expedited and that a report on the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on the 5th November, 1973. Councillor J. Miley asked that reports in regard to the purchase of land for housing at Rathdangan and Kiltegan be also included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th November 1973. In regard to housing at Valkeymount, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that some while ago applications had been submitted for houses at Valkeymount, but on examination it was found that there were no persons in the area in need of housing and consequently a scheme was not initiated. Councillor Miley stated that he would send in applications from the area for examination.

Item No. 5—Provision of Rural Cottages—Recommendations of Local Electoral Area Committees.

The County Secretary stated that the suggestions made in the letter of 30th July, 1973, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of rural cottages had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas and that generally it was felt that the suggestions made in the letter were more applicable to counties other than Wicklow, having regard to the special problems in County Wicklow arising from its proximity to Dublin. It was considered that the proposal that potential local builders and craftsmen might be encouraged into housing construction was not feasible, in view of the difficulty in recruiting craftsmen for the Council's Direct Labour Building Programme. Members agreed with the policy of providing developed sites for persons wishing to build their own houses, and the suggestion had been made that where these were available the fact should be brought to the notice of the public. It was noted that in view of the cost of land it was desirable to build semi-detached houses rather than individual houses. A proposal had been made that materials be issued to tenants who were craftsmen to enable them to carry out repairs to their own houses, but the County Engineer had pointed out that this arrangement would not be practicable and had explained the reasons. The Members noted that there had been difficulty in obtaining tenders for rural cottages and in consequence it had been found necessary to avail of system-built houses. Members also noted the extra costs of construction of rural cottages where separate water supplies, sewerage facilities and electricity supplies had to be provided. Reference had been made by some Members to difficulties being experienced by persons in obtaining bridging loans pending receipt of instalments of loans from the Council, and the suggestion had been made that such difficulties might be brought to the notice of the Minister. The Council noted the views of the Local Electoral Area Committees.

Item No. 6—To Receive Deputations from (a) Persons Interested in Group Housing Scheme for Barndarrig Area, and (B) Residents of Rathdrum and Surrounding Areas Re Housing, Public Lighting, Etc.

Before receiving the deputations, Senator Miss M. Walsh pointed out that there were a number of Notices of Motion on the Agenda which had not been reached for a considerable time, partly because of the time which had to be devoted to receiving deputations. She stated that she proposed to hand in a Notice of Motion that deputations in future be received at 5.00 p.m. instead of 4.30 p.m., following the termination of business of the Meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that a Special Meeting be held to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda for the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that the Council had already arranged for a Special Meeting on the 15th October, 1973, to receive the Industrial Development Authority's plans for industrial development for the area. The Council agreed that if time allowed on the 15th October, the Council would deal with the remaining items on the Agenda for the 1st October, 1973, or if this were not possible that consideration would be given to holding a Special Meeting at a later date to deal with these matters.

The Council then received a deputation from the Barndarrig Area consisting of Messrs. John Whelan, Michael Cullen, James Flanagan, Andrew Kennedy and David Mates. Mr. John Whelan addressed the Council, and having complimented the Council on the work they were doing in providing houses in the county, he stated that the Barndarrig Area had been overlooked and that a housing scheme for this

area was needed. He stated that there were a total of 15 applicants. He asked that every effort be made to provide these houses at the earliest possible date. Mr. Whelan stated that the members of the deputation and Rev. Father Daly, P.P., would endeavour to obtain suitable land for the houses. Mr. Whelan also complained of the neglect of cottage repairs in the area and stated that a survey of cottages for which applications to purchase had not yet been received should be carried out, as many of these were urgently in need of repair. Mr. Whelan referred also to two houses in Barndarrig which were at present available for letting and asked that preference in letting these houses be given to Barndarrig applicants. The Council agreed that officers of the Council consult with the members of the deputation and arrange to inspect sites in the area with a view to submitting a recommendation for the acquisition of land for a housing scheme. It was suggested that about 5 acres would be required.

Mr. Whelan also referred to the need for provision of a demountable dwelling for a Mr. Hugh Gaffney and his sister at Ballinacor, Kilbride, and the County Secretary stated that the provision of such a dwelling had been recommended by the County Medical Officer and was included on the Agenda for the Meeting as Item No. 8.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a demountable dwelling at Ballinacor, Kilbride, for Mr. Hugh Gaffney, c/o John Hurley, Clonpadden, Arklow, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Kearns, c/o Mrs. Keogh, Ballinacor, Kilbride.

Passed.

The Members of the deputation thanked the Council for their reception and then withdrew.

The Council then received a deputation from the Rathdrum Area consisting of Messrs. James Shaughnessy, Andrew Byrne, Mrs. Doolan, Mrs. Waterton and Miss Rita Browne. The members of the deputation complained of the neglect of cottage repairs in the Ballygannon area and stated that in many cases repairs had been sought over several years but had still not been carried out. Details of repairs needed to cottages were supplied. Complaints were also made of the delay in proceeding with the housing scheme and of the limited labour force employed on the site. A complaint was also made of the condition of the playground which had not been finished and on which a railing was required and a bank needed to be levelled. The condition of the sewerage scheme was also mentioned and it was claimed that the River Avonmore was being polluted by raw sewage. A "Yield Right of Way" sign had been requested at the Fair Green and additional public lighting was also sought. It was claimed also that applications for vesting of cottages had not been replied to.

In regard to cottage repairs, the County Engineer stated that he had found it extremely difficult to obtain any additional tradesmen to enable the carrying out of cottage repairs to be expedited. He had recently recruited two additional tradesmen, but could not see any prospects of obtaining more. In regard to the complaint of slow progress on the housing scheme, the County Engineer stated that the

Contractor also could not obtain sufficient tradesmen and that this was the reason for the slow progress. The Council had approved of the provision of additional public lighting and orders had been sent to the Electricity Supply Board, but these had not all been erected so far. The Council noted that the complaints made would receive attention.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and El. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Davis, c/o Connolly, Killmacanogue, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."

In the names of Councillors D. McEvoy, J. Miley and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager to grant Full Planning Approval under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for the erection of two bungalows under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Nolan, Knocknadroose, Valley Mount."

In the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh, Councillors K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a house for his own use on his own land to Thomas Wafer, Kilkavan Lower, Carnew, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and K. Ryan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Burke, 17 The Brook, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinacor, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build private houses on Mr. Sheehy's field, near the Sports Field in Merry-meeting, Rathnew."

In the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillor J. Whelan:—"That from this day forward deputations will be received by this Council at 5.00 p.m. after the business of the Council has been completed."

In the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:—"That the 'Grass Diamond' opposite Brendan Gahan's house at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, be removed and road surfaced in the interest of safety."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan:—"That the County Engineer take over and put into proper repair the road from Kilcarra to Rustigath if he has not already done so. The money for this work was included in the Estimates last March."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

ON MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th October, 1973.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss M. Walsh, D. McEvoy, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper together with all ancillary development to Mr. Peter Doyle and L. Johnston, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged."
- 2 Revision of Local Electoral Areas — Letter from Department of Local Government (copy circulated to Members).
- 3 Reclassification of Roads — Regional System — Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 4 Proposed taking over of road at Kilquade — Report of County Engineer.
- 5 Wicklow Regional Water Supply Improvement Works:- To authorise borrowing and to consider letter from Wicklow Urban District Council.
- 6 Knockananna Group Water Supply Scheme:- Proposed taking over of Scheme by Council.
- 7 Burial Grounds at Carnew and Tomacork.
- 8 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council will have their legal advisor present at all meeting of the Council in future.
- 9 Letter from Wicklow County Executive Macra na Feirme re filling of vacancies on Committee of Agriculture.
- 10 Notice of motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council repair the lane serving four cottages at Ballisheel, Aughrim, which is flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gates.
- 11 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's Cottage at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people.

- 12 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Carnew."
- 13 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Wlask:- "That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Tinahely, to Ballinacor, Killavaney."
- 14 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and Miss N. O'Neill:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering the players and spectators at Matches."
- 15 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan, and J. Gregory:- "That water supply be extended from Ballycurry to Kiliskey to serve 14 houses and 6 new houses."
- 16 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan, and B.S.C. Phelan:- "That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay this Council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."
- 17 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and B.S.C. Phelan:- "That this Council extend the sewer to the Council cottages on the Ashford/Glencree Road at Ballinacree."
- 18 Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That sewerage facilities for which plans have been prepared be extended to serve the 15 houses on the Killacoran Road, Aghrim."
- 19 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That the Council enlarge the Carnegie Library at Greystones and in view of the growing population of the area the opening times for readers be extended to a full time Library."
- 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That no sites for industry be given until the developer makes available to the County Council (1) the type of industry; (2) the number that will be employed; (3) the Capital available for investment in the industry; (4) a guarantee that the site or part thereof will not be sold or leased without the County Council's permission; (5) the firm's interest in the site is not to be disposed of, or lease altered in any way, without the Council's permission; and (6) that planning permission be not granted for any factory or industry without the application coming before the County Council."
- 21 Notice of Motion in the names of Senator Miss M. Walsh and Councillor J. Whelan:- "That from this day forward deputations will be received by this Council at 5.00 p.m. after the business of the Council has been completed."
- 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That the 'Grass Diamond' opposite Brendan Gahan's house at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, be removed and road surfaced in the interest of safety."
- 23 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, K. Bryan, Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer take over and put into pro-

- per repair the road from Kilcarra to Rustigate if he has not already done so. The money for this work was included in the Estimates last March."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."

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

(A) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "We hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper together with all ancillary development to Mr. Peter Doyle and L. Johnston, in accordance with Plans, Specifications and details lodged."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting of the Council and that the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused and setting out the reasons for refusal had been circulated to the Members. The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer was submitted:-

October, 1973

6961/73.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,

COUNTY ENGINEER.

Re/Two bungalows at Rathdown Upper,
P. Doyle and L. Johnson.

A Chara,

The debate on the motion under Section 4, 1955 Act, in respect of this planning application was adjourned on the 1st inst., to allow further examination of reason no. 4 under which it was recommended that permission be refused, viz—"The site includes approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of a site for which permission was granted by the Council (ref. 3419 and 3624) for the erection of one dwelling and one of the two proposed dwellings is substantially within that site. Such high density development is inappropriate to this area of high amenity."

The previous permission referred to is that which was granted for the adjoining site in pursuance of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management Amendment Act 1955 — Ref. 3624.

The area of land indicated on the map submitted with that planning application measured approximately 1.06 acres. Mr. Ledwidge in subsequent correspondence by letter dated 26th January, 1972 stated that Mr. Mason informed him that he should "submit the site plan scaled to one acre." He further stated that "The final location of the boundary line was not fixed until after planning permission was granted and Mr. Mason erected the fence. The portion thus fenced off was registered with the Land Commission as transferred to me" (Mr. Ledwidge).

The fence so erected left a site of approx. 0.60 acres available to Mr. Ledwidge for his house instead of the one acre site on which the Planning Permission was granted. As the land concerned in these two applications had an original area of 1.880 acres this then left a remaining area of 1.20 acres in Mr. Mason's possession instead of the 0.880

acres had the fence been erected in the correct position. It would seem from Mr. Ledwidge's letter of the 22nd June, 1972, that it was in fact Mr. Mason who did not comply with the planning permission as granted on 3rd December, 1970. It should also be noted that it is Mr. Mason who is benefitting from the action as it means that he has created a third site for sale by so doing.

The result of this, if planning permission were granted for those two extra sites, is that there would be three houses on a total site area of under two acres (1.880 acres). At this density the scenic value of this rugged upland area will entirely change to that of a low density suburbia, and instead of being of benefit to a large number of people will be solely of benefit to those occupying the houses.

It should be noted also that House B, will be almost entirely within the site originally indicated for Mr. Ledwidge's site.

Further it is not known what arrangements Mr. Ledwidge is making to have a water supply for his house. At the time when his application was being debated it was acknowledged that the Council water supply in the area was inadequate to supply further houses. Accordingly he was required to provide an independent supply to serve the house. If he intends to bore a well it would be necessary to bore it in the area to the south of the house. In that event the septic tank to house B is likely to be much too close to the well.

Mise le meas,

T. Gibson,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary pointed out that the site for which Planning Permission had been granted to Mr. Ledwidge had been altered and accordingly the terms of the grant of Planning Permission had not been complied with.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

Resolved — We hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper together with all ancillary development to Mr. Peter Doyle and L. Johnson in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged, subject to moving of Site A down 50 feet and subject to screening by planting of trees.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

Item No. 2:- Revision of Local Electoral Areas — Letter from Department of Local Government (Copy Circulated to members).

The following letter from the Department of local Government had been circulated to the Members:-

Department of Local Government
Custom House,
Dublin 1.
F. 214/2/31.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.

F.9/1973.

3u Lunasa, 1973.

Revision of Local Electoral Area

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to his

statement on 20 June, 1973 in the course of the debate in the Seanad on the Local Elections Bill, 1973, in which he stated "... In consultation with Local authorities I intend to give early attention to the question of equality of representation as between different county electoral areas. In general these areas were drawn up over 30 years ago and do not reflect the significant changes in the distribution of population which have taken place in recent years. I hope that at least the more serious anomalies in this regard will have been dealt with before next year's local elections ..."

The Minister, may by order divide the area of any county, county borough, borough or urban district into local electoral areas and specify the number of members to be elected for each such area and he may review such divisions whenever he thinks proper. While the statutory power in this matter rests with the Minister, he considers that full account should be taken of the views of the Local council and of the needs of the local community. Accordingly, he invites proposals for the revision of local electoral areas where such revision is considered necessary. Proposals for revision should be on the basis of the existing total membership of the Council as it is not proposed to alter the total number of members of councils in this review.

In preparing proposals for a revision, the principal consideration should be the achievement of reasonable equality of representation on the basis of population within the local authority area. Subject to this there should be regard to the preservation of natural communities, to the desirability of establishing areas in which proper representation is facilitated by suitability from the point of view of size, community of interest, facility of communication and physical features. For example, in the case of counties the aim should be to base the county electoral area on a town of suitable size and its natural catchment area in so far as this may be possible.

In regard to procedure it is considered that the most convenient method might be to have an outline revision prepared by the appropriate local authority officials and submitted together with supporting statistics and such further information as may be necessary for consideration by the elected council which would then forward its recommendations to the Minister.

It is essential, if new electoral areas are to come into force for the local elections which will be held next June that the work be commenced without delay and that it should be expedited as far as possible at all stages.

Mise, le meas,

D. Turpin

To each city and county manager,
each county secretary and the town
clerk of Drogheda, Dun Laoghaire, Galway,
Sligo, Bray and Dundalk.

Particulars of the populations of the four Electoral Areas as in 1966 and in 1971 had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the number of Members forming the Council had been reduced prior to 1942 and he asked that particulars of the previous membership of the four Electoral Areas be submitted. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 3:- Reclassification of roads — Regional system — Letter from Department of Local Government.

The Council considered letter dated the 28th August, 1973, reference R.A. 241/16 from the Department of Local Government in rela-

tion to the Reclassification of Roads — Regional System. The Council also considered report of the County Engineer of the 8th October, 1973 in which he recommended that four additional routes should rank as Regional Roads, these being:-

- (1) From L. 107 at Lockstown via Vallemount to meet N. 81 at Bur-
gage (approximate length 7 miles).
- (2) From L. 161 at Ashford to T. 61 at Annamoe (approximate length
6½ miles).
- (3) From L. 32 at Auhrim via Rathdangan to L. 19 — South of Bal-
tinglass (approximate length 18 miles).
- (4) Old T. 7 at Avoca via Redcross to N. 11 at Barndarrig (approx-
imate length 7 miles).

The County Engineer pointed out that L. 164 from Blacklion via Church Road, Greystones to N. 11 at Willow Grove had been omitted from the map supplied by the Department of Local Government and it was presumed that this was an error. He also indicated the correct description of the Brittas Bay Road. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the road from the Lamb via Manor Kilbride to Blessington should also be included as part of the Regional Route and Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area proposed that Boghall Road, Bray also be regarded as a Regional Road. The Council noted that the road from the Arklow Urban District Boundary at Porters Bridge to the junction with L. 294 at Magheramore was now classified as a main road and approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the additional four Regional Routes and also of the inclusion of the road from The Lamb via Manor Kilbride to Blessington and the Boghall Road, Bray, as Regional Roads.

Item No. 4:- Proposed taking over of road at Kilquade — Report of County Engineer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Couthouse,
Wicklow.

14th September, 1973.

County Secretary

Re: Local Improvements Scheme No. 73: Road at Kilquade: Taking over of Road.

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 2nd May, 1973.

The following is a report on the above-mentioned road, and it is recommended that the road be Taken Over by the County Council:-

1. Length of the road is 630 yards, (this includes the three spurs on the road). Width of road is 12 feet.
2. There was an allocation of £732 in the 1972/73 financial year, to construct the road, and this work was completed by the end of March, 1973.
3. The number of houses on this road is 14.
4. The number of users of this road are the occupants of the 14 houses, together with delivery services, etc.

5. There is an allocation of £30 in this years Road Works Scheme, for the maintainance of this road.

Mise, le meas,
J. Forrestal,
A County Engineer

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved — That we approve of public notice being given of our in-
tention to take over as a public road the road at Kilquade as recom-
mended by the County Engineer.

Councillor Gregory opposed the taking over of the road as a pub-
lic road and contended that the road was of inadequate width for two
vehicles and that it should have been widened.

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

In favour

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, D. McEvoy, T. J. Keenan,
Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss
N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan — 11.

Against

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory, K. Ryan — 3.

Councillors F. Hynes, J. Sweeney and Senator Miss M. Walsh
did not vote.

The Resolution approving of the giving of public notice was declar-
ed passed by 11 votes in favour to 3 against with three not voting.
Footpaths at Bray

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge complained that footpaths at Bray
for which the County Council was responsible were in a very bad con-
dition and required urgent attention. She referred to the proposal that
the Council authorise additional expenditure in the current financial year
to defray the cost of repairs to these footpaths. On the proposal of
Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Coun-
cil asked that the County Engineer have available for the next Meeting
a report and estimated cost of putting into proper order the footpaths
at Bray.

Road at Newcastle

Members of the Council asked that a further report be submitted in
regard to the road at Newcastle known as Church Lane and referred to
the Bridge on this road which was considered to be dangerous. The
Council asked that the County Engineer submit a further report on
the matter for the next Meeting.

**Item No. 5:- Wicklow Regional Water Supply Improvement Works:-
To Authorise Borrowing and to consider letter from Wicklow Urban
District Council.**

The County Secretary stated that the estimated total cost of the
Improvement Works for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme
was £52,900 and as it had been agreed by the County Council that
60% of the cost of the works should be met by the Urban District
Council and 40% by the County Council the approval of the Council
to the borrowing of £21,200 to meet the Council's share of the capi-
tal cost was requested. The following letter from the Town Clerk,
Wicklow Urban District Council, was submitted:-

Wicklow Urban District Council,
Town Hall,
Wicklow.

3rd October, 1973

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Attention of Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer:

Re: Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

A Chara,

I received your letter of 21st September, 1973 regarding the apportionment of costs for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

This Council discussed your letter at their meeting held on 2nd October, 1973 and feel that your Council is being unreasonable in insisting on the Wicklow Urban District Council paying 60% of the capital cost. They have requested that your Council reconsider the matter and agree to the cost being apportioned on a 50/50 basis.

In relation to the apportionment of the maintenance costs this Council would be agreeable to increase the current annual contribution from £400 to £1,000 in respect of years commencing 1st April, 1974. This figure would be subject to a quinquennial review.

Please confirm that your Council is agreeable to the above.

Mise, le meas,
P. Hughes,
Town Clerk.

In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the maintenance cost of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme for the year 1971/1972 was £3,121.00 and for the year 1972/1973 was £3,070.00. During the year ended the 30th September, 1973, 63% of the total amount of water produced at Cronroe had been used in the Wicklow Urban District. During the Summer months the percentage used, at times, in the Urban Area rose to 75% of the total production, reducing in the Winter and Spring to about 50% which was the minimum proportion used in the Urban District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory.

Resolved — That the Capital Costs of the Improvement Scheme for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply be apportioned between Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council on the basis of 50% to be contributed by each authority and that the maintenance costs of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme be shared between the Urban District Council and the County Council in the same proportions, i.e. 50% each.

As an amendment.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello
Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke

Resolved — That the Capital Costs of the Improvement Scheme for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply be apportioned between the Wicklow Urban District Council and the County Council in the proportions of 60% to be contributed by Wicklow Urban District Council and 40%

to be contributed by Wicklow County Council and that the maintenance costs of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply be met as to 60% by Wicklow Urban District Council and 40% by Wicklow County Council.

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

In favour

Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh — 12.

Against

Councillors D. McEvoy, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan — 5.

The amendment was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 5 votes against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to pass a Resolution to authorise the borrowing of the County Council's share of the cost of the Improvement Works for the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £21,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the County Council's share of the cost of Improvement Works for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme. Passed.

Item No. 6:- Knockananna Group Water Supply Scheme: Proposed Taking Over of Scheme by Council.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the Group Water Supply Scheme in Knockananna consisted of a well and a pump with a stand-by well and pump which feeds the 6,000 gallon reservoir serving 22 houses. The Scheme had been operating satisfactorily for some years and the committee was anxious to have it taken over by the County Council. The County Engineer estimated the annual maintenance costs at approximately £100.00 which would cover remuneration of a part-time Caretaker to keep a check on the pumps, read the three metres, electricity bills and carrying out of general maintenance repairs. The Group Water Supply Scheme was completed in 1966 at a total cost in the region of £3,500.00 towards which the Council paid Supplementary Grants to the extent of £1,140.00. A similar amount was paid in State Grant leaving a total of £1,240.00 to be met by the Group. It was proposed that the Council take over maintenance of the supply provided that all persons served by the original Group Scheme agreed to this and understood that it would be necessary for the Council to fix a small charge after a period of five years so as to meet the cost of replacement of the electric motor and pump and future maintenance costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan

Resolved — That having considered Report of the County Engineer of 13th August, 1973 we approve of the taking over for maintenance by the Council of the Group Water Supply at Knockananna provided that

all persons served by the original Group Scheme agree to such taking over which shall be conditional on the levying of a rent in respect of each connection to the Scheme towards the cost of maintenance after a period of five years.
Passed.

Item No. 7:- Burial Grounds at Carnew and Tomacork

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to extend the Catholic Cemetery at Tomacork and the Protestant Cemetery at Carnew by $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre respectively. The Council had been in negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary lands and Mr. James Southern, Croneyhorn, Carnew, owner of the lands adjoining the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Tomacork had pointed out that he held only a small parcel of land near his house and adjoining the Cemetery and could not possibly sell a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of this land to the Council unless he could obtain a similar amount in lieu in the vicinity. Mr. A. Quinn, Dunneshal House, Carnew, owner of the land adjoining the Protestant Cemetery at Carnew, was agreeable to sell a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land but required a price of £800.00. Councillor K. Ryan urged that the Council acquire an acre of land for the extension of the Cemetery at Tomacork and stated that he understood the landowner would be prepared to give such an area if he could be provided with a similar area in return.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan
Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan

Resolved — That we approve of acquisition of $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land at Carnew from Mr. A. Quinn, at a price to be negotiated. That we acquire 1 acre of land at Tomacork from Mr. Southern, and offer a similar area of land in the vicinity in exchange.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the County Manager be authorised to purchase the necessary land at the best possible price.
Provision of new burial ground at Bray.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the urgent need for the provision of a new Burial Ground at Bray in respect of which the Council had made a Compulsory Purchase Order and asked that the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order be expedited. He suggested that if there was likely to be any delay in the matter that the Council seek a deputation to the Minister and the Council agreed with this proposal.

Item No. 8:- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:-
"That the Council will have their legal advisor present at all meetings of the Council in future."

Councillor Ryan proposed that the Council's Solicitor be present at at least one Meeting of the Council each month. Members of the Council pointed out that it would be scarcely reasonable to require the Council's Solicitor to be present at Meetings of the Council unless matters arose for which his presence was required and it was noted that the Council's Solicitor had indicated he would always attend at Meetings of the Council even at short notice, if his advice were needed. Councillor Ryan pointed out that he was concerned over delay in payment to a landowner at Deerpark in respect of land acquired by the Council and despite a number of enquiries he had failed to obtain an explanation as to the delay. The County Manager pointed out that difficulties often arose in connection with Title to lands which had to

be resolved before the Council's Solicitor would be in a position to certify that the Title was in order and that payment might be made. He pointed out also that delays arose where the Registration of land in the Land Registry was required. He stated that he would investigate the particular case referred to by Councillor Ryan. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Manager might look into the matter of appointment of a whole-time Solicitor who would act for the County Council and for the three Urban District Councils and the Manager undertook to examine this proposal. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council recommended that the Council's Solicitor be asked to agree that payments for land in sums not exceeding £60.00 be made without requiring submission of Title and that in such cases a Statutory Declaration always should be accepted.

Item No. 9:- Letter from Wicklow County Executive Macra na Feirme re filling of vacancies on Committee of Agriculture.

The following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Macra na Feirme Wicklow County Executive, was submitted:-

MACRA NA FEIRME — WICKLOW COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairman: Mervyn Bradshaw, Ballykeane, Redcross.

Secretary: Ann Carr, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.

Treasurer: Patricia Keenan, Redcross.

August 3rd, 1973.

Dear Sir,

The members of the above wish to put the following resolution before you for consideration at the next meeting of Wicklow County Council.

"That the Wicklow County Executive Macra Na Feirme condemns the action of the Wicklow County Council in rejecting farmers from membership of the County Committee of Agriculture, and that it considers such a rejection a contemptuous denial of the efforts of Macra Na Feirme over the past 25 years to provide farmers educationally fitted to manage their own affairs."

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Carr,

Hon. Secretary.

The Council decided to mark the letter read.

Item No. 10: Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council repair the land serving four cottages at Ballisheel, Aughrim, which is flooded when it rains and some of the tenants have to cross a ditch by ladder as they cannot use their entrance gates."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

'Phone (0404) 2324

T. J. DONOVAN, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,

County Surveyor/Engineer

Ref. TJD/SB

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
28th June, 1973

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That the Council repair the lane serving four cottages at Baleshal which is flooded when it rains."

A Chara,

Reference your of the 19th instant.

I wish to confirm that the lane in question serves four Council Cottages, three of which are vested. The lane is approximately 450 linear yards long, 50 linear yards of which involves road widening and the acquisition of approximately 100 square yards of land from a tenant purchaser, Mr. Keegan.

There is no provision for carrying out the work in this years road-works scheme, but I recommend that it be included in the 1974/75 roadworks scheme.

Mise, le meas,
T. J. Donovan,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that provision for this work will be included in the Roadworks Scheme for 1974/1975 but asked that some material be put on the access road in the current year to assist tenants in getting into their houses following heavy rains.

Item No. 11:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the County Engineer fence off the waste ground in front of Kennedy's cottage at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to prevent itinerants camping there and causing a nuisance to these old people."

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the words "road-side traders" should have been used instead of itinerants and that these traders remained at Killiniskeyduff for several months at a time. The County Engineer stated that he had placed banks of clay at this place to prevent road-side traders from camping there but Councillor Sweeney pointed out that this had not been effective. The Council agreed that the matter of fencing off the plot be examined and if possible that this be carried out.

Item No. 12:- Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Carnew."

The Council noted that the County Engineer had indicated that he would arrange for replacement of some bad sections of the footpaths from Maintainance during the current year.

Item No. 13:- Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That sewerage be extended to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Tinahely, to Ballinacor, Killavaney."

On the proposal of Councillor Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council approved of plans being prepared for an extension of sewerage services to houses on Chapel Hill, Tinahely, to Ballinacor, Killavaney.

Item No. 14:- "Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss N. O'Neill:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to look into the possibility of reducing the valuation of stands, etc., erected on G.A.A. Grounds for the purpose of sheltering players and spectators at matches."

Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that this matter arose particularly in relation to the stands at the G.A.A. Grounds at Arklow. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Finance that the valuation of stands, etc., on G.A.A. Grounds be looked into.

Item No. 15:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors J. Whelan, and J. Gregory:- "That water supply be extended from Ballycurry to Kilskey to serve 14 houses and 6 new houses."

The Council noted that a report on this matter was not yet available and requested that a report be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the 12th November, 1973.

Item No. 16:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors J. Whelan, and B.S.C. Phelan:- "That in view of the published report re Brittas Bay this council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, The Dublin County Council and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."

The Council decided to adjourne consideration of this Notice of Motion in view of the absence of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan.

Item No. 17:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and B. S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council extend the sewer to the Council Cottages on the Ashford/Glenealy Road at Ballinalea."

On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Gregory, the Council approved of the extension of the sewer to serve Council cottages on the Ashford/Glenealy Road at Ballinalea.

Item No. 18:- Notice of Motion in the Name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That sewerage facilities for which plans have been prepared be extended to serve the 15 houses on the Kilcloran Road, Aughrim."

The County Engineer stated that plans had been prepared for this scheme but a problem had arisen in regard to level and this required further examination. The County Engineer stated that he would have an estimate of cost available for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 19:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That the Council enlarge the Carnegie Library at Greystones and in view of the growing population of the area the opening times for readers be extended to a full time library."

The following report of the County Librarian was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Please address correspondence
to the County Librarian Ref: JH/JL

County Library,
Greystones.
13th September, 1973

Mr. K. J. Branagan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Re Greystones Branch Library

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 inst. containing details of notice of Motion on the names of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss M. Walsh, to the effect that Council enlarge County Library building at Greystones in view of the increase in population and that library be open on a full time basis. I support this Notice of Motion to the full in view of the following facts. Since my taking up duty here in September, 1965, the number of registered borrowers using Greystones Branch Library has increased from 976 to 2,317, with the most noticeable increase occurring since 1968 with a total of 29,429 volumes being issued in year 1967/'71 from the branch, in comparison to 46,777 for year ending 31st March, 1973. It is also noted that for current year we are averaging in excess of 4,000 issues per month. Half of these issues are in the Non Fiction category. More people are using library facilities for research purposes, and we receive a monthly average of 60 requests of this nature which require special attention. As you are aware this is one of the fastest growing residential areas in the county, and readers who are now more mobile, are coming from such areas as Newcastle, Kilcoole, Delgany, Nowtownmountkennedy, Ashford, and Enniskerry district also.

Present floor area for use of branch library is 450 square feet which is the same as when a proper branch was established in 1945.

It is not possible for us to extend this without making extra office and storage accommodation available.

I would recommend that extension to present headquarters building be erected at rear, in order to provide office and storage accommodation. This would also solve the problem of inadequate heating for staff purposes. I am currently working on a new time schedule for opening hours of branch which will be similar to opening hours in Bray Public Library.

Mise, le meas,

P. Hayes

County Librarian

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, approved of plans being prepared for an extension of the Greystones Branch Library.

Item No. 20:- Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor J. Miley:-
"That no site for industry be given until the developer makes avail-

able to the County Council (1) The type of industry (2) The number that will be employed (3) The capital available for investment in the industry (4) A guarantee that the site or part thereof will not be sold or leased without the County Council's permission (5) The firm's interest in the site is not to be disposed of, or lease altered in any way, without the Council's permission and (6) that planning permission be not granted for any factory or industry without application coming before the County Council."

The County Secretary stated that as Members were aware sites could not be leased until the matter of the lease had been submitted to and approved by the Council. The matter of granting of the lease was not considered until Planning Permission had been obtained by the applicant for the site for industry and a satisfactory recommendation had been obtained from the Industrial Development Authority. All the information which Councillor Miley suggested should be available was in fact obtained before the granting of a lease was considered and the lease provided that the site must be used only for the purposes of an industry. Members of the Council expressed the view that every effort should be made to encourage industry to locate at Dunlavin or Ballynaglass or Tinahely or other areas rather than at Blessington. Councillor Miley also suggested that the Council should acquire the lands adjoining the Industrial Site at Blessington for the purposes of an extension to the Industrial Site. In reply to enquiry from Deputy G. Timmins concerning the site at Blessington the County Secretary stated that the Council had at present on hands applications for sites from more industries than could be accommodated on the site at Blessington. He stated that no commitment had been entered into for the disposal of the remaining part of the site and that applications were still under examination.

Item No. 21:- Notice of Motion in the Names of Senator Miss M. Walsh, and Councillor J. Whelan:- "That from this day forward deputations will be received by this Council at 5.00 p.m. after the business of the Council has been completed."

Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that by reason of deputations being received at 4.30 p.m. the business of the Council was not being completed and items had remained on the Agenda without being dealt with for many months. Accordingly, she suggested that deputations not be received until 5.00 p.m. in future. Her proposal, which was seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, was passed.

The Council deferred consideration of Items Nos. 22,23 and 24 pending the availability of the necessary reports.
Application for reception of deputation.

The County Secretary stated an application had been received from Mr. Pascal Burke, Secretary, Glenealy Labour Party Branch, for the reception of a deputation to deal with the present housing situation in Glenealy and the question of a water supply at Kilnamanagh. The Council agreed that the deputation be received at 5.00 p.m. at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 5th November, 1973.
Resolution of Sympathy

On the proposal of Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Deputy G. Timmins, the Council expressed the sympathy of the Members with the widow and family of the late Mr. Alphonsus O'Connor who had

been a staff Officer in the service of the Council. The County Secretary on behalf of the Staff of the Council asked to be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Amenity Grants Scheme

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government stating that the money provided in the Estimates for the current year for the Amenity Grants Scheme had already been fully allocated and in the circumstances there were no funds available from which an increased allocation could be made available to the Council. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government for the allocation of additional funds.

National Coastline Study and Regional Industrial Plans

The County Secretary stated that a copy of Volume I of the National Coastline Study and copies of Parts 1 and 2 of the Regional Industrial Plans for 1973/77 were being circulated to the Members at the Meeting. The County Secretary pointed out that the Seminar in relation to the National Coastline Study which some Members were attending would take place on Wednesday, 10th October, and that the Special Meeting of the Council to receive the Regional Industrial Plans of the Industrial Development Authority would be held on the following Monday, 15th October, 1973.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J.J. Bourke and K. Ryan:- "We the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for the erection of a bungalow under the Local Government Planning Act, 1963 to Patrick Roche, Ballyduff Lower, County Wicklow."

In the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- (a) "That the extremely dangerous bend at the Gate Lodge at Glenart on the Woodenbridge/Arklow Road be removed before there are any more accidents at this point." (b) "That the two dangerous bends at the bottom of Laragh Hill at Conneran's Cottage, Kilquiggan be removed."

In the names of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the bad bends from Murrys Hill to the village of Newtownmountkennedy be removed."

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the County Council appoint a School Warden at Newtownmountkennedy School."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council erect extra lights on the Greenane Road at Clash."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the Council lay pipes of suitable size to carry all the water coming down County Council plot in winter (Cottage Tenant: Mrs. Corrigan) —this water floods three houses in Clash."

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That a Report be given at the next Meeting of the County Council on the progress made on septic tanks for Messrs. Bolton, Duffy and Doyle, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING

Held on

ON MONDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1973

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on the 15th October, 1973, for the purpose of the presentation by the Industrial Development Authority of their Regional Industrial Plans.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, D. McEvoy, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, R. McKeon.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

Councillor Mrs. W. McNamara, Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council, and Mrs. M. McEnroy, Wicklow Urban District Council, and Mr. N. Bradley, Town Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, also attended.

Mr. M. F. Flanagan, Regional Manager, and Mr. Paid McMenamin, Assistant Manager, Regions Division, attended to present the Plans. Mr. Flanagan stated that he would first present a film which had been produced for the Industrial Development Authority for use on the Continent and in the United States to put forward the advantages of Ireland as a location for new industry. Following the showing of the film, Mr. Flanagan informed the Council that he proposed to have the Industrial Development Authority's Plans for the Region explained by Mr. P. McMenamin following which he would invite questions from the Members of the Council and close then by replying to the questions raised.

Mr. McMenamin explained the function of the Industrial Development Authority, which, he pointed out, was limited to manufacturing industry, and indicated the Regional Industrial Strategy in this field. The Plan provided for the creation of 55,000 new jobs during the period 1973 to 1977 and referred to the Tables given in the Report showing the trend of population in the various regions which showed that all counties were expected to increase in population by 1986.

The policy in relation to job creation was to strengthen the middle range towns and in the case of Dublin to cater only for the normal growth of population and not for increased expansion. He stated that a better regional balance had been obtained in recent years and instanced the fact that 177 new industries had been introduced over a total of 81 locations. It was the policy to encourage the mix of small, medium and large industries to complement each other. In regard to Co. Wicklow, Mr. McMenamin stated that the job targets for the period 1973/77 was 900 over the towns of Bray, Newtownmountkennedy, Wicklow and Rathnew; 400 between the towns of Arklow, Carnew and Rathdrum; and 300 distributed between Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Tinahely. The direct cost of the Plan was estimated at £150 million spread over a period of five years. It was not possible to estimate the indirect cost with any degree of accuracy. He stated that the next review was in course of preparation and he expected it would be published by the end of the following year.

The Members of the Council raised a number of points in relation to the Plans which were noted by Mr. Flanagan who then replied to all the matters raised.

In relation to an enquiry as to how it was proposed to stabilise the industrial growth of Dublin, Mr. Flanagan stated that the economic role of the Industrial Development Authority was limited to manufacturing industry and that the greater part of the growth in Dublin was in service industries. He pointed out that generally no grants were paid to industries from abroad locating in Dublin. Mr. Flanagan, however, agreed that many industrialists, pressed to set up either in Dublin City or in the immediate neighbourhood of it and that there often was difficulty in persuading industries to move further away from the capital. In this regard he stated that the Industrial Development Authority would be glad to have industries going to Dunlavin, Baltinglass, Tinahely, etc., rather than to Blessington or Bray where nowadays there was no difficulty in getting new industries started. In this regard he pointed out that an Industrial Site had been established in Bray by private enterprise and was proving successful. Mr. Flanagan stated that the Industrial Development Authority were prepared to make higher grants available to industries with a view to inducing them to locate their industries further away from the capital. He confirmed that this would apply to places such as Dunlavin, Baltinglass, Aughrim, Tinahely, Carnew, etc. In regard to the Council's Industrial Site at Rathnew, Mr. Flanagan stated that he foresaw no problem and that the Industrial Development Authority were actually in negotiation in regard to the location of an industry on this site. In relation to the provision of infrastructure, etc., water supplies and sanitary services, it was the policy of the Industrial Development Authority to keep in close touch with the local authorities. In relation to housing for key workers Mr. Flanagan stated that houses could be provided by the National Building Agency for industrial workers and a number of Schemes had been carried out by the Agency. In reply to enquiries from Members as to different rates of grants being payable in different areas, Mr. Flanagan stated that under the Industrial Development Act a higher maximum grant could be paid in what were described as the Designated Areas, these being mainly counties in part of the Midlands and West and Northwest. In such areas, the maximum grant was 60 per cent. and in other areas the maximum grant was 45 per cent. In closing, Mr. Flanagan thanked the Members for giving the Authority the opportunity of presenting the Plans to them and stated that this was the 43rd presentation which had been arranged by the Industrial Development Authority.

Resolution of Sympathy

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of the late Dr. Brendan Donnelly, formerly of Bray, who had been a Member of the County Council. The County Secretary asked that he and the Members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Special Meeting of Council

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that a notice of Motion had been handed in in the names of fourteen Members and in the circumstances he asked that the Council would consider it. The following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned, request that a Special Meeting of the Council be arranged to review the County Plan in view of the serious discontent expressed by the Members of the Council in connection with its operation."

The Motion was signed by the following Members:-

Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Temple, E. Byrne, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., R. McKeon, D. McEvoy, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, R. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill and Miss N O'Neill.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the Council agreed that a date for a Special Meeting for the purpose as indicated in the Motion be fixed at the next Meeting of the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and T. J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean O'lahan, Rathdrum, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. George Plant, for the erection of two dwellinghouses on the townland of Ashtown."

In the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council do some improvement work on the Sea Road, Kilcoole, pending the resurfacing of the said road as soon as the sewerage scheme is completed."

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That the Council add additional lights on the access roads in Parkmore, Baltinglass, and one additional lamp on the bridge in Baltinglass."

AGENDA

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1973

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

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

County Manager
County Secretary
County Engineer
Chief Planning Assistant
Staff Officer, Planning Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting of Council held on 10th December, 1973.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

A G E N D A

- 1 Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, as follows:-

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J.J. Bourke, and B.S.C. Phelan:-
"That we hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 to grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, for the erection of a house at Callow Hill, County Wicklow."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 18th June, the 9th July, and the 20th August, 1973.
- 3 Application for consent to sub-division of vested cottage plot at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride.
- 4 Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited - To appoint representative to attend Organisation's Annual Meeting and to nominate a Director for ensuing year.
- 5 Revision of Local Electoral Areas.
- 6 Change to Calendar Financial Year.
- 7 Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - Apportionment of costs.
- 8 Avoca Sewerage Scheme - to authorise borrowing.
- 9 Revision of remuneration for post of Second Fire Officer.
- 10 Footpaths at Bray - Report of County Engineer.
- 11 Church Lane, Newcastle, - Report of County Engineer.
- 12 Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1973 - to approve of submission for audit.
- 13 Old Burial Ground at Glenealy and Delgany.
- 14 Application from Newtownmountkennedy Branch of the Labour Party for reception of deputation concerning new Council Houses at Newtownmount-kennedy.
- 15 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan, and B.S.C. Phelan:-
"That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay this Council proceed forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, The Dublin County Council and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity,"
- 16 Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That the "Grass Diamond" opposite Brendan Gahan's House at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, be removed and road surfaced in the interest of safety."
- 17 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer take over and put into proper repair the road from Kilcarra to Rustigath if he has not already done so. The money for this work was included in the Estimates last March."
- 18 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill:- "That the Council provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."

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- 19 Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- (a)"That the extremely dangerous bend at the Gate Lodge at Glenart on the Woodenbridge/Arklow Road be removed before there are any more accidents at this point."
(b) "That the two dangerous bends at the bottom of Laragh Hill at Conneran's Cottage, Kilquiggan be removed."
- 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the bad bends from Murry's Hill to the village of Newtownmountkennedy be removed."
- 21 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the County Council appoint a School Warden at Newtownmountkennedy School."
- 22 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council erect extra lights on the Greenane Road at Clash."
- 23 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the Council lay pipes of suitable size to carry all the water coming down County Council Plot in winter (Cottage Tenant: Mrs Corrigan) - this water floods three houses in Clash."
- 24 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That a report be given at the next meeting of the County Council on the progress made on septic tanks for Messrs Bolton, Duffy, and Doyle, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
- 25 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council do some improvement work on the Sea Road, Kilcoole pending the resurfacing of the said road as soon as the sewerage scheme is completed."
- 26 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M.J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:- "That the Council add additional lights on the access roads in Parkmore, Baltinglass, and one additional lamp on the bridge in Baltinglass."
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ITEM NO. 1:- NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROPOSE RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS FOLLOWS:-

IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. GREGORY, J.J. BOURKE AND B.S.C. PHELAN:- "THAT WE HEREBY DIRECT THE COUNTY MANAGER UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, TO GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION TO P. MILLER, BALLINASTOE, KILPEDDER, FOR THE ERECTION OF A HOUSE AT CALLOW HILL, COUNTY WICKLOW."

The County Secretary submitted the report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer of 12th November, 1973, in which he indicated that a revised Site Map had been submitted on which the position of the proposed house had been altered. The house, instead of being on top of the rock promontory or outcrop, was now to be placed at its base, some 30 feet lower. Whilst this improved the situation somewhat the proposed house would still be prominent in views from the east and north east. Refusal was still recommended for the reasons Nos. 1 and 2 as had been circulated to the Members previously, i.e. on the grounds of:-

1. Being detrimental to the visual amenity of the area by reason of its prominence
2. By being in conflict with the requirement that new development be located at existing centres where services were available or could be economically provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor J.J. Bourke

Resolved - That we hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission to P. Miller, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, for the erection of a house at Callow Hill, County Wicklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of Dublin Corporation as indicated in the Corporation's letter on the matter.

Passed - Councillors S. Costello and M.J. O'Neill dissenting.

ITEM NO. 2:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 18TH JUNE, THE 9TH JULY, AND THE 20TH AUGUST, 1973

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 18th June, the 9th July, and the 20th August, 1973.

Passed.

The County Manager stated that arrangements were being made to have the Minutes of Meetings stencilled and circulated to the Members of the Council and submitted for confirmation at the following month's Meeting.

ITEM NO. 3:- APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SUB-DIVISION OF VESTED COTTAGE PLOT AT THREE CASTLES, MANOR KILBRIDE

The County Secretary stated that a difficulty arose in regard to this application for consent to sub-divide a vested cottage plot in that the applicant, Mr. Michael Kearns Junior, who wished to erect a new bungalow for his own occupation on the portion of the plot to be sub-divided intended to continue as tenant-purchaser of the cottage at Three Castles which when vacated by him will be occupied by his father. He did not intend to re-transfer the existing cottage to his father. His father, who had married for a second time, resided with his wife and her family in a vested cottage at Tinode. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that the present cottage did not contain sufficient accommodation for Mr. Kearns' family and that accordingly he wished to build a new house for himself and his family. He stated that Mr. Kearns' father and his wife would occupy the vested cottage at Three Castles and make available the cottage at Tinode for the Nolan family. He expressed the view that no objection should be raised to the sub-division.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That consent be given to the sub-division of the vested cottage plot of Michael Kearns, Junior, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, No. 18/3.

Passed - Councillor Costello abstaining.

The County Manager stated that he would take the Council's Resolution as being a recommendation to give consent to the sub-division as this was an executive function. He would have the matter further examined. Members of the Council queried whether the grant of consent to sub-division of a vested cottage plot was a reserve function or an executive function and the Council asked that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on this matter.

ITEM NO. 4:- EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED - TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND ORGANISATION'S ANNUAL MEETING AND TO NOMINATE A DIRECTOR FOR ENSUING YEAR

The County Secretary stated that the Council's present representative on the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited was Councillor B.S.C. Phelan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan

Resolved - That we hereby appoint Councillor B.S.C. Phelan as representative to attend the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited and nominate Councillor B.S.C. Phelan as Director for the ensuing year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh

Resolved - That Councillor R. McKeon be nominated as a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited and as the representative of the Council at the Annual Meeting of the Organisation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That we defer proceeding with the appointment of a representative on the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited

A vote having been called for on the proposal to defer proceeding with the appointment it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors T.J. Keenan, R. Miley,
M.J. O'Neill, K. Ryan and J. Whelan
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AGAINST

Councillors J.J. Bourke, S. Costello,
D. McEvoy, R. McKeon, G. Timmins, T.D.
and Senator Miss M. Walsh - 6

The Motion to defer consideration of the appointment was declared defeated by 6 votes against to 5 votes in favour.

The Motion was then put as to whether Councillor B.S.C. Phelan or Councillor R. McKeon would be selected as the representative of the Council to attend the Annual Meeting of the Organisation and as a Director for the ensuing year and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR PHELAN

Councillors T.J. Keenan, R. Miley,
M.J. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan and
J. Whelan - 5

FOR COUNCILLOR McKEON

Councillors J.J. Bourke, S. Costello,
D. McEvoy, R. McKeon, K. Ryan, G.
Timmins, T.D. and Senator Miss M.
Walsh - 7

Councillor McKeon was accordingly declared appointed as the Council's representative and as a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation for the ensuing year.

ITEM NO. 5:- REVISION OF LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS

Following consideration of details circulated to the Members of the Council in regard to population in each Electoral Area for 1936 and 1971 together with division of the population in 1971 as between the urban population and rural population and particulars of the

Members on the Council during the period 1925 to 1941 as compared with the present Membership,

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we recommend no change in the number of Members of the Council to be elected in each Electoral Area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne

Resolved - That seats within the County be apportioned on the basis of population.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Costello's Motion could not be treated as an amendment to the Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. but was a separate proposal and accordingly the Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was submitted and a vote having been called for it was found the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J.J. Bourke, W. Cleary, D. McEvoy, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan
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AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple
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The Motion was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 7 against.

A vote having been called for on the Motion in the name of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was found the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple - 6

AGAINST

Councillors J.J. Bourke, W. Cleary, D. McEvoy, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan
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Councillor K. Ryan did not vote. The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 6 in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That Kilcoole, Killincarrig, The Glen O' The Downs (Willow Grove) and Roundwood be included in the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the proposal be adjourned so that the exact area referred to in the Motion could be defined.

ITEM NO. 6:- CHANGE TO CALENDAR FINANCIAL YEAR

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that in line with the policy of harmonisation of the economic and budgetary policies of the E.E.C. it had been agreed in principle by the Government to change the Exchequer and Local Financial Years to the Calendar Year. It was intended that the first calendar local financial year would be the year 1975. The change-over would require changes in legislation and special consideration would be given to the effect of the transitional nine month period, April to December 1974. It was desirable that each local authority should examine the matter and that particular attention be paid to the completion of Final Accounts and Abstracts for 1973/1974 as soon as possible after the close of this year so that the necessary staff time could be given in the early Autumn to the preparation of the 1975 Estimates. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Council in relation to the period from April to December, 1974, at an early date in February of that year and that the Estimates Meeting for the Calendar Year 1975 would require to be held probably about November of 1974. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 7:- WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, informed the Council that he had been asked by the Chairman of Wicklow Urban District Council if the Council would receive a deputation from the Urban District Council at the Meeting on that date to discuss the matter of the apportionment of the costs of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at 5.00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 8:- AVOCA SEWERAGE SCHEME - TO AUTHORISE BORROWING

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £67,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of the Avoca Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 9:- REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR POST OF SECOND FIRE OFFICER

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the application of a salary scale of £2,443 x £83 - £2,775 x £85 - £2,860 to the office of Second Fire Officer with effect from 1st July, 1973, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government.

Passed.

In reply to enquiry from Members the County Secretary stated that a Second Fire Officer had been appointed and was at present attending a Course. Members of the Council enquired where the Second Fire Officer would be stationed and the County Secretary stated that the Second Fire Officer would act under the direction of the Chief Fire Officer and it was intended that he would be stationed at Bray. The Members of the Council urged that the Second Fire Officer be stationed in Arklow. The County Manager pointed out that the Second Fire Officer would be mainly engaged on Fire Prevention Duties and that the matter of his headquarters would be considered in relation to the needs of the service.

ITEM NO. 10:- FOOTPATHS AT BRAY - REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER

The County Secretary read the report of the County Engineer of 31st October, 1973, in which he stated that paths in general were not in^A particularly bad condition though some portions needed to be repaired on certain streets. Such repairs would come under the classification of ordinary Maintenance Repairs rather than Improvement Work. Other paths were in what could be described as a rough condition but perfectly safe and could possibly be replaced in a couple of years time. The following paths needed to be repaired:-

Path at Upper Dargle Road between Dargle Tavern and "The Snip" shop; Sunnybank Junction to Bray Bridge; Putland Road; Killarney Road; The paths at Main Street, Bray, and Quinsboro Road, Bray.

The County Engineer indicated that arrangements were being made for repairs of these paths. The County Engineer estimated that a sum of £2,544 would be required to defray the cost of improvement work on paths at Dublin Road, Strand Road and Putland Road. Councillors for the Bray Electoral Area pointed out that no provision was made for the paths at Vevay Road, at Wolfe Tone Square to the Putland Road and at other locations in Bray and following a discussion it was agreed that the County Engineer would arrange to meet Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at Bray for an inspection of paths in the area. The Council deferred a decision on the County Engineer's report on the matter.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN
RELATION TO THE WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The Council received a deputation from the Urban District Council which consisted of Councillor Mrs. P. MacNamara, Chairman, Councillor Mrs. M. McEnroy, Vice-Chairman, and Councillors J. Kane and F. Conway together with Mr. P. Hughes, Town Clerk. The members of the deputation addressed the Council in turn and it was stated that the Urban District Council had passed a Resolution authorising the borrowing of the necessary monies to meet 60% of the cost of the Improvement Works to the Wicklow Regional Water Supply as had been proposed by the County Council. The Urban District Council however, were concerned at the County Council's proposal that the Urban District Council should pay 60% of the maintenance costs of the Scheme though it was admitted that the Urban District Council were at present using over 60% of the water produced from the Scheme. It was pointed out on behalf of the Urban District Council that very little further development could take place within the Urban District and that in consequence there would be a considerable increase in housing in the area outside of the Urban District and this would result in a change in the proportions of the water being used as between the County Council Area and the Urban District Council Area. It was pointed out also that housing developments outside Wicklow were facilitated by being able to avail of the sewerage services of the Urban District. In regard to industries in the town, the Urban District Council representatives stated that these served the rural area and were of benefit to the population of that area and that in addition the harbour also served the rural area. The Urban District Council urged that the Council accept the Urban District Council's proposal to pay £1,000 per annum towards the maintenance costs of the Scheme from the 1st April, 1974, with a review after five years. Members of the County Council asked for information from the Urban District Council in regard to the income from sale of water in the town and the costs of the water supply and provisions made in the Estimates, etc. The County Secretary informed the Council that before the matter could be reconsidered by the County Council it would be necessary to have notice given of intention to suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of reconsidering the Council's decision taken at the Meeting on the 8th October, 1973, and if considered necessary, of rescinding or varying the Resolution passed at that Meeting. Councillor T. Hynes and Councillor R. Miley agreed to hand in a Notice of Motion to this effect and the Council agreed to consider the matter again as an item on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th December, 1973.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and R. Miley:- "That Standing Orders be suspended at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th December, 1973 for the purpose of reconsidering the apportionment of maintenance costs of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme between the County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council and if required rescinding Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th October, 1973, in relation to this matter."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That in future Wicklow County Council build no more houses without at least one fire place; and also that each house be provided with either fuel houses or bunkers. The provision of rear entrances should also be considered and recommended by the Architect or designer of the Scheme."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council put into a proper state of repair the cottage at Ballymoney, Arklow, occupied by Mrs. Roche."

In the names of Councillors R. McKeon and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That the earthen bank at Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole, be removed."

In the name of Councillor Senator Miss Walsh:- "That monies due for years for land acquired for road widening be paid without any further delay to (a) Bernard Jackman, Liscolman; (b) Richard Corrigan, Liscolman; (c) Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe; and (d) Samuel Doyle, Coolkenno."

In the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the wall beside the Graveyard in Greenane be repaired and also the paths be repaired and surfaced and a Cross be erected in the Graveyard to replace the one which has fallen down."

In the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council clean up Macreddin Graveyard which is in a very overgrown condition."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M.J. O'Neill:- "That a new Fire Engine with breathing apparatus and rescue equipment be provided at Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill:- "That the Council extend the Eadestown Water Supply to five Council houses in the Castleruddery area."
