

Item No. 28: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillors S. Costello, W. Cleary, M. Deering, G. Timmins, F. Hynes, R. Ryan, J. Temple, E. Byrne, C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, F. J. Keenan, R. Miley and J. Gregory: "That We Call Upon the British Government To Release the Following Irish Political Prisoners from Prison: G. Doherty, E. Shanley, C. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, B. Bruton, J. McIlveen."

It was Proposed by Councillor S. Costello, Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory: Resolved: "That we call on the British Government to release the following Irish Political Prisoners from Prison: G. Doherty, E. Shanley, C. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, B. Bruton, J. McIlveen."

The following Members requested that they be added as abstaining: Councillors J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Mrs. N. O'Neill. Item No. 29: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council Hold a New Dispensary in Wicklow Town." It was decided to defer this item pending receipt of a report.

Item No. 30: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor R. Miley: "That this Council Will Remove the Fence at Glendalough Cemetery and Allow the One Row of Graves for Extension of Cemetery on Town Site to Open Up."

The County Manager indicated that on a previous occasion a proposal to extend the Cemetery at Glendalough had been the subject of many objections including objections from the National Monuments Committee and Bord Fáilte. It was agreed that the Council should consult Bord Fáilte in the matter and report back at a future meeting.

Item No. 31: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor J. Miley: "That this Council Sign an Open Drain Order for the Drainage of the Area at Donaghadee, Wexford."

This item was deferred pending the receipt of a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 32: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor R. Miley: "That the Dangerous Character as Attributed to the Road Between Lifford and Frinagh, Now That It has been Given Having Regard to the Dangerous Nature of the Road Through Lack of Visibility of Oncoming Traffic." It was agreed to await report from the County Engineer before dealing with this matter.

Item No. 33: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the Lane in Kilmurray South and School be Taken Over, Surveied and Widened by the Council."

It was Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Seconded by Councillor J. Miley: Resolved: "That the Lane in Kilmurray South and School be taken over, surveyed and widened by the Council."

Item No. 34: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council Buy Two T.V. Sets in Wicklow County Hospital, One for the Staff and One for the Patients."

The County Manager agreed to this Notice of Motion and asked that the matter be deferred pending the submission of a special report.

Conduct and Control of Meetings.

Members of the Council asked that further advice be obtained in relation to the procedure at meetings and the position in relation to refusal to conform to directions from the Chairman.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 6th July, 1970. Following the termination of the Annual Meeting, an Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held.

The following Members attended:—

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

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Miss M. Walsh, who was unable to attend due to a bereavement, Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair at the Annual Meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairman.
 2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
 3. Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
 4. Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.
 5. Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.
 6. Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital and arrangements for visits.
 7. Membership of Eastern Regional Development Organisation.
- Immediately following the completion of the business of the Annual Meeting, the monthly Housing Meeting of the County Council will be held.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, County Wicklow."
 - (b) In the Names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurry, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

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

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act to grant full planning approval for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. James Bradshaw, "Westways," Davitt Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with plans lodged by the applicant.

(c) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, 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 Victor Byrne for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."

(f) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, 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 Ronald F. Gammell, Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a house for his own needs at Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow."

(g) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

(h) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

(i) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, E. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarny, Wicklow."

(j) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, J. Gregory,

E. Byrne, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Osborne C. Spurling, Ardnaree, for the erection of two bungalows at Ballyvolan, Newcastle."

(k) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan 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. James Malone, 8 Strand St., Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarny, Wicklow."

(l) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes 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 Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands."

2. Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.
3. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
4. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
5. Tenders for erection of rural cottages.
6. Tenders for erection of Purchase type Houses.
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to Mr. Edward Meade, Meadow Court, New Road, Greystones, for the erection of his new house."
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That houses be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathangan, and Patrick O'Brien, Raheen, Baltinglass."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will build a house for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "That this Council build a house for Mr. James Doyle, Kilcashel, Avoca, on his own site."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That this Council will build ten houses on new site at Laragh purchased by Council."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That a range be installed in William Quayle's prefab house at Drummin, Ballinglen, without repayments."

14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council take off the old roof of Mrs. Walsh's cottage, Ballykilavane, Glenealy, and put on a new tiled roof and repair cracks in walls, etc."
15. Cottages repaired during month of June, 1970, and cottages to be repaired during month of July, 1970.

At the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor Costello handed in a Motion proposed by himself and seconded by Councillor Kevin Ryan and by Councillor Edward Byrne, as follows:—

"That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow County Council."

The Chairman pointed out that as the Meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Council, the proposal could not be considered. In reply to further enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Secretary stated that the Annual Meeting was a Statutory Meeting at which statutory business had to be discharged, the first item at the Meeting being the election of Chairman. Councillor Costello stated he would raise the matter again at the commencement of the Ordinary Meeting.

Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Councillor James Whelan be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his/her Successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

There being no other proposal, Councillor James Whelan was declared elected Chairman, and proceeded to take the Chair. Councillor Whelan thanked the Members for his election and paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Miss M. Walsh, for the manner in which she had discharged the duties of Chairman during her year of office, despite the many difficulties with which she had been faced. The Members of the Council joined in expressing appreciation of the services rendered by Miss Walsh as Chairman and asked that the Secretary convey to Miss Walsh the appreciation of the Members of the Council.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Miss Walsh on the death of her uncle.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That Councillor Frank Hynes be elected as Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his/her Successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

Passed.

Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

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. Whelan (Chairman), J. Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple.

Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and seconded by Councillor M. Deering; Councillor F. Hynes was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor E. Byrne; Councillor Miss M. Walsh was proposed by Councillor W. Cleary and seconded by Councillor C. White.

As there were no further nominations, the Council appointed Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, Councillor F. Hynes and Councillor Miss Walsh to represent the Council on the General Council of County Councils.

Councillor Costello asked that he be recorded as abstaining from the appointments made at the Annual Meeting.

Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to form the Local Advisory Committee under Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, and to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

Councillors R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Yann Renard-Goulet, Comdt. Matthew Kavanagh and Mr. B. Riordan.

Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital; and Arrangements for Visits.

The Council re-appointed the following Members of the Council to act as Visiting Committees to Newcastle Mental Hospital in the following groups, each group to act as Visiting Committee monthly in rotation:

Councillors J. Bourke
J. Gregory
F. Hynes
J. Miley
R. Miley
Miss N. O'Neill
B. Phelan

Councillors E. Byrne
W. Cleary
S. Costello
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
K. Ryan
M. J. O'Neill
J. Whelan

Councillors C. White
M. Deering
T. J. Keenan
J. Sweeney
J. Temple
G. Timmins
Miss M. Walsh

Members of the Council enquired regarding the holding of Meetings of the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee and stated that the Meetings had not been held regularly each month. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had received complaints in regard to travelling expenses and the duties assigned to the members of the staff of the Mental Hospital. He stated that the Matron had no car, but was conveyed by Male Nurses in their cars and claimed that other Female Nurses with cars did not visit patients, and that certain Male Nurses only, received all the travelling expenses. The County Manager stated that the assignment of duties to Members of the Staff was a matter for the Resident Medical Superintendent and he accepted his recommendations in such matters. Councillor Hynes stated that he would submit details of the complaints and asked that they be enquired into.

The County Manager pointed out that when Newcastle Hospital had been set up only a few years ago, there had been up to 350 patients from the Co. receiving treatment in Mental Hospitals. The number now receiving in-patient hospital treatment was 200. The number of mental patients in County Wicklow was now reduced to 3.4 per thousand of the population, which was the lowest in the country. He pointed out that this improvement had been effected mainly through the clinic service which had been provided through Newcastle Hospital. Councillor Gregory urged that part of the accommodation at Newcastle Hospital which was not at present in use be made available for old persons.

Membership of Eastern Regional Development Organisation:

The County Secretary stated that at the first Meeting of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation, it had been agreed that the number of Members to represent Counties Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow be increased to four, and consequently, the Council should appoint an additional representative. The appointment of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, and the appointment of Councillor B. S. C. Phejan was proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor W. Cleary. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, having withdrawn her name, Councillor B. S. C. Phejan was appointed to represent the Council on the Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillor to represent the Council on the Eastern Regional Development Organisation:—Councillor B. S. C. Phejan.

The Council then proceeded with the Agenda to deal with Housing Matters.

At the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor Costello again raised the matter of his proposal for the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the Motion that the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of the Council. The Chairman, having asked for advice on the matter, the County Manager stated that due notice would have to be given in regard to the proposal to suspend Standing Orders. In reply to Councillor Costello, who questioned the County Manager's right to advise, the County Manager pointed out that he was entitled to give advice to the Council, and that on a matter of suspension of Standing Orders, due notice had to be given so that the matter could be included on the Agenda. He stated that the Council had

important business to deal with at that Meeting, and pointed out that if the necessary Bank Overdraft Accommodation had not been provided by the Council at the previous Meeting, he would have been acting irregularly in incurring expenditure without having the necessary funds available. If the Overdraft had not been authorised, it would not have been possible to discharge any of the Council's functions such as the payment of workers, provision of health services, and other functions. The County Manager pointed out that there was no right on the part of the public to attend Council Meetings. The Press was entitled to attend unless excluded by Resolution of the Council. He drew attention to matters which occurred at previous Meetings, when Members of the Public attended and the Council Members and officials were prevented from leaving the Council Chamber.

The Council's Law Agent, who was present at the Meeting, quoted the provision in the Council's Standing Orders, and stated that 'due notice' was defined under the Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847, and this required that seven clear days' notice be given on any motion to suspend Standing Orders. In regard to the right of the public to attend Meetings, the Law Agent pointed out that the Members of the Council were elected representatives of the people. If Members of the public were to attend Meetings and question Members of the Council, it would not be possible for the Council to carry out its statutory duties. In reply to Councillor Miley, who asked what action the Council could take in relation to a Member who refused to accept the decision of the Chair and whether he could be removed from the Council Chamber, the Law Agent stated that this was a controversial matter and as it involved a number of questions, he would require time to consider his advice. Councillor Costello agreed to withdraw his Motion to Suspend Standing Orders, and asked that it be considered as a Notice of Motion to be discussed at the next Meeting. He proposed that in the meantime, the Council agree that the police be asked to leave the building. There was no second for the proposal. The Chairman stated he would accept Councillor Costello's proposal as a Notice of Motion, but he pointed out that it could not be considered at the Meeting on the following Monday as the necessary seven clear days' notice would not have been given. The Chairman then indicated that the Council would proceed with the rest of the business. While the remaining items on the Agenda were being discussed, Councillor Costello continued to interrupt and refused to obey the ruling of the Chairman.

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

The Council decided to defer consideration of these items to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2—Supplementary Grants for the Erection of New Dwelling-houses:

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £250 to Mr. Seamus Ward, Trooperstown, Moneystown, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at above address.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. Eamonn Manley, Rossanagh, Rathnew, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballybeg, Rathnew, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,250 to Mr. Joseph New, 18 St. Peter's Place, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Abbeyville, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a loan of £2,450 to Carol P. O'Reilly, 26 South Green, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Site 27, Knockenrahan, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,350 to Mr. Laurence Scallan, Upper Main Street, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Site No. 23, Knockenrahan, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,350 to Mr. William J. Healy, 3 Abbey Terrace, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Site 54, Abbeyville Estate, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,350 to Mr. William Scallan, 24 Upper Main Street, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Site 26, Knockenrahan, Arklow, sub-

ject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,350 to Mr. Henry Barber, 216 Brigstock Road, Surrey, England, towards the cost of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Site No. 49, Abbeyville, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Joseph P. Harte, Church Road, Dunlavin, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Church Road, Dunlavin, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. Oliver S. Newsome, Ballybeg, Rathnew, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballybeg, Rathnew, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a loan of £2,250 to Mr. Thomas P. Kavanagh, 61 Lower Main Street Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Abbeyville, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

The application of Mr. Liam Kelly, 3 Cill Mantin Park, Bray, for a loan of £900 for the purchase of an existing Council Vested Cottage was deferred.

Item No. 4—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The application of Mr. James Martin for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Killincarrig, to Mr. Liam Kelly, who also applied for a Loan towards the purchase of the Cottage, was deferred.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being granted for the subdivision of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage No. 147/2, of which Mr. Patrick Harte is Tenant/Purchaser at Church Road, Dunlavin, for the purpose of providing a site for the new house for his son, Mr. Joseph Harte, subject to the payment of the appropriate amount for

the redemption of the Annuity on the site to be disposed of.
Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sub-division of a plot attached to Vested Cottage No. 322/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, of which Mrs. Esther Newsome, deceased, had been Tenant/Purchaser for the purpose of providing a site for a new house for Mr. Oliver S. Newsome, Grandson of the deceased Tenant/Purchaser, subject to submission of Probate and to payment of the appropriate amount for redemption of the Annuity on the portion of the site disposed of.

Passed

Item No. 5—Tenders for Erection of Rural Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that Tenders had been invited recently for five rural cottages, these being one at Kilbride, Arklow, which was a potentially serviced cottage, and the others at Ballydowling, Glenealy, Tullowclay, Tullow; Ballinaclash, Rathdrum; and Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, all being fully serviced. The only Tender received was that for the potentially serviced cottage at Kilbride for which Arklow Homes, Ltd., had submitted a Tender in the sum of £2,860. This did not accord with the specifications of the Council. The County Engineer reported that the tender price was excessive. His estimate for the erection of a potentially serviced rural cottage was £2,195 and the tender exceeded this figure by £665. The Department of Local Government had indicated that approval would be unlikely to a tender price for a potentially serviced cottage exceeding £2,200. The Council confirmed that tenders should be invited again for these Cottages.

Item No. 6—Tenders for Erection of Purchase-type Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the Tenders received for the erection of six purchase-type houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. He pointed out that the Tenders invited were for the erection of the super-structure of the houses only, and did not include development and site work, and that the tenders were considered excessive. The lower of the two tenders received amounted to £3,147 per house and the other tender was for £3,892. 15. 6. Allowing for the cost of development and site work, the total cost of the houses was, if the lower of these tenders were accepted, between £4,000 and £4,500. Even if the maximum Loan were allowed to purchasers and State and Local Authority Grants, the deposit required from a purchaser would be in the region of £1,200. The Council agreed that the County Engineer proceed with the erection of the additional six purchase type houses by direct labour.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to Mr. Edward Meade, Meadow Court, New Road, Greystones, for the Erection of his New House."

The Council noted that under the terms of the Council's Scheme, a Supplementary Grant could not be paid in respect of this house. It was agreed that Councillors Miss O'Neill and Mrs. Ledwidge be informed in detail of the reasons why Mr. Meade did not qualify for payment of the Supplementary Grant.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That Houses be Built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan, and Patk. O'Brien, Raheen, Baltinglass"

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a house for Thomas Donovan, Cronaan, Rathdangan, on site to be provided by his father at Cornaan.

Passed

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a house for Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Raheen, on site to be provided by his father at Raheen, Baltinglass.

Passed

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will Build a House for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough."

Councillor Gregory pointed out that the Council had already agreed that a new house be built for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, having regard to the report of the County Engineer that the Cootage could not be properly repaired and should be demolished.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That a house be built for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough.

Passed

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "That this Council Build a House for Mr. James Doyle, Kilchashel, Avoca, on his own site."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Doyle had claimed that a site for a house for him had been acquired from Miss Wynne of Cherry-mount, Avoca, some years previously, but there was no record of any site having been acquired from Miss Wynne. Mr. Doyle had been asked if he would arrange for the present owner of the site to inform the Council if he would be prepared to sell a site to the Council, and if so, the price required, and had also been asked to say if he wished to be considered for one of the new houses to be built on the C.I.E. site at Avoca. The County Medical Officer had been asked for a report on the housing circumstances of Mr. Doyle. Councillor Keenan stated that Mr. Doyle had correspondence indicating that the site had been acquired for him, and that he would discuss the matter further with the County Secretary.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins:—
"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be Paid to Mrs. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that a Supplementary Grant could not be paid in this case under the provisions of the Council's Scheme for Supplementary Grants as corrugated asbestos had been used for roofing the reconstructed house. It was agreed that a letter setting out the circumstances of the matter be sent to Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor R. Miley:—
"That this Council will Build Ten Houses on New Site at Laragh purchased by Council."

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That this Council will build ten houses on new site at Laragh purchased by Council.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:—
"That a Range be Installed in Wm. Quayle's Prefab House at Drummin, Ballinglen, without repayments."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That a range be installed in William Quayle's prefab house at Drummin, Baltinglass, without repayments.

Passed

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council take off the old roof of Mrs. Walsh's Cottage, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, and put on a new tiled roof and repair cracks in walls, etc."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That this Council take off the old roof of Mrs. Walsh's Cottage, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, and put on a new tiled roof and repair cracks in walls, etc.

Passed

Item No. 19—Cottages Repaired during month of June, 1970, and Cottages to be Repaired during month of July, 1970."

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during June and to be repaired during the month of July, 1970.

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

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution:— "That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow Co. Council."

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:— "That the inadequate water supply in Donard be improved."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th July, 1970 at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

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

At the commencement of the Meeting Councillor Miss Walsh, conveyed her thanks to the Members of the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of her uncle. She also thanked the Members of the Council for the tributes paid to her at the previous Meeting.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, Co. Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, and M. J. O'Neill:—

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

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect bungalow for his own use."

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

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act to grant full Planning Approval for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. James Bradshaw, "Westways," Davitt Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance

with plans lodged by the applicant."

- (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, 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 Victor Byrne, for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."
- (f) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, 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 Ronald F. Gammell, Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a house for his own needs at Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow."
- (g) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."
- (h) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford."
- (i) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dunbar Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."
- (j) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Osborne C. Spurling, Ardnaree, for the erection of two bungalows at Ballyvolan, Newcastle."
- (k) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan 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. James Malone, 8 Strand Street, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."

- (1) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes 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 Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 23rd March, 1970 and 13th April, 1970.
 3. Application for closing of roads for Kart Racing at (1) Dunlavin on Sunday, 2nd August, 1970, and (2) Wicklow on Sunday, 9th August, 1970.
 4. Application of Electricity Supply Board for Planning Permission for Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill to Maynooth and Great Island, Wexford.
 5. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers — Recommendation for revision of remuneration of Medical Staff employed in Psychiatric Hospitals.
 6. Health Services — Appointment of Social Worker.
 7. Extension of Water Supply from Rathnew to Cronakeary — To authorise raising of loan.
 8. Traffic Lights and Traffic Circulation in Bray.
 9. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Killincarrick and application from purchaser for loan.
 10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. White:- "That the scavenging service be extended to include houses at Glencormac, Kilmavanogue."
 11. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council build a wall between the Drop Man-hole and the road at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and also erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."
 12. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "That the watermain be extended to serve five houses at Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass."
 13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That the Council open up the pedestrian right of way from the Murrough, Wicklow, to the level crossing at Killougher; (b) Open up the pedestrian right of way from Mrs. Byrne's cottage, The Murrough, Wicklow, across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly, along the road that leads out at the Cemetery, Rathnew; (c) Build a new footbridge where the old one was across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly."
 14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council rebuild a concrete wall in front of the houses on the Terrace at Carnew."
 15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That

this Council erect a pump for three houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh."

16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council tar the Chapel Lane at Shillelagh; it has already been levelled twice for tarring."
17. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. Ledwidge, M. Deering, C. White and William Cleary:- "That I, or some member for me, have Seamus Costello removed from Council Chamber of the Wicklow County Council having regard to his undesirable conduct at recent Meetings and in view of the fact that Council Meetings cannot proceed due to his continuous interruptions."
18. Notice of motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That the inadequate water supply in Donard be improved."
19. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, County Wicklow."

Particulars of the site and the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused, setting out the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed that Planning Permission be granted, but following a discussion, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal, pending an inspection of the site by the Members. It was agreed that notice be served on the applicant requiring the submission of further information regarding an E.S.B. Pole and its location on the site in relation to the location of the house.

- (b) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Vaughan, to erect a bungalow at Shraughan, Blessington."

Particulars of the application and of the recommendation of the County Medical Officer that Permission be refused in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the soil for disposal of effluent from a septic tank, and possibility of pollution of Dublin Corporation Reservoir, had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of

the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Vaughan to erect bungalow at Shraughan, Blessington.
Passed. — Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor Phelan abstaining.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

Particulars of this site and the recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused indicating the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council decided to defer consideration of this application to enable the Members to inspect the site of the proposal. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that she understood that the applicant was arranging to acquire an extra area of land which would increase the area of the site. It was agreed that a notice be served on the applicant seeking information as to the additional area of land being acquired with a plan showing its relationship to the site as already submitted.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and Miss N. O'Neill: "That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, to grant Full Planning Permission for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow in accordance with Plans lodged by the applicant."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved — That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act to grant Outline Permission for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, County Wicklow, to Mr. James Bradshaw, "Westways," Davitt Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with plans lodged by the applicant, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) Houses to be erected shall be one storey or 1½ storeys as recommended by the County Engineer.
 - (2) An independent water supply to be provided from well.
 - (3) Access to site to be amended to meet requirements of Co. Engineer.
- Passed.

- (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, 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 Victor Byrne, for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."

Particulars of the application which was for five houses, and not seven houses as referred to in the Notice of Intention to propose the Resolution, together with the County Engineer's recommendation that Permission be refused and the reasons therefor had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor 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 Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Victor Byrne, for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca, subject to the condition that trees on the site be preserved.

Passed — Councillor Costello dissenting.

(f) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, 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 Ronald F. Gammell, Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a house for his own needs at Charlesland, Delgany, County Wicklow."

Particulars of the site and of the County Engineer's recommendation for refusal indicating the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Ronald F. Gammell, Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a house for his own needs at Charlesland, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

Passed

(g) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

Particulars of the site and the County Engineer's recommendation that Outline Planning Permission be refused, and the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application to allow of an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved — That a sub-committee consisting of one Member from each area be appointed to inspect applications for Planning Permission in respect of which notice has been given of intention to propose a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, J. Miley and J. Whelan — three.

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

The proposal was declared defeated by 18 votes against to three in favour.

The Council decided to inspect this site and also the sites of the proposed dwelling houses for Mr. Brian P. McDonnell at Kilmurray South and for Mr. P. Butler at Kilmurray, on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1970, and to meet opposite Smith's Premises at the northern end of The Glen of the Downs at 3 p.m. on that date. The Council asked that the County Engineer or a Member of his staff attend, to indicate the sites and supply any information which may be required.

(h) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

Particulars of the site of the proposal and the recommendation of the County Engineer that further details be sought from Mr. Joynt had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council approved of the service of a notice on Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, requiring the submission of the following information:

- (1) A site map to a scale of at least 1:200 showing contours of the ground at 5' intervals, road levels, adjoining site, location of proposed house stating floor level and maximum ridge height, also location of septic tank, well, etc.
 - (2) Information as to whether the existing thorn hedge to roadside is to be retained, if not, details of proposed planting along the northern boundary for screening purposes would be required. These details should include a list of species proposed and the number of each variety.
- (i) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."

At the request of Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal. Councillor Hynes stated that he was asking that this proposal and also the proposal under Item No. 1 (k) for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney for Mr. James Malone, be deferred as he understood that there were two other applications pending in regard to sites adjoining these two sites, and that all four sites should be considered jointly by the Council.

- (j) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Osborne C. Spurling, Ardarae, for the erection of two bungalows at Ballyvolan, Newcastle."

The County Secretary stated that particulars of this proposal and the County Engineer's recommendation that Planning Permission be refused, indicating the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that in recent years there had been 15 applications for Planning Permission for houses in this area, and along the road which linked with the Main Road again at Timore and of these nine had been granted, four refused, and two were under consideration, including the present application. It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

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 Planning Permission to Mr. Osborne C. Spurling, Ardarae, for the erection of two bungalows at Ballyvolan, Newcastle.

Passed — Councillor Costello abstaining.

- (k) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan 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. James Malone, 8 Strand Street, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."

Particulars of this application and the recommendation of the County Engineer, recommending that Permission be refused and indicating the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. At the request of Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

- (l) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes 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 Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands."

Particulars of this application and of the recommendations of the Co. Engineer and Co. Medical Officer for refusal of Permission, giving the reasons therefor, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to allow of an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council, and it was agreed that this inspection would be carried out on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1970, with the inspection of the other sites as already agreed.

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Costello:

Councillor Costello enquired why a Notice of Motion in his name to suspend Standing Orders to discuss a proposal that the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of the Council, had not been included on the Agenda. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent who attended at the last Meeting of the Council at which the Notice of Motion was handed in, had indicated that such a Notice required seven clear days' notice being given to Members and that this excluded the day on which the notice was handed in and the day of the Meeting. It had been indicated at the last Meeting that the Notice of Motion in question could not be included on the Agenda for the present Meeting. In reply to Councillor Costello, the County Secretary, stated that the Motion would be included on the Agenda for the statutory Meeting of the Council in August, which would be held on 17th August.

Attendance of Press at Meetings:

Councillor Costello raised the matter of what he described as the exclusion of certain members of the Press from the previous Meeting of the Council, and he referred also to the Chairman's letter to a newspaper with which he disagreed. Following a discussion on the matter, during which the Chairman pointed out that in courtesy to the Council, Press representatives who did not normally attend County Council Meetings should inform him in advance of their intention to attend, the Council proceeded to the next business.

Item No. 2: To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 23rd March, 1970 and 13th April, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we approve and confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 23rd March, 1970 and 13th April, 1970.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads for Kart Racing at (1) Dunlavin on Sunday, 2nd August, 1970 and (2) Wicklow on Sunday, 9th August, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder around the Fairgreen, Dunlavin, on Sunday, 2nd August, 1970, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hereby authorise the

holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:-

- Part Main Road 315 between National School and junction of Main Street with Stephen Street — Length 300 yards.
- Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and junction with Stephen Street — Length 100 yards.
- Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School — Length 120 yards.

Subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Kart Race.
- (2) Any damage caused to Council property shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or the cost of such repairs recouped to the Council.
- (3) Adequate warning notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and the necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act, Regulations, 1961.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we hereby close to public the road described hereunder for the period from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 9th August, 1970, in connection with the holding of Kart Racing:-

Portion of Road No. L 29 B across the Bridge known as the "Stone Bridge" over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from the said Bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place in the said Urban District,

subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Kart Race.
- (2) Any damage caused to Council Property shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or the cost of such repairs recouped to the Council.
- (3) Adequate warning notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and the necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations, 1961.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Application of Electricity Supply Board for Planning Permission for Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill to Maynooth and Great Island, Wexford.

The County Secretary stated that the copy of the report and recommendation of the County Engineer in regard to the applications of the Electricity Supply Board for permission for overhead Transmission Lines from the Generating Station at Turlough Hill to Great Island, County Wexford, and to Maynooth, County Kildare had been circulated to the Members. A copy of a letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann, dated 25th June, 1970, asking that the Council ensure that the E.S.B. take full account of the value of the natural resources of Wicklow for tourism and recreation and design the transmission link accordingly, was also circulated to the Members. The County Manager stated that the matter had been the subject of much correspondence and confer-

ences had been held with the E.S.B. and the site of the Generating Station and proposed route of the Transmission Lines had been inspected by the Members of the Council and Council Staff on the previous week. It had been accepted that Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill would give rise to difficulties in view of the high scenic value of the area through which they would pass. The E.S.B. had emphasised their desire to avoid injury to the amenities of the area, but had pointed out the high cost of putting lines underground and had stressed the technical difficulties which would arise. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Temporary Permission be granted for the Transmission Lines, excluding sections of the lines between a point 3,200 yards west of Wicklow Gap and Granamore Bridge and the E.S.B. had agreed to survey this area again with a view to meeting the objections raised by farmers in the area, and would submit a new application in respect of these sections of the lines. The grant of Temporary Permission was recommended so as to enable the Council to review the position after a period of five years and to consider again whether at that time it would be reasonable to require the E.S.B. to lay cables underground. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Costello as to whether the E.S.B. had proceeded with the major Scheme at Turlough Hill without first obtaining Planning Permission for the Pylons and Transmission Lines, the County Manager pointed out that when the matter of the application for permission for the Generating Station was being considered by the Council, it was made clear that difficulties would arise in regard to the routes of the Transmission Lines so as to avoid injury to amenity. The provision of the pumped Storage Scheme at Turlough Hill was a very large scale development which was necessary in the national interest and essential if the E.S.B. were to be in a position to meet the needs of the community.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That having considered the recommendation of the County Engineer and report of the Chief Planning Assistant and the correspondence referred to in such reports, including letter of 25th June, 1970, from Bord Fáilte Éireann and other objections received from West Wicklow Development Association, Memorandum signed by 127 persons from the Parishes of Valkeymount and Hollywood, from An Oige, The Irish Mountaineering Club, Dublin Section, and six other persons, we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the grant of Temporary Permission for part of the Transmission Lines recommended, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed — Councillors Costello and Phelan dissenting.

Item No. 5—Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers — Recommendation for Revision of Remuneration of Medical Staff Employed in Psychiatric Hospitals.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation under the Scheme

for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers in respect of Medical Staff employed in Psychiatric Hospitals, we approve of the application of the revised scales as set out hereunder, with effect from 1st April, 1968, and hereby authorise expenditure of £2,020 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services, to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales:-

Resident Medical Superintendent:	£3,040 — 4 x £125 to £3,540
Senior Assistant Medical Officer:	£2,475 — 5 x £105 to £3,000
Assistant Medical Officer: (With D.P.M. or its equivalent qualification):	£2,190 — 6 x £80 to £2,670
Assistant Medical Officer: (Without a D.P.M. or its equivalent qualification, but having not less than two years' experience in Psychiatric Medicine):	£1,755 — 3 x £85 to £2,010
Assistant Medical Officer: (Without a D.P.M. or its equivalent qualification but having at least one, but less than two years' experience in Psychiatric Medicine):	£1,340
Officer (Without a D.P.M. or its equivalent qualification, with less than one year's experience in Psychiatric Medicine):	—
Holding the Appointment of Assistant Medical Officer to a Psychiatric Hospital:	£1,210

Passed.

Item No. 6 — Health Services — Appointment of Social Worker.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved — That having considered recommendation of County Medical Officer, we hereby approve of the creation of a post of Senior Social Worker with a salary scale of £1,250 x £50 to £1,550.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Extension of Water Supply from Rathnew to Cronakeary—To Authorise Raising of Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the borrowing of the sum of £4,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of extending the watermain from Rathnew to Cronakeary.

Passed.

Item No. 8 — Traffic Lights and Traffic Circulation in Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he was in agreement with the Town Engineer, Bray, that

it would be difficult for buses to turn right from Florence Road into Main Street, under present traffic conditions, but that with the proposed one way traffic system, this turning movement would present no problems. He pointed out that at the last Meeting held in Bray which was attended by representatives of various bodies the views and recommendations of the Garda Authorities and of the Council's Engineering Staff had been ignored. The County Engineer stated that it seemed that unless a decision were made shortly, on the proposal for the one way traffic system, the traffic signals would not be in operation during the present summer. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána to make temporary rules to enable the one way traffic system and the traffic signals to be put into operation. The County Secretary stated that the Commissioner of the Gardaí had recommended the one way traffic system and this had also been recommended by the County Engineer and by the Town Engineer, Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved — That having considered report of County Engineer of 17th June, 1970, we approve of the recommendations of the Garda Authorities and the County Engineer for the introduction of a one way traffic system in Bray by means of a Traffic Roundabout of the area surrounded by Quinsboro Road (part of), Eglinton Road, Florence Road (part of) and Main Street (part of), the system to be operated for a trial period of 12 months and approve of the making by the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, of temporary rules to give statutory effect the recommendations approved.

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

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan — Eleven.

Against: J. Bourke, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and C. White — Seven.

Councillors T. J. Keenan, B. Phelan and Miss M. Walsh, abstained.

The Motion was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to seven votes against.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill: "That the Watermain be extended to serve five houses at Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass."

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., supported by Councillors M. J. O'Neill urged that this extension of a watermain to serve five houses at Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass, be approved. The County Secretary stated that it will be necessary to obtain a report and estimated cost from the County Engineer, and it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit a report and estimate.

Shillelagh Sewerage:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired whether any reply had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh. The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received and reminders had been sent to the Department. Councillor G. Timmins asked that a report on the matter be available for the next Meeting and that the priority of sewerage schemes should also be indicated.

Eviction From Council Cottage:

Councillor Costello asked for information regarding an eviction from a Cottage at Priestnewtown, Delgany. The Council's Law Agent who attended the Meeting stated that a Decree for Possession had been obtained by the Council as the tenant had not been occupying the house for a considerable period and was in hospital and it was unlikely that he would be able to reside in the house again. The cottage had been vacant except on some occasions when the tenant's niece had occupied it. Councillor Costello asked that the matter be further examined. He stated that there was some doubt as to whether the tenant might not be coming out of hospital and wishing to return to the Cottage. Councillor Temple stated that representations had been received by the Council from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Committee at a Meeting with the Members of the Council regarding cottages which were not being occupied and the Council were pressed to take action to recover possession of such cottages. The County Manager stated that the matter would be further examined and that Councillor Costello would be informed of the position.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining matters on the Agenda.

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

In the names of Councillor F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Heatley, Bollarney, Wicklow, for the building of six bungalows on his land at Bollarney, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council increase the wages and salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Attendants by at least 50 per cent. and pay them overtime for Saturday and other holidays they have to work."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan: "That this Council extend public lighting along the School Road to the junction of the Tinahelly/Aughrim Road at Tinahelly."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing and Planning matters was held at the County Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 1970, at 8 PM.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Whelan, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. Bourke, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Thomas, G. Costello, Mrs. M. Hynes, Mrs. N. Ryan, J. J. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, J. Hynes, Roger Miley, Paul P. O. Phelan, The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. O'Leary, Chief Planning Officer, Mr. G. O'Leary, Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. J. O'Leary, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services, were present.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that he was unable to attend the meeting as he was in hospital recovering from an operation and from a fall. Councillor J. Hynes, who was absent on business at the suggestion of Councillor J. Whelan, stated that the Council agreed that the next meeting should be held on Monday, 17th August, 1970, at 8 PM.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Mary O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ladwig 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray, South, Co. Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors Miss M. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ladwig, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmurray, to erect a dwellinghouse for his own use."

(c) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, J. Temple, J. Gregory, and John 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 Christian Victor, Delgany, Delgany, for the erection of 16 houses at Delgany, Delgany."

(d) In the names of Councillors E. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, R. J. O'Neill and J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Ryan, Ballinacorney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacorney, Wicklow."

Eviction From Council Cottages:

Councillor Costello asked for information regarding an evicted tenant at P. J. O'Sullivan's, Delgany. The Council's Law Officer stated that the tenant had not been evicted from the house for a considerable period and was in hospital and it was unlikely that he would be able to reside in the house again. The Council had been vacated except on some occasions when the tenant had remained. Councillor Costello asked that the matter be further examined. He stated that there was some doubt as to whether the tenant might not be coming out of hospital and wishing to return to the cottage. Councillor Temple stated that representations had been received by the Council from the City and County Housing Authority at a meeting with the members of the Council regarding cottages which were not being occupied and the Council were prepared to take action to recover possession of such cottages. The Council Officer stated that the matter would be further examined and that Councillor Costello would be informed of the position.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining matters on the Agenda.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and M. 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 William Healey, Ballyhenry, Wicklow, for the building of six houses on his land at Ballyhenry, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council fix the wages and salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Assistants at not less than 50 per cent. and pay them overtime for any other holidays they have to work."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan: "That this Council send a delegation to the School Board to the junction of the Thomas Arthur Road at Tullyally."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing and Planning matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S.C. Phelan. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mrs S. Coffey, Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services, were present.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor J. Temple, who was in hospital recovering from an operation and from Councillor E. Byrne, who was absent on holidays. At the suggestion of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council asked that the best wishes of the Members be sent to Councillor Temple for his speedy recovery.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray, South, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

- (e) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes 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 Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands."
 - (f) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Heatley, Bollarny, Wicklow, for the building of six bungalows on his land at Bollarny, Wicklow."
 - (g) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dumbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarny, Wicklow."
 - (h) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan 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. James Malone, 8 Strand Street, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarny, Wicklow."
2. To fix date for Meeting of Council to consider objections to draft County Development Plan and adoption of Plan.
 3. Housing Progress Report.
 4. Acquisition of Site for Housing at Kilpedder.
 5. Tenders for rural cottages.
 6. Purchase-type houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.— (a) Report on cost of 12 houses nearing completion and (b) Report on estimated cost of 6 houses commenced (Copies of reports circulated).
 7. Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.
 8. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
 9. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
 10. Application for vesting of Council cottage at Baltinglass.
 11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—
"That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on:—
(a) Number of cottages in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding area of Rathdrum.
(b) Number of cottages repaired in those areas in the year 1969/70."
 12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."
 13. Cottages repaired during month of July, 1970, and to be repaired in August, 1970.

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow of the inspection of the site by the Members of the Council. A notice had been served on Mr. McDonnell requiring the submission of an accurate scale map showing the location of the E.S.B. pole on the site in relation to the proposed position of the dwellinghouse. Councillor Miss O'Neill submitted a letter from Mr. McDonnell together with a map of the proposed development and which bore the signatures of Messrs. Thomas Bennett, Patrick O'Toole, Owen Molloy, Denis Doyle, C. H. Fox and Peter Lawlor, stating they had no objection to Mr. McDonnell's erection of fence to the side of the right-of-way shown on the map to gain entrance to the top field as marked on the map and that they understood that the fence would in no way hinder the "hill path" or existing gate entrance. Councillor Miss O'Neill also submitted a letter addressed to M. McDonnell by the Electricity Supply Board regarding the high tension line crossing the site of the dwelling and stating that if the dwelling conflicted with the 10K.V. line the Board would divert the line to an agreed alternative position free of charge and if the line were greater than 10 ft. but less than 35 ft. from the house, the Board would insulate the conductors. Councillor Costello stating that in a discussion which took place on the site when the Members of the Council carried out the inspection, the applicant indicated his agreement to comply with conditions which he stated would overcome the objections made by the County Engineer to the proposal and that the Chief Planning Assistant had agreed to these points.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

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 Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, County Wicklow."

Passed.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the last Meeting to enable the Members to inspect the site. A notice

had been served on Mr. Butler requiring the submission of an accurately drawn map of the site showing the correct scale and dimensions relative to the existing physical features on and above the proposed site. A site map to scale had been received that morning but the County Engineer had not had an opportunity of examining it. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting on the following Monday for a report from the County Engineer on the new site map submitted.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow of the inspection of the site by the Members of the Council. A Notice had been served on Mr. Evans, requiring the submission of the following information:—

- (1) A further bacteriological report on the water supply.
- (2) Two photographs, one showing the site which is the subject of the application and the other giving a general view of the area surrounding the site.

This information had not been received. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application to the next Meeting and asked that a further letter be addressed to the applicant seeking the submission of the information requested before the next Meeting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting at which the Council had agreed with the recommendation of the County Engineer that a Notice be served on Mr. Joynt, requiring the submission of the following information:—

- (1) A site map to scale of at least 1:200 showing contours of the ground at 5 ft. intervals, road levels adjoining site, location of proposed house stating floor levels and maximum ridge height, also location of septic tank, well, etc.
- (2) Information as to whether the existing thorn hedge to roadside is to be retained. If not, details of proposed planting along the northern boundary for screening purposes was required. The details should include a list of species proposed and the number of each variety. On 7th August, a letter was received from Mr. Joynt forwarding a plan giving levels, etc.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan;

Resolved—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen Joynt, Ballinabarney, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymacahara, Ashford." Proposing the Resolution Councillor Hynes stated that Mr. Joynt wished to build a house at Ballymacahara, for health reasons and submitted a letter which was read to Council in Committee. The letter was from Dr. V. Pippet, Church Hill, Wicklow, and gave particulars of the number in the family and referred to an illness of Mrs. Joynt and to the family having had three moves in the previous year and asking that they be assisted in becoming permanently settled. Councillor Hynes objected to statement circulated to Members regarding Mr. Joynt having built a house in Wicklow in 1965 with the aid of a loan from the Urban District Council and having sold the house in September, 1969. The County Manager pointed out that the information given to the Members was correct and was information of a type which Members should be supplied with when considering the proposal. A vote having been called for on the proposal found the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White (13).

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill (2).

Councillors J. Bourke, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh abstained. The Resolution was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 2 against with 4 abstentions.

- (e) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes 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 Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting to enable the Members of the Council to inspect the site. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Phelan, the County Secretary stated that the applicant had indicated that sanitation would be by way of septic tank and the water supply by means of draining a bore hole from which the supply would be pumped, 6,000 gallons service reservoir would be included.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant planning permission to Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her lands." Passed, Councillor S. Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

(f) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Heatley, Bollarney, Wicklow, for the building of 6 bungalows on his land at Bollarney, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal was for the erection of six houses along the Wicklow/Rathnew Road at Bollorney on the lands to the west of Bollarney Garage. The County Engineer recommended refusal of the application which involved the construction of an additional access onto a heavily trafficked road and which would cause a traffic hazard. The County Secretary submitted a report of the County Medical Officer of 10th August, 1970, in which he pointed out that the application had been received in his office on Friday evening the 7th instant, and he had not had time to examine it properly. He stated that further information would be required:—

- (1) Location of septic tank in relation to roadway and dwellings.
- (2) Trial holes would need to be dug to ascertain the nature of the soil on the site as to suitability for the drainage of septic tank effluent.

There were other problems with regard to drainage of septic tank effluent on the site which he had not time to go into. He asked that the Council defer making a decision on the application at the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under (1) (g) and (1) (h) in relation to granting of Planning Permission to William O'Reilly and to James Malone for bungalows at Bollarney, Wicklow, were for 2 of the 6 sites in the application of Mr. William Heatley.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

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 Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Heatley, Bollarney, Wicklow, for the building of six bungalows on his land at Bollarney, Wicklow.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Costello, Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that the proposal be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the following Monday to enable the County Medical Officer to examine and report on the proposal. A vote having been called for on the amendment to defer consideration of the matter, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Costello, M. J. O'Neill and B. Phelan (3).

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White and Miss M. Walsh (16).

The Motion to defer the proposal was declared defeated by 16 votes

against to 3 in favour. A vote was then called for on the proposal of Councillor Hynes, Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory, and the members present voted as follows:—

FOR: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh (16).

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, M. J. O'Neill, and B. Phelan (3).

The Resolution was declared passed by 16 votes in favour to three against. The Council noted that Items (1) (g) and (1) (h) will be covered by direction to grant Planning Permission given under Item (1) (f).

Item No. 2—To fix date for Meeting of Council to consider Objections to Draft County Development Plan and Adoption of Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—"That a special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering objections to the draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan be held on Monday, 24th August, 1970."

Item No. 3—Housing Progress Report.

The following report dated 6th August, 1970, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Housing Section,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

6th August, 1970.

To the Chairman and Each Member
of the Council.

Re: HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I give hereunder details concerning progress made showing the present position in regard to housing schemes and land acquisition in the various areas throughout the county, listed in alphabetical order:

ASHFORD: The Council's Consultant Architects have now prepared an overall plan laying out the site at Ashford for the eventual building of 30 Council houses and provision of 12 developed sites to be leased to persons who wish to build their own houses with the aid of House Purchase Loans and Local Government and supplementary grants. In addition the Architect has provide plans for these purchase type houses, but the arrangements for the building thereof will, of course, be made by each individual applicant and not by the Council. As outlined above the Council will lease developed sites to the applicants at a nominal ground rent. The first stage of the scheme provides for the building of 18 Council houses to meet the present needs of the Ashford sites. The estimated overall cost of the scheme amounts to £129,800, and the estimated cost of the first stage of the scheme, namely, the construction of 18 Council houses and the provision of 12 serviced sites is £98,585. The documents have been submitted to the Department of Local Government for the approval of the Minister to the preparation of tender documents.

AUGHREM: A site has been acquired from C.I.E. which was formerly the old Railway Station. The site is being laid out by the Council's

own Engineering Staff and it is hoped to be able to accommodate six houses thereon.

Land acquisition—The Council has made an offer to Mr. Terence Phelan for the purchase of 4 acres of land to meet the future needs of the Aughrim area. If it is not possible to reach agreement with Mr. Phelan, the lands will be acquired compulsorily.

AVOCA: The Council's Consultant Architect is at present preparing plans for the provision of 12 houses on the former Railway Station site at Avoca.

BALLINACLASH: An Advertisement was recently inserted in the local Press inviting applicants for Council houses at Ballinaclash. There was not a big response, but it would seem that the Council should build four houses as a first stage of the scheme. Arrangements are being made to have the plans for the first stage of this scheme drawn up by the Council's Staff. There is accommodation for a total of 13 houses on this site.

BALTINGLASS: Six houses are nearing completion at Baltinglass and tenants have been recommended and will shortly be appointed.

Land acquisition: Negotiations have recently begun to acquire a further housing site from the Vocational Education Committee and, in addition, negotiations will shortly open with vested cottage owners at Parkmore for the acquisition of portion of their rear gardens.

BLESSINGTON: Five houses are now almost completed and tenants have been appointed for them. Work is proceeding on the 21 house scheme.

Land Acquisition: The Council is negotiating for the purchase of approximately 15 acres of land at Blessington at present.

BRAY: Consultant Architects have been appointed to layout the Council's sites at Oldcourt and Kilbride.

Land acquisition: Negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of portions of cottage plots at Oldcourt in order to facilitate the development of this site.

CARNEW: The Council's Consultant Architects have prepared plans for the eventual building of 32 houses consisting of 12 semi-detached bungalow type and 20 terraced houses made up of two blocks of six and two blocks of four on the Council's site at Carnew. The total estimated cost of the entire scheme is £93,858. The first stage of this scheme to cater for the present needs of the Carnew area will be the building of six semi-detached bungalow type houses at a total estimated cost of £16,982. Plans and specifications for this scheme have been submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the preparation of tender documents.

COOLBEG: Work is in an advanced stage on the building of two rural cottages at Coolbeg.

DUNLAVIN: Four recently constructed houses were let to tenants in Dunlavin some time ago.

Land acquisition: It is intended to acquire further sites here and negotiations are expected to open in the very near future for the acquisition of a site of approximately 3 acres.

ENNISKERRY (Kilgarron): A separate report on Kilgarron has been addressed to each member of the Council. Briefly the position is that the remaining 3 Council houses of the scheme of 10 will be ready for occupation in the near future and in addition the 12 purchase type houses will become available in stages over the next three or four months. Work has commenced on an additional six purchase type houses. It is expected that plans and specifications for a further 19

Council houses will be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in the very near future.

GLENEALY: An offer has been made to the landowner in Glenealy for the purchase of 4.3 acres. If agreement is not reached in this matter shortly compulsory purchase will be resorted to.

GREYSTONES. At the request of the Department of Local Government consultations recently took place with the successful Contractor for the building of 20 Council houses and 9 purchase type houses at Greystones. A revised tender analysis sheet has been submitted to the Department of Local Government and it is hoped that sanction to the commencement of the work on this scheme will now be received at an early date.

Land acquisition. Some time ago the Council acquired 3 acres of land from Miss H. Quinn at Greystones. Since then agreement has been reached with the owners for the purchase of a further 14 acres adjoining Miss Quinn's land, and negotiations are in progress with cottage plot owners at Lower Kindlestown for the purchase of another 3 acres adjoining these sites. In addition negotiations will shortly open with two additional landowners adjoining these sites for the purchase of a further 8.5 acres. If all these negotiations are successful the Council will then have 28.5 acres of land at Lower Kindlestown (At present the purchase of 17 acres has been agreed).

In addition an offer has been made to the Burnaby Estate for the purchase of another 44 acres of land at Greystones. In the event of agreement not being reached in any of the aforementioned proposed acquisitions it is intended to use the Council's powers of compulsory purchase.

KILMACANOGCE: Land acquisition: the Council recently made an offer to a Landowner at Kilmacanogue for the purchase of 5 acres of land. If agreement is not reached at an early stage powers of compulsory purchase will be resorted to in this case.

KILPEDDER: The County Engineer has now recommended the acquisition of a site consisting of 17 acres of land at Kilpedder and subject to the agreement of the Council it is expected that an offer will be made for these lands at an early date.

KILCOOLE: Five houses were recently completed and occupied at Kilcoole.

Land acquisition: Council has a small reserve of land of about 2 acres. Arrangements are being made for the acquisition of a further 10 acres at Kilcoole and an offer has already been made to the owners.

LARAGH: An advertisement was recently inserted in the local papers inviting applications for Council houses at Laragh. As a result a small number of applications were received and it would seem that the Council should build four houses to meet immediate needs on their site at Laragh. Arrangements will be made by the County Engineer in due course for the preparation of the necessary plans for submission to the Department of Local Government.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY: A Consultant Architect has been approved for the above mentioned site and it is anticipated that he will shortly be entering on the site for the preparation of plans for submission to the Department of Local Government. The acquisition of the site has been virtually completed by the Council's solicitor.

RATHNEW: The Council's Consultant Architect has submitted plans for the eventual building of 94 terraced type houses on the Council's site at Rathnew at a total estimated cost of £281,962. The first stage of the scheme will cater for the present needs of Rathnew and will be for the building of 20 houses made up of five blocks of four terraced houses each at an estimated cost of £64,211. 18. 4. Plans and

specifications have been submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the preparation of tender documents.

RATHDRUM: Consultant Architects have prepared plans for the preparation of 56 houses on the Council's site at Rathdrum at an estimated cost of £156,788. The first stage of this scheme, to cater for the present needs of Rathdrum, will be for the building of 20 houses at an estimated cost of £59,800. Plans and specifications have been submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the preparation of tender documents.

STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY: Sites have now been acquired at Stratford-on-Slaney and plans for the building of three houses will be prepared by the Council's staff.

TINAHELY: (a) Construction of 2 houses. The Department of Local Government has now conveyed the sanction of the Minister to the tender received for the building of two houses at Tinahely. Work will commence as soon as the Contractor has completed Insurance Bond and signed Contract.

(b) The Consultant Architect has prepared Plans for the eventual building of 16 terraced houses on the Council's other site at Tinahely at a total estimated cost of £48,400. The first stage of the scheme will be the building of six terraced houses to meet the present needs of Tinahely at an estimated cost of £18,150.

In conclusion I set out below a brief tabular summary showing the number of houses for which Plans have recently been prepared by the Council's Consultant Architects and the total estimated cost of same. It will be seen from this table that plans have been prepared for the eventual building of 240 houses at a total estimated cost of £710,808. In addition it will be seen that the first stage of the scheme provides for the building of a total of 82 houses in the five areas at an estimated capital expenditure by the Council of £257,678.

Scheme	OVERALL PLAN		First stage of plan to cater for present Housing needs	
	No. of houses for which site has been laid out	Estimated cost	No. of Houses which will be built initially	Estimated cost
Ashford	42	£129,800	30	£98,585
Carnew	32	93,858	6	16,932
Rathnew	94	281,962	20	64,211
Rathdrum	56	156,788	20	59,800
Tinahely	16	48,400	6	18,150
	240	£710,808	82	£257,678

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U. McCABE,

Staff Officer

(for Co. Secretary).

Councillor J. Miley proposed that Meetings of the local area Committees be held to consider the report in its relationship to the respective Electoral Areas and Councillor S. Costello opposed the proposal and expressed the view that the report should be considered at a full Council Meeting. Members of the Council referred to the reports published in recent issues of the Wicklow People, and expressed the view that these reports did not give a full and proper picture of the housing position in the County. The Council agreed that a copy of the Housing Progress Report of 6th August, 1970 be forwarded to the Wicklow People. Councillor Costello inquired if a letter had been received from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association and if so asked that it be read. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received that morning by hand from the Association but it was too late for inclusion on the Agenda. The Chairman having agreed that the letter be read, the following letter was submitted:—

GREYSTONES/KILCOOLE HOUSING ACTION ASSOCIATION

5 C Fairfield Park,
Greystones,
August 9, '70

The Secretary,
Mr. S. Branigan,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

To Be Read at the Meeting of Wicklow County Council on August 10, 1970.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting this week-end of the committee of the above body our Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Moody reported that he had visited the Council Offices on Tuesday 7th, July to elicit information on the progress of the 29 houses scheduled since last year for erection at Grattan Park. He was informed by your Housing Officer that the Council were at that time awaiting notification from the Minister for Local Government that they might now proceed with the work. The Council expected the Minister's sanction any day and Mr. Moody states that he felt gratified that further delays would not ensue leading to further escalation in building costs. The Council members will recall in this context that the first contract submitted for ratification to the department for Local Government last Summer was vetoed by Mr. Kevin Boland then Minister of this department on the grounds that the price was too high although no objection had been tabled in this issue by the above Association, the representative body of the homeless in the area concerned. Since then building costs have escalated sharply as a result of the cement strike, whilst Mr. Boland has departed from the government, 'unwept, unhonoured and unsung' at least by the homeless people of Greystones and Kilcoole who he so shamefully betrayed.

Mr. Moody was assured by the Housing Officer that, once the Council was notified of the Minister's agreement, the contractor was organised to move immediately on to the site and commence work. At this point in our proceedings a member of the committee produced a copy of the Wicklow People dated, August 8, which bore the news that a tender received by the Minister from the Council on April

9th, had been considered excessive and that the County Council were asked on May 28th to review the proposal and that a further submission by the Council was still awaited.

It was immediately clear to all at the meeting that

(a) the Wicklow County Council was not fulfilling its duty to its constituents by failing to make known to their representative bodies the progress of negotiations conducted on their behalf. This highlighted once again the undemocratic attitude being adopted by the Council which was previously demonstrated in the case of the Kilgarron Housing dispute and which has since engaged the attention of Wicklow Citizens for Civil Liberties Committee.

(b) the Council through its officers was apparently prepared unless the facts given in the Wicklow People are inaccurate, to give misleading information and to create a sense of false security in those in dire straits due to lack of adequate housing.

Whilst we are for the moment withholding judgement in this matter it seems evident, unless we can receive adequate assurances to the contrary, that certain elements on the Council, in connivance with the Minister for local government, wish to retain a system of patronage and dependance in the matter of housing allocation fostered by a continuing scarcity. The disgraceful record of the Wicklow County Council in recent years lends substance to this belief. This is emphasised further in the aforementioned article in the Wicklow People.

I have also been instructed to direct your attention to the fact that no apparent progress has been made on the building of the additional 100 houses scheduled for completion in this area by 1972. Would you kindly inform us when it is your intention to proceed with the acquisition of land for this purpose. You have been given every possible co-operation from us in this matter and a report from you is long overdue. We would remind members of the Council that you are there by mandate of the people which gives the public every right to ask you to give account of your stewardship.

We accordingly request that a deputation from our organisation be received at the next meeting of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

K. Kelly,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the tender submitted by the Council in April, 1970, for sanction to the building of County Council houses and nine purchase type houses at Greystones had not been considered excessive by the Minister but the Council had been asked to submit a revised tender analysis sheet which would indicate cost of development of the site as distinct from the cost of superstructure of houses both in respect of the Council houses and the purchase type houses. This has involved a detailed analysis of the tender and the agreement of the figure with the Contractor. The revised tender analysis sheet has been forwarded to the Department of Local Government during the previous week. Agreement had been reached for the purchase of 14 acres of lands at Greystones and an offer had been made for the purchase of another

44 acres of land and negotiations for acquiring other lands would open shortly.

It was proposed by Councillor Costello that the Council receive a deputation from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association but the proposal was not seconded. The Co. Manager referred to the particular difficulties that had been experienced by the County Council in regard to the erection of houses. He pointed out that there was a shortage of Contractors in the County and in consequence the Council had experienced great difficulty in getting tenders for the construction of houses and it would be recollected that only two or three tenders sometimes were received, in response to public advertisement. In the case of the erection of rural cottages it had been impossible to obtain tenders at a reasonable figure. Contractors themselves found difficulty in obtaining tradesmen and the Council in their own direct labour schemes also had experienced this difficulty as tradesmen were attracted to Dublin where they could obtain a higher rate of remuneration on work on the construction of office blocks. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that a special meeting to consider the Housing Report would be held on Monday 24th, August, 1970, and would be followed by a meeting in connection with the County Development Plan which had already been arranged for that date. In the meantime the Council agreed that the Report be considered by the Local Electoral Area Committees of the Council and Meetings of the Committees were arranged for the following dates:

Baltinglass Electoral Area on Friday 14th, August, 1970, at 3 p.m. at Baltinglass.

Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday 19th, August at 8 p.m.

Arklow Electoral Area at Courthouse, Tinahely, on Friday 21st, August, at 4 p.m.

Wicklow Electoral Area at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday 17th, August, at 7.30 p.m.

The Council also agreed to proceed with a discussion on the Report. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, had indicated that he would be unable to stay later than 5 p.m. and it was agreed that at that time Councillor Hynes, Vice-Chairman, to take the Chair, and the Meeting would continue to 6 p.m.

Councillor S. Costello asked that a letter from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee seeking the reception of a deputation by the Council be read. The County Secretary stated that a deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee had been received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area on the 29th July, 1970, at which a full discussion in regard to housing in Kilmacanogue had taken place and the report and recommendation of the County Engineer regarding the matter of acquisition of sites had been submitted. No subsequent letter seeking a further deputation had been received. Councillor Costello continued to press that the letter from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee be read and remained standing in his place. The Chairman asked Councillor Costello to resume his seat but he refused to do so. The Chairman then stated he was adjourning the Meeting and left the Chair and approached Councillor Costello and asked him again to

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leave the Council Chamber. Councillor Costello claiming that he had been assaulted, threatened the Chairman and Councillor J. Miley came to assist the Chairman and a disturbance developed which required the Gardai being called. The Chairman adjourned the Meeting and the Meeting terminated.

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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan:— "That this Council start to build houses at C.I.E. site in Aughrim and C.I.E. site in Avoca as there is a grave need for houses in these areas."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Councillor J. Whelan

Councillors: Miss

John Sweeney, Mark

Miss S. Costello

John J. Bourke

Phelan

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss E. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. 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 to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

(b) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynde, J. Gregory and John 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 Grantan Victor Evans, Farmington, Delgany, for the erection of 25 houses at Farmington, Delgany."

(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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 11th May, 1970.

3. Application for closure of public roads on 10th September, 1970, for the purpose of the "Aer Lingus Motor Club Rally."

4. Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of plot of land at

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leave the Council Chamber. Councillor Costello claiming that he had been assaulted, threatened the Chairman and Councillor J. Miley came to assist the Chairman and a disturbance developed which required the Garda being called. The Chairman adjourned the Meeting and the Meeting terminated.

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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan: "That this Council start to build houses at CLE site in Ardglen and CLE site in Ardglen as there is a grave need for houses in these areas."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th August, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."
 - (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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 11th May, 1970.
3. Application for closing of public roads on 19th September, 1970, for the purpose of the Aer Lingus Motor Club Rally.
4. Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of plot of land at

- Hollybrook for the purpose of improvement of Main (Arterial) Road between Kilmacanogue and Saint Valery's Bridge.
5. Regional Development—to consider County Survey.
 6. Letter from Dublin County Council requesting discussion with representatives of Wicklow County Council for the establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in area of Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.
 7. South County Dublin Water Supply Scheme at Cloughlea.
 8. Pay in the Public Service 1970—12th Round increase in remuneration.
 9. Revision of Differentials for Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers and Chargehands—Recommendation of Labour Court.
 10. Extension of Maintenance Craftmen's Agreement — Revision of Remuneration of Fitter/Mechanics and Members of Fire Brigades.
 11. Revision of Salary Scale for Clerical Officers — Recommendation under Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers.
 12. Creation of Posts of Clerical Officer and Clerk/Typist.
 13. The Use of Computers in Local Government—Report of Survey Group. (Copy of Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations circulated to Members).
 14. North East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme—to authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
 15. Water Supply Scheme for Houses at Lugduff, Tinahely, to authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
 16. Home Assistance—Increase in allowance from 1st August, 1970: To authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates, to defray cost of increased allowance.
 17. Creation of Post of Male Nurse at Saint Coleman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
 18. Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital—Accommodation; Clinics and Domiciliary Services. Report of County Manager.
 19. To authorise creation of additional office of Senior Psychiatrist at Newcastle Hospital.
 20. Creation of additional post of Public Health Nurse for duties in Bray Dispensary District.
 21. Post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan.
 22. Letter from Bray Traders' Association requesting Meeting to discuss Traffic Situation in Bray.
 23. Dunlavin Courthouse—Recommendation of Consultant Architect for the preparation of Survey and Report on condition of structure.
 24. Halting Place for Itinerants—Report of County Engineer regarding efforts to acquire site in Kilmacanogue Area.
 25. Sheep Dipping Scheme—Proposed Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington.
 26. Dangerous Corner at Ardinairy—Report of County Engineer of 3rd July, 1970.

27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:— "That the scavenging service be extended to include houses at Glencormac Kilmacanogue."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— That this Council build a wall between the Drop Manhole and the road at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and also erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "(a) That the Council open up the pedestrian right of way from the Murrrough, Wicklow, to the level crossing at Killougher; (b) Open up the pedestrian right of way from Mrs. Byrne's cottage, the Murrrough, Wicklow, across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly, along the road that leads out at the Cemetery, Rathnew; (c) build a new footbridge where the old one was across Broadlough at Lower Tinnakilly."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council rebuild a concrete wall in front of the houses on the Terrace at Carnew."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump for three houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council tar the Chapel Lane at Shillelagh; it has already been levelled twice before for tarring."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. Deering, C. White and William Cleary:— "That I or some Member for me will move to have Seamus Costello removed from the Council Chamber of Wicklow County Council having regard to his undesirable conduct at recent Meetings and in view of the fact that Council Meetings cannot proceed due to his continuous interruptions."
34. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That the inadequate water supply in Donard be improved."
35. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: 'That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow Co. Council.'"
36. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council increase the wages and salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Attendants by at least 50 per cent. and pay them overtime for Saturday and other Holidays they have to work."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— That this Council extend Public Lighting along the School Road to the junction of the Tinahely-Aughrim Road at Tinahely."
38. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1: Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White: "By virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a Bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the map showing the revised site area which had been submitted by Mr. Butler was incorrect and that a proper map which would show the proposed location of the house on the site would be required. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the application pending the submission of the map to the requirements of the County Engineer.

(b) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 Houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had sought submission of a further bacteriological report on the water supply proposed and also required the submission of photographs showing the site. This information was still not available, and accordingly, the Council agreed to postpone consideration of the matter to the next housing meeting.

(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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four Bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application for Outline Planning Permission had been received, and consequently, that it was not possible to deal with the Motion. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2: To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 11th May, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 11th May, 1970.
Passed.

Letter from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee.

Councillor Costello enquired whether a letter had been received from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee requesting the reception of a Deputation by the Council. The Chairman, having agreed that the letter be read, the following letter was read to the Council.

C/O Kilmurray, Cottages,

Kilmacanogue,

Bray,

Co. Wicklow.

11/8/70

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of 'The Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee' I would like to request a deputation to the Wicklow Co. Council. We have made this request some time ago and received no reply. It seems from the National Press that our previous correspondence has been disregarded. Quote from the Evening Press dated 11th instant. 'The flare-up occurred after Mr. Costello refused to obey a ruling of the Council Chairman, Mr. James Whelan. The Sinn Féin member was pressing to have a letter read from The Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee and he was asked by the Chairman to sit down.' As there seems to be some difficulty in discussing these things at the meetings, perhaps you would find it less difficult to answer the letters you received.

Yours sincerely,

K. Walsh.

The County Secretary stated that as Councillor Costello had been informed at the previous Meeting, the Secretary of the Kilmacanogue Housing Acting Committee had informed the County Secretary following a Meeting held in Kilmacanogue on 13th July, 1970, that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who had been present at the Meeting had asked him to request that arrangements be made for a Meeting between the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and representatives of the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee at the Town Hall, Bray, in regard to Housing in Kilmacanogue. The Meeting requested had been arranged and was held at Bray on 29th July, 1970, and was attended by Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge. The County Secretary, The Staff Officer, Housing Section and the A/Chief Assistant County Engineer for Housing also attended. The Secretary of the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee was present at the Meeting and no request had been made for any further deputation to be received. Councillor White confirmed that there had been a full discussion with the representatives of the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee in regard to Housing at Kilmacanogue at the Meeting referred to.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That a deputation from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee be received by the Council.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White and Miss M. Walsh—SIXTEEN.

AGAINST—Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Miley—TWO.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That any Deputation to be received consist of not more than five persons.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., C. White and Miss M. Walsh—SIXTEEN.

AGAINST—Councillor S. Costello—ONE.

The Resolution was declared passed by sixteen votes in favour to one against.

The Council also directed that the Deputation be received at 4.30 p.m. and that the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee be informed that matters raised by a Deputation were not discussed at the Meeting at which the Deputation was received.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Public Roads on 19th September, 1970, for the Purpose of the Aer Lingus Motor Club Rally.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 19th September and Sunday, 20th September, 1970, in connection with the Aer Lingus Motor Club Rally:—
County Roads Nos. 57 and 58 from Sallygap Junction to the Waterfall at Glenmacnass from 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, 19th September, 1970; and from 2.00 a.m. to 3.45 a.m. on Sunday, 20th September, 1970. County Road No. 129 from the Junction of County Road Nos. 128 and 129 north of Aughavannagh School to the Cross Roads at Moneymeen at the Junction of County Road Nos. 129, 140 and 141, from 9.30 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. on Saturday, 19th September, 1970; and from 12.30 a.m. to 2.15 a.m. on Sunday, 20th September, 1970, subject to the following conditions:—

- Indemnifying the Council against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads.
- Repairing any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council or recouping the Council the cost of doing so.
- Adequate Notices to be provided in regard to the closing and necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Item No. 4: Compulsory Purchase Order for Acquisition of Plot of Land at Hollybrook for the Purposes of Improvement of Main (Arterial) Road between Kilmacanogue and Saint Valery's Bridge.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer reported that when the Compulsory Purchase Order was made for the acquisition of land for the improvement of the Arterial Road between Kilmacanogue and Saint Valery's Bridge, a plot of ground containing 19.5 square perches required for the construction of the road junction at Jameson's Corner had been omitted from the acquisition. The land was to have been acquired from Hollybrook Trust, Ltd., and agreement had been reached with the owners for the area of land which had been included in the original Compulsory Purchase Order. An offer based on the price paid for the land already acquired had been made to the owners and while no written reply had been received, it had been indicated by the Auctioneers on behalf of the owners that a price of £5,000 was sought. The County Engineer recommended that the plot of land be acquired compulsorily.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 31st July, 1970, we hereby approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of land required for the purpose of Road Improvement Scheme on the Main (Arterial) Road between Kilmacanogue and Saint Valery's Bridge from the Hollybrook Trust, Ltd., 39 Dames Street, Dublin, and approve of the fixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order and relevant maps.

Item No. 5: Regional Development—To Consider County Survey.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the County Survey had been circulated to the Members, together with report of the County Manager of 23rd July, 1970. Special factors relative to development referred to in the Survey were (1) the suggestion that consideration might be given to designating certain mountain areas which have always been open to the public as national park and (2) the suggestion that in regard to the coastal areas, the cost of public services and special facilities should be a national charge or contributed to substantially by local authorities in the metropolitan area. Reference was also made to the effect of development

Item No. 6: Letter from Dublin County Council Requesting Discussion with Representatives of Wicklow County Council for the Establishment of National Parks and Nature Conservation Reserve in Area of Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

The following resolution was passed by this Council at its meeting on 8/6/1970:—

The Council at its meeting on 13/7/1970 nominated five members viz.: Councillors Andrews, Burke (Rd. S.), Connolly, McMahon and Murphy (J.) to discuss with representatives of Wicklow County Should your Council so agree, the question of the preparation of a plan as envisaged in the motion set out above.

For your information, An Taisce, 126, Baggot St. Lower, Dublin 2, has indicated in a letter to the Chairman of the Council that it will be glad to give every assistance in its power in this matter.

D. Delaney,
Secretary.

The County Manger referred to his letter of 28th July, 1970, which had been circulated to the Members of the Council in which he indicated that the suggestion that the Mountain Areas be designated as National Parks had been put forward in the Wright Report prepared by Professor Myles Wright which had been published in 1967, and also in

Item No. 7: South Co. Dublin Water Supply Scheme at Cloughlea.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,

Wicklow

17th August, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Cloghleaigh Water Supply Scheme.

With reference to yours of the 14th instant.

The entire catchment area is approximately 20,700 acres. The restrictions already imposed and the objections raised by Dublin Corporation to the Poulaphouca catchment area will also apply to this area.

I see no objection to the Scheme, subject to Dublin County Council meeting Wicklow County Council's reasonable future demands for a water supply from this source. I understand Dublin County Council would be prepared to meet these demands, and an agreement could be drawn up to this effect. The works situated in County Wicklow will, as far as I can ascertain from the Preliminary Drawings, at my disposal, consist of the erection of a dam, pumping station and treatment works.

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer as set out in his Report and noted that provided Dublin County

Council met Wicklow County Council's reasonable future demands for water supply from the source at Cloughlea, there would be no objection to the proposed Scheme. The County Secretary stated that Dublin County Council had already been informed that the Council would require at least 80,000 gallons per day from the Scheme but to meet future demands in the area, it was felt that up to 250,000 gallons per day might be required.

Item No. 8: Pay in the Public Service, 1970 — 12th Round Increase in Remuneration.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a recommendation of the Public Services Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions on the question of Pay in the Public Services in 1970 and the Committee had proposed the following pay increases on the basis of an Agreement expiring on 31st December, 1971:—

50/- per week from 1st April, 1970, and

34/- per week from 1st January, 1971.

For Council workers other than those whose wages were fixed by reference to the Construction Industry Agreement, the Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement, or 12th Round Agreements, including interim Agreements already made. For female "servants" employed by Local Authorities from 1st April, 1970:—

40/- per week and from 1st January, 1971, 27/- per week and from 1st November, 1971, 17/- per week.

Appropriate increases for part-time servants were also indicated in the Agreement.

For Officers of the Council the increases proposed were as follows:—

From 1st April, 1970, 7% subject to a minimum for whole-time Officers of 30/- per week.

From 1st January, 1971, a further 10% on the existing salary, subject to a minimum of 35/- per week.

A recommendation was made also for rates of increases for part-time Officers. The estimated gross cost of applying the increases in remuneration in the current year was £90,117. of which £11,500 had been provided for in the current year's Estimates. The net additional cost to be met from Rates was estimated at 4/- in the £.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—Having considered the terms of the agreement reached between the Public Services Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Minister for Finance, we hereby decide to implement the Agreement in respect of Officers and servants of the Council to which the Agreement applied and hereby authorise expenditure of £78,617 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of implementing the terms of the Agreement. Passed.

Item No. 9: Revision of Differentials for Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers and Chargehands—Recommendation of Labour Court

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Item No. 10—Extension of Maintenance Craftsman's Agreement—Revision of Remuneration of Fitter Mechanics and Members of the Fire Brigade.

The County Secretary stated that the National Agreement for Maintenance Craftsmen had been extended to 31st December, 1970, and the Agreement provided that the maximum number of working hours per week would be 42½ hours from April 6th, 1970, and that the hourly rates of pay would be increased by 9d. per hour from 1st July, 1970, and by a further 3d. per hour from 1st October, 1970. The new hourly rates in consequence were 10/3¼ from 1st July, 1970, and 10/6¼ from 1st October, 1970. The Agreement had been accepted by the Council as applying to fitter mechanics employed by the Council and had also been accepted for determining the rate of remuneration of fitters on which the rates of remuneration of part-time Fire Brigade personnel was based. The additional expenditure involved in the present year would be £560 in respect of fitter mechanics and £1,150 in respect of part-time Fire Brigade Personnel.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—Having noted the extension of the Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement we approve of the application of the increases in the wages of fitter mechanics and members of the Fire Brigade staff in accordance with the rates applicable from 1st July, 1970, and 1st October, 1970, and hereby authorise expenditure of £560 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates in respect of fitter mechanics and of £1,150 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates in respect of Fire Brigades to defray the cost of the increases in remuneration.

Clerical duties in relation to work on major road works schemes and had also indicated that a permanent post of Clerk/Typist was required for his office for duties in relation to the direct labour housing section. An appointment of a Clerk/Typist for the Library Service had been recommended by the County Librarian and by the Library Advisory Committee. An additional post of Clerk/Typist was also required for the County Secretary's Office, and particulars were given of the extra work which has arisen in that office.

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of the following additional permanent posts:—

- (a) Clerical Officer—Arterial Roads—One post;
- (b) Clerk/Typist—County Library, Greystones—One post;
- (c) Clerk/Typist — County Engineer's Office—Housing Section—One post;

Council met Wicklow County Council's reasonable future demands for water supply from the source at Cloughlea, there would be no objection

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Item No. 9: Revision of Differentials for Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers and Chargehands—Recommendation of Labour Court.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Costello;

Resolved—That we note recommendation of the Labour Court dated 25th November, 1969 (no. 2446) to the effect that the Differential for Road Overseers be increased by 25% above the Road Labourers Basic Rate as from the beginning of the first pay period following 1st July, 1969, and approve of the implementation of the Recommendations for Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Gangers and Chargehands as follows:—
Overseers: £6. 2. 2. per week—being an increase of £1. 4. 5. per week
Asst. Overseers: £4. 4. 4. per week—being an increase of 16/10½ per week
Gangers: £2. 6. 10. per week—being an increase of 4/6 per week.
We hereby authorise expenditure of £3,200 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this increase in differentials.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Revision of Salary Scale for Clerical Officers — Recommendation under Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the revised salary scale for Clerical Officers with effect from 1st April, 1970, and authorise excess expenditure in the sum of £2,680 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed.

Item No. 12: Creation of Posts of Clerical Officer and Clerk Typists.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a permanent post of Clerical Officer was required for Clerical duties in relation to work on major road works schemes and had also indicated that a permanent post of Clerk/Typist was required for his office for duties in relation to the direct labour housing section. An appointment of a Clerk/Typist for the Library Service had been recommended by the County Librarian and by the Library Advisory Committee. An additional post of Clerk/Typist was also required for the County Secretary's Office, and particulars were given of the extra work which has arisen in that office.
Resolved—That we approve of the creation of the following additional permanent posts:—

- (a) Clerical Officer—Arterial Roads—One post;
- (b) Clerk/Typist—County Library, Greystones—One post;
- (c) Clerk/Typist — County Engineer's Office—Housing Section—One post;

(d) Clerk/Typist—County Secretary's Office—One post.
Passed.

Item No. 13—The Use Of Computers in Local Government—Report of Survey Group. (Copy of Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations Circulated to Members).

The Council noted the submission of the Report of the Survey Group and the use of Computers in Local Government and agreed that observations of the Council's Officers be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 14—North East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme —To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan:

Resolved—We hereby authorise the borrowing of £265,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of carrying out the North East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.
Passed.

Item No. 15—Water Supply Scheme for Houses at Lugduff, Tinahely, to authorise borrowing to defray Cost of Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £1,550 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of water supply scheme for houses at Lugduff, Tinahely.

Passed.

Item No. 16—Home Assistance—Increase in Allowances from 1st August, 1970: To authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray cost of increased allowances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £1,067 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of an increase in the allowance of Home Assistance with effect from 1st August, 1970.

Passed.

Item No. 17—Creation of Post of Male Nurse at Saint Coleman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of the post of

male nurse, preferably with psychiatric experience, for duty at Saint Coleman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
Passed.

Item No. 18 — Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital — Accommodation: Clinics and Domiciliary Services. Report of County Manager.

The Council noted the submission of the Report of the County Manager of 6th August, 1970, which had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

In reply to Councillor G. Timmins, the County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Education to the Council's request for the reception of a deputation in regard to the proposed establishment of a School for Mentally Handicapped Children at Rathdrum. The Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department of Education urging the early reception of a deputation from the Council in regard to the matter.

Item No. 19—To Authorise Creation of Additional Office of Senior Psychiatrist at Newcastle Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Resident Medical Superintendent we approve of the creation of an additional office of senior psychiatrist at Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital.

Passed.

Item No. 20—Creation of Additional Post of Public Health Nurse for Duties in Bray Dispensary District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Medical Officer we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of public health nurse for duties in Bray Dispensary District.

Passed.

Item No. 21—Post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that the Local Appointments Commission had informed the Council that they understood that the Department of Health did not wish the post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan, to be re-advertised. It appeared that the Department were of opinion that the new arrangements for the Dispensary Medical Service to provide a choice of doctor would be in operation within a reasonable time and that the appointment of a District Medical Officer for Kiltegan consequently would not be necessary. Councillor Miss Walsh enquired as to the position regarding the filling of the post of District Medical Officer for Tinahely and asked that a reply be obtained from the Department of Health indicating the present position in the matter.

Item No. 22 — Letter from Bray Traders' Association Requesting Meeting to Discuss Traffic Situation in Bray.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Bray Traders' Association asking for a Meeting with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area to discuss the traffic situation in Bray and stating that the Meeting was of the utmost importance. They asked if the Meeting could be arranged for an evening within the following seven to ten days. The Members of the Council for the area agreed that representatives of the Bray Traders' Association be received by the Members of the Council for the area at their Meeting arranged for Bray on Wednesday, 19th August.

Item No. 23—Dunlavin Courthouse—Recommendation of Consultant Architect for the Preparation of Survey and Report on Condition of Structure.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Consultant Architect had reported that the estimated cost of external restoration to the Courthouse at Dunlavin was £15,000 to £20,000 and the estimated cost for external restoration and conversion of the interior into a library was from £40,000 to £50,000. The County Engineer had reported that the estimates given made the proposal prohibitive from an economic point of view, but that since the building seemed to be structurally sound and did not constitute a danger to the public, he would suggest that only essential repairs to prolong the life of the roof and the building should be carried out, and the Architect be commissioned to give a specification and firm estimate for carrying out essential repairs, and as this would involve a more detailed survey and examination, that an estimate of the cost of such a survey be submitted. The Consultant Architect had indicated that the cost of the necessary survey would be about £720.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer and Consultant Architect we approve of the Consultant Architect and Quantity Surveyor being directed to carry out the necessary survey and to prepare a specification on the basis of which an estimate for the carrying out of repairs to Dunlavin Courthouse might be obtained.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 24—Halting Place for Itinerants—Report of County Engineer regarding efforts to acquire Site in Kilmacanogue Area.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that effort to acquire a site in the Kilmacanogue area had been, so far, unsuccessful, and suggested that the local Council Members for the area might suggest a suitable site which the owner would be agreeable to sell for this purpose. The County Secretary

also stated that the County Medical Officer had reported on proposed sites recommended for Halting Places for itinerants and that he had indicated that sites at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow and Moneylittle, Arklow, were unsuitable because of proximity to the Main Dublin/Wexford road. He had also indicated that he considers it essential that Halting Places be provided with the following services:—

- 1 Water Supply.
- 2 Sanitary Block (including toilet and washing facilities, with septic tank for disposal of effluent).
- 3 Spaces for at least four caravans.
- 4 Tethering place for animals
- 5 Supervision of site with regard to cleaning and disposal of refuse by the County Council.

In regard to other sites, the County Medical Officer pointed out that water supplies would be necessary and there should be space for provision of septic tank installation and sites should be screened from the public road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor White;

Resolved—That the camping site at Kilmacanogue recommended by the County Engineer be acquired compulsorily.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors Costello, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, T.D., C. White—FIVE.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Whelan—ELEVEN.

The Motion was declared defeated by 11 votes against to five votes in favour.

Consideration of Item No. 35 on Agenda.

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that the Council consider Item No. 35 on the Agenda for the Meeting. 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 and K. Ryan—THREE.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh—FOURTEEN.

The Motion was declared defeated by fourteen votes against to three in favour.

Item No. 25—Sheep Dipping Scheme—Proposed Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley referred to an examination of alternative sites for a Sheep Dipping Bath at Lacken and proposed that the site

recommended by the Members of the Council who had inspected the sites be approved as being a more suitable site than that recommended by the County Medical Officer. He contended that no difficulty in regard to pollution of the Lake at Blessington would arise from the use of the site proposed. In reply to Councillor Phelan, the County Secretary stated that the cost of a Sheep Dipping Bath was estimated at £1,900 and that a grant of 50 per cent. of the cost, if approved by the Department of Agriculture, could be made available.

At this stage Councillor Costello continued to press that Item No. 35 on the Agenda be considered by the Member of the Council and as it was 5 o'clock, the usual time for adjournment, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting.

- 1 In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., 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 David Pym at Harristown, Hollywood."
- 2 In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke.— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin, 14, for the provision of a dwellinghouse and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."
- 3 In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and K. Ryan.— "In future when Council houses become vacant, which are not fully serviced, this Council should install the services before re-letting the houses to tenants."
- 4 In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan to defeat Section (1) of the Act.
- 5 In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan.— "That a suitable road sign be erected at a 'y' junction to Ballytaigue from the Aughrim to Rathdangan Road, a sign to indicate a dangerous junction on the road which carries the most traffic would probably save a bad accident."
- 6 In the name of Councillor R. Miley.— "That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary be advertised in the press."
- 7 In the name of Councillor J. Whelan.— "That an entrance gate be erected for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely."

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, 24th August, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, were present.

AGENDA:

- (1) Housing Progress Report.
- (2) County Development Plan—to consider objections and representations to Draft Plan and adoption of plan, and request of Dublin County Council for meeting with representatives of Council regarding proposed establishment of a National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.

Item No. 1—Housing Progress Report.

The County Secretary stated that Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas had been held as arranged and the local Electoral Area Committees considered the Housing Progress Report in relation to their respective areas. Councillor Miss M. Walsh expressed disappointment at the rate of progress in relation to housing and referred to the difficulties that the Council had experienced in relation to acquisition of land, obtaining approval to plans for housing schemes, obtaining suitable tenders and sanction to tenders. She referred to a proposal made by Councillor Cleary at a Meeting of the Arklow Electoral Area Committee that the Council seek a deputation to the Minister in regard to the housing position in the County and particularly the difficulty in obtaining tenders for housing at figures acceptable to the Department. Councillor R. Miley pointed out that any unsatisfactory progress in housing was not the fault of the Members or Officers of the Council. Councillor Costello claimed that there had been no long term planning in housing and that persons now in need of housing would still have to wait some years while lands were acquired and houses built, to meet their needs. The Council decided to proceed with an examination of the Housing Progress Report taking areas in the order listed.

ASHFORD: On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Gregory, the Council approved of proceeding as soon as possible with the construction of 18 Council houses. In reply to enquiries as

to the position in relation to the sewerage scheme for Ashford the County Secretary stated that the owner of the land for the site of the disposal works was objecting to its acquisition by the Council and it seemed that the Council would have to acquire the necessary site by compulsory purchase. The Council agreed that a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the site be prepared and made as soon as possible.

AUGHIRM: The County Secretary stated that in addition to the site acquired from C.I.E. a site containing four acres had been acquired from Mr. Phelan. The Station Master at Aughrim claimed that the roadway adjoining the Council's site acquired from C.I.E. was a private road and he objected to the fronting of any houses on to this section of the roadway. The matter had been taken up with C.I.E. and it was hoped that the difficulty would be overcome. The site could be developed with an alternative layout but this would be somewhat more costly. The Members of the Council expressed the view that the site acquired from Mr. Phelan was a much more suitable one for development and the Council agreed that plans be prepared immediately for the development of these lands, which the County Engineer stated could accommodate about 30 houses. The Council approved of proceeding with the building of 18 houses on the lands.

AVOCA: The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. Victor Byrne, Avoca, objecting to the development of the site formerly owned by C.I.E. at Avoca and claiming that such development would injure the amenities of the area. The Council decided to mark the letter from Mr. Victor Byrne read. The Council agreed that 12 houses be erected at Avoca.

BALLINACLASH: The Council noted that plans were being prepared for the building of 4 houses at Ballinaclash.

Houses on Individual Sites: In regard to the difficulties in obtaining tenders at an acceptable price for erection of houses on individual sites the Council agreed that a number of firms who specialised in prefabricated structures be asked to submit tenders for the erection of these houses to provide similar accommodation to that shown in the Council's plans.

BALTINGLASS: The Council noted the position regarding the acquisition of lands from the Vocational Education Committee and also of cottage plots, at Baltinglass.

BLESSINGTON: On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council approved of the acquisition of the field south of Blessington on the Baltinglass road which is in the ownership of the Christian Brothers and also approved of proceeding with the acquisition of lands at Troopersfield if agreement could be reached with the owner. In regard to the field on the Baltinglass Road Councillor Timmins stated that it was possible this field was being acquired on behalf of an industrial concern and asked that this matter be further examined to ensure that no obstacle would be placed in the way of a valuable industry being started at Blessington.

BRAY: Councillor Costello asked that a special report in regard to the housing position in Bray Urban District be prepared for the information of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. He pointed out that the County Council should have regard to the needs of Bray Urban District when planning the development of the sites at

Oldcourt and Kilbride. The County Manager stated that land had been acquired and tenders would be invited in the following month by Bray Urban District Council for the erection of 124 dwellings. A Compulsory Purchase Order had been made for the acquisition of additional land and this was at present awaiting confirmation by the Minister and when obtained this land would allow of the building of another 250 houses. He considered that the immediate needs of Bray Urban District would be met by the schemes mentioned. The Council asked that a layout be prepared for both of the sites at Oldcourt and Kilbride which had been acquired by the Council. Councillor Costello asked also that an up to date list of applicants for housing in the Bray Urban Area be made available to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. The County Manager stated that this would be a matter for the Commission for Bray Urban District and the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Commissioner requesting the information regarding applicants sought by Councillor Costello.

CARNEW: The Council noted that sanction to the plans and specifications submitted to the Department was awaited to enable tenders to be invited.

COOLBEG: The Council noted that two houses were in course of erection at Coolbeg but urged that the completion of these houses be expedited.

DUNLAVIN: The Council approved of the acquisition of the site containing approximately three acres at Dunlavin by agreement and of arrangements proposed for acquisition of cottage plots for the purposes of access.

ENNISKERRY (Kilgarron): The Council noted the separate report in regard to the houses at Kilgarron which had been sent to each Member of the Council. In regard to the purchase type houses the County Manager pointed out that the price agreed with the Builder for these houses was based on a tender submitted by him in 1967 for the Council houses. The tenders received in 1967 for the erection of 10 Council houses and development of 18 additional sites showed a difference of £5,000 between the lowest and the highest of the 3 tenders received. He pointed out that the building of the purchase type houses had been arranged by the Council to facilitate persons who wished to provide their own houses and to assist these persons, the Council had provided the sites and had arranged a contract for the building of the houses with the contractor who was engaged in building the 10 Council houses on the adjoining site. As indicated the price negotiated was based on the contractors tender submitted in 1967 and consequently was related to 1967 prices. A prices variation clause applied as in all contracts and over the period since 1967 wages had increased by 42% and materials by more than 30%. Delay in completion of the houses would also have occurred because of the cement strike. The County Manager considered that his estimate of an increase of 25% in the cost of the houses between 1967 and the present date might well have been too low. He pointed out also that the Council had charged only the equivalent of £30 in respect of each site as the cost of the land which represented a considerable subsidy towards the total cost of the house. Councillor Costello claimed that any increase in the cost of the houses should not have to be met by the tenant purchasers who were not responsible for any delays which had occurred in the completion of the houses. He stated the tenant purchasers were prepared to accept any increase which was due to normal

increases in wages and material but contended that this was not the position in the case of the houses at Kilgarron.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory;

Resolved—That an additional subsidy of £300 from Rates be allowed to the purchasers of the 12 houses at Kilgarron.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and C. White—FIVE.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh—NINE.

Councillors B. Phelan and J. Whelan, Chairman, did not vote. The proposal was declared defeated by nine votes against to five in favour. Councillor Timmins stated that a final decision on the matter should be reached and that those persons who were unable to meet the costs of repayments in respect of the purchase type houses be allocated Council houses. The Council noted that the tenders would be invited within the following two weeks for the erection of a further 19 houses for letting at Kilgarron.

GLENEALY: The Council approved of proceeding by compulsory purchase for the acquisition of 4.33 acres of land at Glenealy if agreement was not reached with the land owner at an early date.

GREYSTONES: The Council noted that the Department of Local Government had sanctioned the building of 20 Council houses and 9 purchase type houses at Greystones, but that the loan to finance the project had not yet been approved. The Council noted also that seventeen acres of land had been acquired at Greystones and that negotiations were in progress for a further eleven and a half acres at Lower Kindlestown and for 44 acres at Greystones.

KILMACANOGUE: The Council agreed that five acres of land be acquired compulsorily at Kilmacanogue adjoining the village. Councillor Costello asked that a report be made available to the Members of the Council prior to the next Housing Meeting, in regard to all sites which have been examined by the County Engineer in the Kilmacanogue area.

KILPEDDER: The Council agreed to the offer as approved by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area being made to the owners of lands at Kilpedder for the acquisition of 17 acres and agreed also that other sites in the area suitable for housing be investigated.

KILCOOLE: The Council agreed that plans be prepared immediately for developing the remaining two acres of land owned by the Council at Kilcoole and that a lay-out plan be prepared also for a further ten acres of land acquired at Kilcoole.

Preparation of Plans for Housing: The Council agreed that the County Engineer engage such additional consultants as he might consider necessary in order to expedite the preparation of plans for the houses at Kilcoole and in other areas.

LARAGH: The Council approved of the building of six houses at Largah.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY: The Council noted that plans were being prepared for the development of the site at Newtownmount-kennedy.

RATHNEW: The Council noted that the sanction of the Minister to invitation of tenders for the erection of houses at Rathnew was awaited.

RATHDRUM: The Council noted that the sanction of the Department was awaited also for the invitation of tenders for the building of houses at Rathdrum. The Council asked that the number of houses to be built as a first stage be increased to 28.

STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY: Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, urged that one house at Stratford-on-Slaney be put in hands for erection as soon as possible in view of the urgent need of an applicant in the area for re-housing.

TINAHELY: The Council noted that the construction of two houses at Tinahely would commence soon and that tenders would be invited at an early date for the building of 16 terraced houses on the Council's other site at Tinahely.

COOLBOY: The Council asked that land be acquired at Coolboy for housing.

Deputation to Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That a deputation meet the Minister for Local Government in relation to housing in County Wicklow and that the deputation consist of two Members from each Electoral Area.

Passed.

The following Members were appointed to form the deputation:—

Arklow Electoral Area: Councillor J. Whelan and Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Baltinglass Electoral Area: Councillor J. Miley and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Bray Electoral Area: Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Councillor E. Byrne.
Wicklow Electoral Area: Councillor J. Gregory and Councillor R. Miley. The Council asked that a memorandum be prepared by the Secretary and circulated to the Members prior to the reception of the deputation giving details of items to be raised with the Minister by the Members of the deputation.

Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor T. J. Keenan on the death of his cousin.

Sale of Vested Cottage at Killincarrig and Approval to Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by James Martin of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 2/4 at Killincarrig, Greystones, to Liam Kelly, 3, Cillmantain Park, Bray, for the sum of £2,000 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £666 13. 4, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £900 to Liam Kelly, 3, Cillmantain Park, Bray, towards the cost of purchasing vested cottage No. 2/4 at Killincarrig, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

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

In the name of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge, "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
"That this Council will take immediate steps to arrest the discharge of untreated sewage which pollutes the Aughrim River and is being deposited on the lands of Mr. Michael Owen Fogerty."

Wicklow County Council

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering objections and representations received in relation to the Draft County Development Plan, and the Minister of the Environment, in consideration of the request of Dublin County Council for a meeting with representatives of the Council regarding the proposed establishment of a National Park and Nature Reserve in the area of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains, was held on Monday, 24th August, 1970, at 8.30 p.m. in the County Council Chamber, Wicklow.

The following Members

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.
Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, E. Ryan, J. Swainey, Mark Deane, Mike, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. D. Byrne, S. Conboy, M. Ledwidge, T. White, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, T. Hyland, and Sean E. O. Fogarty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss S. O'Connell.
The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. Hughes, Officer, Planning Section, were present.

On the motion of Councillor J. Bourke seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Dr. Keenan.

Objections and Representations in Relation to Draft County Development Plan and Adoption of Plan.

The Council proceeded to consider the objections and representations received in regard to the Draft County Development Plan, particulars of which, together with the observations of the Council's Officers thereof, had been circulated to the Members.

(1) Castle to Bally at Rathdown, Page 18, Table VII, Item C14.

The Council noted that this monument was in State care and was the subject of a Preservation Order dating from 1940 and had been included in the Draft Development Plan at the request of the National Monuments Advisory Council. The Council having noted the further report received in regard to the monument agreed that the objection be rejected and that item retained in Table VII.

(2) Talbotstown House, Item 14, Table VII, Item 51.

The County Secretary stated that the House and Barn attached to the Council's Draft Plan at the request of the National Monuments Advisory Council. From further information received from the National Monuments Advisory Council it appeared that the House was of interest as it was not an original structure but a reconstruction and might be omitted from Table VII if the Council wished. The County Secretary stated that the House was not the subject of a Preservation Order and that the Council would be required to consider it as a separate item or demolish the structure. The Council agreed to retain this item in Table VII.

Provision in regard to Residential Development in Greystones, Glencree and May Avenue, requiring that all telephone and electricity services lines shall be laid underground.

The Council having noted the report of the objection from the National Monuments Advisory Council and the observations of the Council's Officers in regard to the objection that the monument be included in the Plan it was the policy of the Council as from 1st April 1970 to require that all new buildings in the area of the monument be constructed underground to all new buildings in the area of the monument to be constructed in urban areas and to rural areas.

Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor T. J. Keenan on the death of his cousin.

Sale of Vested Cottage at Killynecarrig and Approval to Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by James Martin of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 2/4 at Killynecarrig, Greystones, to Liam Kelly, 3, Ollmantain Park, Bray, for the sum of £12,000 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £600 13 6, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £300 to Liam Kelly, 3, Ollmantain Park, Bray, towards the cost of purchasing vested cottage No. 2/4 at Killynecarrig, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed.

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

In the name of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. Ledwidge: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 10 of the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1965, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn Ledwidge, 'Rosindale,' Putnam Road, Bray, for the erection of a house for his own use at Rathdown Upper Greystones, Co. Wick." In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the Council will take immediate steps to arrest the discharge of untreated sewage which pollutes the Aughrim River and is being deposited on the lands of Mr. Michael Owen Fogarty."

Wicklow County Council

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering objections and representations received in relation to the Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan and to consider the request of Dublin County Council for a Meeting with representatives of the Council regarding the proposed establishment of a National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 31st August, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

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

Resolution of Sympathy

On the proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Very Rev. Dr. Vaughan, P.P., Arklow.

Objections and Representations in Relation to Draft County Development Plan and Adoption of Plan.

The Council proceeded to consider the objections and representations received in regard to the Draft County Development Plan, particulars of which, together with the observations of the Council's Officers thereon, had been circulated to the Members.

(1) Castle in Ruins at Fassaroe, Page 18, Table VII, Item C.24.

The Council noted that this monument was in State care and was the subject of a Preservation Order dating from 1940 and had been included in the Draft Development Plan at the request of the National Monuments Advisory Council. The Council having noted the further report received in regard to the monument agreed that the objection be rejected and this item retained in Table VII.

(2) Talbotstown House, Brittas, Table VII, Item 51.

The County Secretary stated that this house had been included in the Council's Draft Plan at the request of the National Monuments Advisory Council. From further information received from the National Monuments Advisory Council it appeared that while the house was of interest it was not of exceptional architectural or historic merit and might be omitted from Table VII if the Council wished. The effect, however, of it being included in the Table was that the permission of the Council would be required if it were proposed to either alter or demolish the structure. The Council agreed to retain this item in Table VII.

Provision in regard to Residential Development in Greystones/Delgany and Bray Environs requiring that "All Telephone and Electricity Service Lines Shall Be Laid Underground". (Pages 33 and 34).

The Council having noted the terms of the objection from the Electricity Supply Board and the observations of the Council's Officers in regard to the objection agreed that this provision be retained in the Plan as it was the policy of the E.S.B. as from 1st April, 1970, to supply underground to all new housing schemes of not less than 20 houses in urban areas and 50 houses in rural areas and that

consequently, there would seem to be little, if any, conflict between the statement in the Plan and the policy of the E.S.B.

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The Council agreed to reject the objection from Messrs. W. Boyle-Fawsitt and C. S. Gregson, registered owners of the lands and noted that the Council had agreed prior to 1960 to acquire this area for the purposes of a park which was considered necessary in this part of Greystones. The Council agreed that the acquisition of these lands for the purposes of a public park be retained as an objective in the Plan.

Area Designations and Density Provision in Greystones/Delgany Development Plan (Page No. 32) and Restrictions on Residential Development Above the 400' Contour Generally in Plan for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District (Page 51).

The Council considered the objection from Messrs. P. T. Hickey and Associates which was set out in detail in the list of objections and representations circulated to the Members. The County Secretary stated that the Council at their Meeting in July, 1969, referred to by Mr. Hickey, had not determined a specific density for residential zone B2, but had asked that revised proposals for control of density and securing adequate site areas be drafted and submitted to the Council. Revised proposals were submitted at the Meeting of the Council held on 25th August, 1969, and were adopted by the Council at that Meeting in the terms as set out in the present Draft County Development Plan. Mr. Hickey had received a reply to his letter of 9th December, 1969, which answered the points he had made in that letter.

In regard to the density control relating to the mixed residential and commercial zone A which provided for a maximum floor space index of 0.5 the Members of the Council expressed concern that this would tend to prevent a person building a house of a size to qualify for grant purposes on a small site. The County Manager explained the effect of the application of the floor space index and showed that a house of 1,200 sq. ft. could be placed on a site of only 2,400 sq. ft. or about one-eighteenth of an acre.

In regard to development above the 400' contour the Council noted that it was the practice to treat each application for planning permission on its merits and that since the Draft Development Plan had been prepared Housing development proposals on sites above the 400' contour and even above the 700' contour had been approved.

In regard to the contention of Mr. Hickey that the floor space index of 0.5 in Zone A should be increased to 1.5 and that the present index of 0.5 would render hotel development, for example, uneconomical, the Council noted the statement that it was the intention of the restriction in Zone A to ensure that the total density of development over the area did not exceed the floor space index of 0.5, and that this would not preclude development at a higher density on individual sites within the area. The Council decided to reject the objection and to make no amendment in the Draft Development Plan.

At this stage, Members of the Council drew attention to their being a member of the public in the public gallery. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, pointed out that the Council had decided to exclude the public from attending at Meetings and pointed out to the person concerned the Council's decision on the matter and asked that he leave the public gallery. The person in the public gallery stated that he was not prepared to leave and contended that he had a right as a member of the public to remain. Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Gregory proposed that the Council proceed with the Meeting without taking any action in regard to the person present in the public gallery. The Chairman again drew attention to the Council's decision in the matter and stated that the public gallery must be cleared. At the re-

quest of the Chairman the County Secretary conveyed his instructions to members of the Gardaí who entered the Chamber and having confirmed from the Chairman that the person in the public gallery should be removed proceeded to remove the person from the public gallery. Councillor Costello raised the matter of the attendance of the public at Meetings and urged that this matter be considered by the Council at the Meeting that day. The Chairman stated that the Meeting being a Special Meeting for a particular purpose would have to be completed before any consideration could be given to taking another item. Councillor M. J. O'Neill pointed out that full particulars of the objections received and of the observations of the Council's Officers thereon had been circulated to the Members and proposed that the replies given to the objections be accepted and no amendments made in the Plan and accordingly

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved — That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, being the Planning Authority for the County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, having considered the Draft Development Plan approved at the Meeting of the Council held on 25th August, 1969, and having considered objections and representations to the said Draft Development Plan do hereby adopt the Draft County Development Plan and do hereby make the County Development Plan in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

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

In Favour: Councillors S. Costello, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan and Miss M. Walsh — Six.

Against: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, C. White — Twelve.

The Motion was declared defeated by twelve votes against to six in favour.

The Council proceeded with consideration of the objections and representations to the Draft County Development Plan though Councillor Costello continued to press that the matter of the admission of the public to Meetings be taken. Councillor R. Miley referred to objections submitted on behalf of residents of the Glendalough area and claimed that the revised area which had been agreed by the Council had not been indicated in the Plan. The County Secretary pointed out that Page 7 of the Plan showed that only the Valley of Glendalough was included as being an area for consideration for a Special Amenity Area Order by reason of natural beauty in place of a much larger area which had been included in the previous Draft Plan and which comprised the Central Mountain area and included Laragh, Glenmacnass, Lough Dan, The Vale of Clara and Glenmalur. The area referred to as the Valley of Glendalough was defined clearly on a map which had been agreed by the Members of the Council. The area in question corresponded with the area of the Monastic Settlement as had been defined by the National Monuments Advisory Council. Councillor Gregory referred to a person who had purchased a site in the Glendalough area with the intention of building a house thereon and had obtained permission from the Council following a direction by the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, had subsequently been refused permission

on appeal, and stated that the person in question had asked if the Council would compensate him for the plot he had purchased. The County Secretary pointed out that no question of compensation arose in such an instance. In regard to enquiries from Members in relation to the matter of compensation under the Planning Act, the County Manager pointed out that compensation was not payable in respect of a change of use of lands, and that while lands in certain areas had become more valuable when approved for housing development such increase in value was not due to any action of the owner of the land but was due to the provision of services by the local authority which enabled the land to be developed, increasing population, and other factors.

As it had reached 5 o'clock the Council, having considered whether to continue the Meeting till a later hour, decided on the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley to defer consideration of the remaining objections and representations and the other item on the Agenda for consideration on Monday, 7th September, 1970, prior to the housing meeting of the Council to be held on that date.

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 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 William Clements for six houses at Milltown, Rathnew."

In the names of Councillor R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:-

By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Paul Sylvester Egan to build a bungalow on his land at Castlekevin, Annamoe."

In the name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That a water supply be provided for the houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing and Planning matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th September, 1970.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. V. Hussey, B.E., A/Planning Assistant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, were present.

Councillor J. Whelan welcomed Councillor J. Temple on his return following his recent illness.

AGENDA

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

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

(b) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John 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 Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., 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 David Pym at Harristown, Hollywood."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charle-

mont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14, for the provision of a dwellinghouse and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

(e) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge of "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, County Wicklow."

(f) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Paul Sylvester Egan, to build a bungalow on his land at Castlekevin, Annamoe."

(g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to William Clements for six houses at Milltown, Rathnew."

2 To consider objections and representations received in relation to the Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan.

3 Letter from Dublin County Council requesting discussion with representatives of Wicklow County Council for the establishment of a National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.

4. Housing Progress Report.

5. Tenders for Rural Cottages—Report of County Engineer.

6 Applications for consent to sales of vested cottages.

7 Application to purchase cottage at Belan Street, Baltinglass.

8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on:

(a) Number of cottages in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding area of Rathdrum,

(b) The Number of cottages repaired in these areas in the year 1969/70."

9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a Supplementary Grant for new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."

10 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:—

"That in future when Council houses become vacant which are not fully serviced, this Council should install the services before re-letting the house to tenants."

11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That an entrance gate be erected for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tina-hely."

12 Reception of Deputation from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee (to be received at 4.30 p.m.).

13 Cottages repaired during the month of August, 1970, and to be repaired during the month of September, 1970.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section

4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955,

as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne, and C. White:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a Bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting for a report from the County Engineer in regard to revised plans for the siting of the house which had been received from the applicant. The County Engineer reported that while he considered that his previous recommendation should stand, he wished to make the following comments on the additional information received:—

Scheme A as shown on the plan showed that by raising the ground level within the site by about 2' the amount of excavation required was negligible. However, the bungalow was within 14' of the boundary with the roadway. Scheme B showed that by raising the ground level 2' and by setting back the bungalow to 20' from the road boundary, a small retaining wall was required at the back of the site. Of the two Schemes put forward, Scheme B would be the better of the two, as it allowed more space clear of the laneway for widening and straightening purposes, should such ever become necessary. However, the problem of having the septic tank a distance of 30' clear of the neighbouring boundaries had not been overcome. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Butler had subsequently submitted information in respect of the water supply which showed that the well could supply 600 gallons of water per hour which met the requirements of the County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

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 P. Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use, subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) That the applicant submit confirmation from the owner of the land within 30' of the septic tank location that he had no objection to its siting and
- (ii) That the house be sited on land as shown in Plan "B" on drawing submitted on 25th August, 1970, providing for setting back the house to 20' from road boundary, raising ground level by 2' and providing small retaining wall at back of site as shown on Plan.

Passed.

(b) In the Names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:— "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 Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the Erection of 28 Houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting for the submission of a bacteriological report on the sample of water from the spring to serve the Scheme. The County Medical Officer, in letter of 3rd September, 1970, stated that he had received a report on the analysis of the sample of water from the spring at Farrankelly and also a report on the bacteriological sample and he was satisfied that the water was fit for human consumption. The water sample appeared to be potable and there would appear to be no objection to the use of this water as a source for housing development from the public health point of view. In reply to Councillor Phelan, the County Secretary stated that the water supply would be from a bored well with a water tower. In regard to sewerage services, the proposal was to connect the foul drainage to the public sewer at Killincarrig. As already indicated, the County Engineer had recommended refusal of Outline Permission on the grounds as set out in his report which had been circulated to the Members at a previous Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to E. Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(c) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., 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 David Pym at Harristown, Holly wood."

At the request of Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal as Councillor Miley stated that the applicant hoped to obtain an alternative site which would overcome the objections made by the County Medical Officer.

(d) In the Names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin, 14, for the Provision of a Dwellinghouse and Stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been submitted by Miss Haughton, and that consequently, the matter could not be dealt with. Particulars of the objections to the previous application for this development were given to the Council. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal pending the submission of the complete application.

(e) In the Names of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge of "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the Erection of a Bungalow for his Own Use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the plans and completed application had been handed in at the commencement of the Meeting, but the County Engineer had not had any opportunity of examining them. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

(f) In the Names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, and F. Hynes:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Paul Sylvester Egan, to Build a Bungalow on His Land at Castlekevin, Anamoe."

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

- 1 The site of the proposal was prominently situated in close proximity to a skyline of scenic importance in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty. The proposed development would

seriously injure amenity in the area by reason of undue prominence.

2 The site was landlocked, had no public road frontage and access was by means of a long narrow strip. The proposed development of such a site would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area.

3 The site of the proposal was situated in a rural area lacking services and the revenue from isolated development as proposed would not suffice to provide services, water supply, sewerage, refuse collection, etc., which would in time, be demanded. The County Secretary stated that there was land in the vicinity of the site which was not prominently located and which had good road frontage and which could accommodate a single dwelling without serious injury to the scenic amenities.

The County Secretary stated that as the public notice given in respect of the application had indicated that Outline Permission was being sought, only Outline Permission could be granted on the present application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Paul Sylvester Egan, to build a bungalow on his land at Castlekevin, Annamoe.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(g) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to William Clements for Six Houses at Milltown, Rathnew."

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan asked that the application as in the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution be amended to five houses instead of six houses. The County Secretary stated that the application as submitted was for Outline Planning Permission in respect of five dwelling houses. The County Engineer reported that Planning Permission for the erection of three of eight houses on this site had already been granted to Messrs. Lally, Marah and O'Connor. These houses had been erected and two were occupied. The County Medical Officer recommended that trial holes be opened on each of the sites. He pointed out that a dwelling erected on the third site from the north could injure the amenities and depreciate the values of the adjoining houses, particularly that of Mr. Marah. The remaining four sites would give rise to ribbon development and would injure rural amenity by being out of character with the area. It was recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development of the site between the sites indicated as Mr. Marah's and Mr. O'Connor's on the site map submitted would seriously injure the amenity of and depreciate the value of these approved bungalows.

2. There was no public sewer available to serve the proposal and the County Medical Officer was not satisfied that alternative means of drainage could be provided.

3. The site of the proposal was located on land in respect of which permissions had already been granted for the erection of three bungalows. Further dwellings on the land would give rise undesirably to urban type ribbon development in a rural area. Such development would be injurious to the rural amenity of the area by (a) being out of character with it and (b) setting a precedent for further ribbon development in the area. The proposal would also be liable to cause a traffic problem due to the proximity of the land in question to a road junction and the number of separate entrances proposed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William Clements for five houses at Milltown, Rathnew, subject to the condition that trial holes be provided on the sites, and that the land is found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tanks.

Item No. 2—To Consider Objections and Representatives Received In Relation to the Draft County Development Plan and the Adoption of the Plan.

The Council proceeded with the consideration of the objections commencing with that of Mr. Francis Maguire. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Maguire's objection related to the provision on Page 51 of the draft County Development Plan which read as follows:—

"With the exception of the renewal of farm dwellings, it is intended to restrict residential development in elevated situations, that is, above the 400' contour generally and above the 500' contour in the townlands of Glencormac South, Glencormac North, Killough Lower, Ballybawn Lower, Coolakay, Ballinagee, Bahana, Ballydonagh, Coolaskeagh, Templecarrig Upper, Templecarrig Lower and Parknasillogue, except that provided for below."

Following a lengthy discussion on the details of the objections and the replies given by the Council's Officers in the course of which the County Secretary pointed out that the restriction in regard to the 400' contour applied in the Rathdown No. 2 area only and that the word used in the Plan was "restrict" and not "prohibit," the Council agreed that the wording of this sentence

be amended by the insertion of the words "building or" between the words "the" and the word "renewal" in line 6 in the second paragraph on page 51. The Council decided not to make any other amendments in the Plan in relation to this objection.

In regard to the objection submitted by Mr. J. P. Casey, Royal Hotel, Glendalough, on behalf of the residents in the Glendalough area, the Council noted the replies given by the Council's Officers. In reply to Councillor R. Miley, the County Secretary confirmed that only the area of the Valley of Glendalough as shown on the special map supplied by the National Monuments Commission indicating the monastic area, was included in the area for consideration for a Special Amenity Area Order. The Council decided not to make any amendment in the Plan in respect of this objection. The Council noted the representations made by Bord Fáilte Éireann in relation to the plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, being the Planning Authority for the County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow, having considered the draft Development Plan approved at the Meeting of the Council held on 25th August, 1969, and having considered objections and representations to the said Draft Development Plan and having amended the said Draft Development Plan in the manner as set out in the schedule attached hereto, do hereby adopt the draft County Development Plan and do hereby make the County Development Plan in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and direct that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

SCHEDULE

That the second paragraph on page 51 of the draft County Development Plan be amended by inserting the words "building or" between the words "the" and "renewal" where they occur in line 6 of the paragraph.

Passed.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, the Council directed that it be recorded that it was the wish of the Members of the Council that all Planning Applications in respect of houses on sites above the 400' contour in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District in respect of which it was proposed to refuse Permission be submitted for consideration by the Members of the Council before decisions on such applications are made.

Item No. 3—Letter from Dublin County Council Requesting Discussion with Representatives of Wicklow County Council for the Establishment of a National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the Area of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.

The Council agreed that the representatives appointed by Dublin County Council as indicated in their letter of 16th July, 1970, be

received by the Members of the Council at the Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th October, 1970.

Item No. 4—Housing Progress Report.

The County Secretary reported on housing progress since the report of 6th August, 1970, as follows:—

AUGHIRM:

Agreement had been reached for the acquisition of approximately four acres of land from Mr. Terence Phelan. The Council confirmed that the planning of the housing development on this site be proceeded with as quickly as possible.

BLESSINGTON:

It was proposed to acquire compulsorily a 10-acre site at Blessington so as to give the Council title to it in fee simple. There was a restrictive covenant on the use of the lands which would be removed by compulsory purchase.

BRAY:

Five cottage plots at Oldcourt had been acquired, agreement had been reached for the acquisition of two others and negotiations were in progress for the acquisition of the remaining plot required.

COOLBEG:

Work had been recommenced by the Contractor on this scheme of two houses.

DUNLAVIN:

Negotiations for the acquisition of portion of two cottage plots and three acres of land had commenced.

ENNISKERY:

Tenders had been invited for the building of 19 Council houses.

GLENEALY:

Agreement had not been reached with the landowner and it was proposed to proceed with the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order. It was noted by the Members of the Council that the landowner wished to reserve certain sites for housing for his employees and that the price being sought was regarded as excessive. The Members of the Council suggested that the landowner might be facilitated by arranging for reserving part of the lands for housing for his employees.

GREYSTONES:

The Council noted that sanction of the raising of the necessary loan had not yet been received from the Minister in respect of the scheme for 20 Council houses and agreed that this matter be one of the items to be discussed with the Minister when the deputation sought by the Council was received. In reply to enquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Local Government to the request for the reception of a deputation.

KILMACANOGUE:

The Council was informed that agreement had been reached with Mr. Carnegie for the acquisition of 5 acres of land at Kilmacanogue. Councillor Costello stated that lands in the ownership of Mr. White were available for acquisition at Kilmacanogue and urged that the Council proceed with negotiations with Mr. White to obtain additional land from him. He expressed the view that if suitable land were available at Kilmacanogue, houses could be provided which would take pressure off the demand for housing in the Greystones and Enniskerry areas. Councillor Costello's proposal was seconded by Councillor White and approved.

KILCOOLE:

Ten acres of land had been acquired in Kilcoole by the Council. It was agreed that a Consultant Architect be appointed to prepare the lay-out plan for the site.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Gregory, the County Manager stated that legal difficulties had arisen in connection with the completion of the acquisition of the lands at Newtownmountkennedy. It had recently been ascertained that another person claimed ownership of one half acre of the site and the landowner had not yet submitted satisfactory proof of the Title to the Council's Solicitor. The Council's Solicitor had, however, been instructed to proceed with the completion of the acquisition in respect of the remaining 4½ acres in order that plans for the lay-out of the scheme could be proceeded with.

Item No. 5—Tenders for Rural Cottages—Report of County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that he had recommended for acceptance, the tender of Arklow Homes, Ltd., in the sum of £2,600 for the erection of one rural cottage at Kilbride, Arklow. He had recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Department of Local Government. The County Engineer pointed out that the figure of £2,600 did not include development and that consequently, the price exceeded the maximum figure which had been indicated by the Department as acceptable in respect of rural cottages. The County Engineer stated that he did not regard the limiting figures suggested by the Department as being realistic having regard to the tenders which the Council had received for building of houses. On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the Council approved of the submission of the tender to the Department.

Item No. 6—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Patrick Dalton of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 53/10 at Mullins, Tinahely, to Mrs. Margaret Bruce, 81 Carrow Road, Drimnagh, Dublin, for the sum of £650 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £216. 13. 4., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Michael Thompson of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 143/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, to Donal Smullen, The Bank, Rathnew, for sum of £1,100 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £366. 13. 4., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Application to Purchase Cottage at Belan Street, Baltinglass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 97 of the Housing Act, 1966, we hereby declare that Mrs. Frances McDaid of Belan Street, Baltinglass, to whom the cottage at Belan Street is let, to be a "qualified person."

The County Secretary stated that the effect of the Resolution would be that Mrs. McDaid would be qualified to purchase her house under the provisions of the purchase scheme to be made by the Council under the Housing Act, 1966.

Item No. 12—Reception of Deputation from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee.

Mr. P. O'Brien (Secretary), Mr. Butler and Mrs. M. Walsh, attended on behalf of the Deputation. Mr. O'Brien stated that the other two Members of the Deputation had been delayed by a breakdown on the road. Subsequently, Mr. Bradshaw also attended.

The Members of the Deputation addressed the Council and drew attention to the urgent need for housing in Kilmacanogue, and stressed that no house had been provided by the Council in Kilmacanogue for the past 18 years. Mr. P. O'Brien stated that land was available for sale at Kilmacanogue and that the sale was being handled by Mr. Edward Curley, Auctioneer of Roundwood, and he submitted a letter from Mr. Curley confirming that he had approximately seven acres of land with two road frontages available for sale. Mr. O'Brien stated that he had been informed verbally by Mr. Curley that the price being sought was £1,200 per acre. The land in question was that owned by Mr. White. Mrs. Walsh also raised the matter of her application to the Council for the erection of a house for herself and family on a plot attached to her Mother's cottage at Kilmurray (Mrs. Giles) and complained that the Council's Engineer had not carried out a proper inspection of the site and contended that it was possible to site a second house on the plot and have both houses satisfactorily served by septic tanks. She confirmed that her mother was content to receive a sum of £1 in respect of the provision of the site. It was agreed that a report on this matter be obtained and submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council. Mr. Bradshaw asked that information be supplied by the Council as to the difference between purchase-type houses and rented houses and stated that he would supply information as to the numbers of persons in the area who would be interested in building houses for their own occupation if serviced sites were provided. He stated there were many people in the Kilmacanogue area living in in-laws and in houses with no running water or sewerage. At the request of the Chairman, the County Secretary informed the Members of the Deputation that the Council had acquired five acres of land from Mr. Carnegie

and had agreed to proceed with negotiations with Mr. White for the acquisition of further lands for housing in the area. Members of the Deputation asked if they could attend at the next Housing Meeting of the Council when the matter of Housing in Kilmacanogue was being discussed and the Chairman pointed out that the Council had had to exclude Members of the Public from Meetings of the Council and until that decision was changed, members of the public could not attend. He stated that legal opinion as to whether two persons representing the Committee could attend the Meeting would be obtained.

Councillor G. Timmins asked that the remaining Notices of Motion on the Agenda be taken at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

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, J. Temple, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, W. Cleary 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 to Michael Lawlor, Kilmurray North Bray, to erect two dwellings on lands given by his father."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council employ trainee carpenters, plasterers and blocklayers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th September, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Temple, who was ill, and from Councillor M. J. O'Neill, who was absent on holidays.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. J. O. Gavin, Acting Secretary, and the County Engineer attended.

Press representatives of the Wicklow People, Irish Times and Irish Independent and a Mrs. Popplewell, who was described as a freelance journalist, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Overdraft on General Account for Quarter ending 31st December, 1970.
- 2 Leasing of Sites for Industry at Lathaleer, Baltinglass.
- 3 Sanitary Services Schemes—to authorise borrowing to defray cost of (a) Sewerage extension for houses at Monaleen and Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, (b) Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely, (c) Water Supply extension to Killiskey, Ashford.
- 4 Aughrim Sewerage Scheme—report and recommendation of Co. Engineer in regard to complaint concerning discharge of sewage.
- 5 Public Lighting—Proposed additional lighting at (i) Monastery, Enniskerry, and (ii) Coolruss, Tinahely.
- 6 Domestic Scavenging Service—Proposed extension of Greystones service to Windgates.
- 7 Revision of salary scale for Staff Officers—recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.
- 8 Bray Traffic Temporary Rules, 1970.
- 9 Sheep Dipping Scheme—Proposed Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington.
- 10 Dangerous Corner at Ardinary—Report of County Engineer of 3rd July, 1970.
- 10(a) Letter from Irish Local Government Officials Union in regard to difficulties associated with disturbances at Meetings of the Council (Copy of letter attached).
- 10(b) Letter from Dublin Health Authority in regard to the proposed Joint Meetings of representatives of the Local Authorities who will be appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board.
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:— "That the scavenging service be extended to include houses at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue."
- 12 Notice of Motion in names of Conncllors F. Hynes and J.

Gregory:— "That this Council build a wall between the Drop Manhole and the road at Merrymount, Rathnew, and also erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."

- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "(a) That the Council open up the pedestrian right of way from the Murrough, Wicklow, to the level crossing at Killough; (b) Open up the pedestrian right of way from Mrs. Byrne's cottage, the Murrough, Wicklow, across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly, along the road that leads out at the Cemetery, Rathnew; (c) Build a new footbridge where the old one was across Broadlough at Lower Tinnakilly."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council rebuild a concrete wall in front of the houses on the Terrace at Carnew."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump for three houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council tar the Chapal Lane at Shillelagh; it has already been levelled twice before for tarring."
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. Deering, C. White and William Cleary:— "That I or some Member for me will move to have Seamus Costello removed from the Council Chamber of Wicklow County Council, having regard to his undesirable conduct at recent Meetings and in view of the fact that Council Meetings cannot proceed due to his continuous interruptions."
- 18 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That the inadequate water supply in Donard be improved."
- 19 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: 'That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow County Council.'"
- 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council increase the wages and salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Attendants by at least 50% and pay them overtime for Saturday and other holidays they have to work."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council extend public lighting along the School Road to the junction of the Tinahely-Aughrim Road at Tinahely."
- 22 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:— "That a suitable road sign be erected at 'Y' Junction to Ballyteigue, from the Aughrim to Rathdangan Road; a sign to indicate a dangerous junction on the road which carries the most traffic would possibly save a bad accident."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the press."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That a water supply be provided for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
- 25 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Acquisition of Land for Housing at Glenealy.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the statement at the previous Meeting in regard to the acquisition of land for housing at Glenealy and stated that agreement had since been reached with the landowners in regard to the price per acre to be paid for the land and that the matter of compulsory acquisition did not now arise.

Deputation to Minister for Local Government.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that if the deputation to the Minister for Local Government in regard to housing was received within the following two weeks he would be unable to attend. The Council agreed that should the deputation be received within the following two weeks Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge would attend in place of Councillor E. Byrne.

Item No. 1—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter ending 31st December, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1970, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed.

Item No. 2—Leasing of Sites for Industry at Lathaleer, Baltinglass.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the particulars of the terms for the leasing of sites for industry at Baltinglass had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor G. Timmins the Deputy County Manager stated that the figure for rent was based on the cost of acquisition of the land and the cost of the provision of services and was just sufficient to cover the Council's outlay over a period of 30 years. He pointed out that the Council had not received any grants towards the cost of acquisition or development of the lands. Councillor G. Timmins stated that in some areas land for industry was being made available without charge and asked that should the Council receive grants towards the cost involved that the rent charged be reduced correspondingly.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1964, we hereby approve of the disposal by way of leasing for a period of 150 years of plots of land forming part of the holding containing 6 acres, 1 rood, 38 perches, acquired by the Council at Lathaleer, Baltinglass, from Mr. Patrick Conway, to persons or companies as Industrial Sites on the following terms:—

- 1 The rent payable under the Lease shall be £80 per annum in respect of a half acre site.

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- 2 Industrial buildings to a value of not less than £8,000 are to be erected on each site within two years.
- 3 The premises to be erected on the site shall be used only for carrying on manufacturing processes and for no other purposes whatsoever.

We approve of the proposed disposal of half acre sites on the lands to (a) Suspended Ceilings Ltd., 4 Dublin Road, Bray, and (b) McGonnell (West Wicklow) Ltd., 19 Moore Lane, Dublin 1.
Passed.

Item No. 3—Sanitary Services Schemes—To authorise borrowing to defray cost of (a) Sewerage extension for houses at Monaline and Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, (b) Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely; (c) Water Supply extension to Killiskey, Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £20,183 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of Sewerage Extensions for houses at Monaline and Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, Sewerage Schemes for Churchlands, Tinahely, and Water Supply Extension to Killiskey, Ashford.
Passed.

Item No. 4—Aughrim Sewerage Scheme—Report and recommendation of County Engineer in regard to complaint concerning discharge of sewage.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow

7th July, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Aughrim Swerage Scheme (Mr. Michael Owen Fogarty)

A Chara,

Further to my letter of the 6th ultimo addressed to the County Manager in regard to above matter.

As previously pointed out, the trouble has been mainly caused by the electrical failure, due to corrosion and dampness.

I enclose Drawing for new Pumphouse which will allow the sewerage gear to be housed overground thus eliminating dampness and a consequent failure of the electrical system. The estimate cost of erecting this pumphouse is £270 and the transfer of the electrical equipment is £240, making a total of £510. 0. 0.

It is not proposed to move the electrical motors driving the pumps from their present position, as they are totally enclosed and not likely to be affected with dampness.

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It is recommended that the work be carried out at an estimate cost of £510. 0. 0.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer of 7th July, 1970, we approve of his recommendation for erecting a new Pump House for Aughrim Sewerage Scheme and transferring electrical equipment at a total estimated cost of £510.

Passed.

Item No. 5 Public Lighting—Proposed Additional Lighting at (1) Monastery, Enniskerry, and (2) Coolruss, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor White;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of public lighting at Enniskerry as follows:—

1. One public light to be erected on existing pole at Vienna Foods, Ltd., Enniskerry, at estimated cost of £33 16s. 0d.
2. Removal of light at entrance to cul-de-sac at Monastery, Enniskerry, and provision of new type of light on opposite side of the road adjoining Rafferty's Cottage, Enniskerry, at estimated cost of £45.

Passed.

Councillor White stated that additional lights were needed at Enniskerry, and referred in particular to three extra lights being required on Monastery Road and also one at Ballyman Road. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge also referred to the need for lighting to serve cottages at the County Brook. Councillor White also stated that a light was required at the Town Clock at Enniskerry. It was agreed that the County Engineer would report on the need for lighting at these places.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a public light at Coolruss, Tinahely, at estimated cost of £27, the light to be installed on the pole nearest the public water pump.

Item No. 6—Domestic Scavenging Service—Proposed Extension of Greystones Service to Windgates.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Edward Sutton, the Contractor for the refuse collection service at Greystones, had tendered in the figure of £70 for collecting the refuse from approximately 25

houses at Windgates. It was not proposed to collect refuse on any private roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Edward Sutton, in the sum of £70 for the extension of the refuse collection service from Greystones to serve approximately 25 houses at Windgates.

Item No. 7—Revision of Salary Scale for Staff Officers.

The County Secretary stated that a revised salary scale for Staff Officers had been recommended under the scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers and would apply from 1st April, 1968. The estimated additional expenditure involved in the present year would be £2,662.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That having considered recommendations under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve of the application of the following revised salary scale for Staff Officers and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised scale:—

From 1st April, 1968—£1,263 x £53—£1,369 x £106—£1,475 x £53—

£1,687 x £52—£1,739, exclusive of the 11th Round increases of 1st June, 1968, and 1st June, 1969.

From 1st April, 1970—£1,550 x £52—£1,970, exclusive of the 12th Round increase.

The application of the revised scale will be subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Item No. 8—Bray Traffic Temporary Rules, 1970.

The County Secretary stated that the Commissioner for the Garda Síochána had made temporary rules in respect of traffic at Bray which would operate from 19th September, 1970, for a period of six months. The rules provided for the introduction of one-way traffic in accordance with the scheme which had been approved by the Council. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 9—Sheep Dipping Scheme—Proposed Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that members of the Special Sheep Dipping Committee of the Council had met at Blessington on 23rd July, 1970, to inspect a site for a proposed sheep dipping bath and had recommended that the bath be sited on the south side of the road near the existing water tank at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington. The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had

reported that this site was not acceptable to him nor to the Dublin Corporation and had recommended a site on the northern side of the road. Councillor J. Miley stated that the members of the Committee were unanimous in agreeing to the site at the southern side of the road at Kylebeg, Lacken, and pointed out that at present there were sheep dipping baths located much nearer to the Lake than the site proposed for the new bath. He stated that the Council's Engineer was satisfied that there was no danger of the Lake being affected by any effluent from the sheep dipping bath.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered report of Meeting of the Members of the Special Sheep Dipping Committee held at Blessington on 23rd July, 1970, in regard to the inspection of a site for the proposed sheep dipping bath and having noted the advice of the Chief Medical Officer pointing out that the position on the south side of the road at Kylebeg, Lacken, was not acceptable to him nor to the Dublin Corporation, we approve of the construction of the Sheep Dipping Bath at the south side of the road near the existing water tank at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture.

Passed. Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 10—Dangerous Corner at Ardinary — Report of County Engineer of 3rd July, 1970.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
3rd July, 1970.
County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That the Dangerous Corner at Ardinary be dealt with (Ditches levelled as a preliminary) now that Land has been given, having regard to the dangerous nature of this Road through Lack of Visibility of Oncoming Traffic."

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th ultimo.

The length of road on which it is proposed to remove the dangerous bends on Road 161 from the end of the concrete road to the hill before Haughton's Bridge is approximately 1,300 lin. yards. I estimate that the fencing and reconstruction of this road would cost £5,900; this would include fencing and all necessary work, but would not include purchase of land which would have to be negotiated.

I have not included the section at Haughton's Bridge as it would have to be decided at a later date whether the road itself would have to be realigned at this place or a new bridge built. I am only allowing for the dangerous turns on the section I have mentioned.

Consideration could be given to applying for a Tourist Grant.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that all that was required immediately at this place was a slight easing of the corner and the removal of hedges to give better vision. He did not consider that

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extensive road improvement was necessary. The County Engineer pointed out that the road would require to be improved to proper standards and that a partial easing of the bend would not be satisfactory. On the proposal of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan, it was agreed that the Department of Local Government be requested to provide a special grant for tourist roads to defray the cost of this improvement.

Item No. 10A—Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union in Regard to Difficulties Associated with Disturbances at Meetings of the Council.

The following letter which had been circulated to the Members of the Council was considered:

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION

Mr. J. Whelan,
Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

9, Gardiner Place,
Dublin 1.
25th August, 1970.

Dear Sir,

I have been requested to write to you on behalf of the staff employed by the Wicklow County Council in membership of this Union whose duties are concerned with the provision of services at meetings of the Council and who are required to attend at such meetings. There is a growing concern amongst these members arising from the difficulties associated with disturbances at meetings of the Council, and in particular at the way in which they have been misrepresented in newspaper reports and verbal attacks made on them by some members of the Council.

I am to emphasise that these members have always enjoyed first class relations with the Wicklow County Council, and I am to assure you that this letter is not intended in any way as a criticism of the County Council or of the manner in which the Council conducts its business. However, our members are concerned that the meetings of the Council should be proceeded with in an orderly fashion and that they can supply the Council with the services, including information, required for the conduct of public business without undue strain or interference. A continuance of incidents such as have taken place in recent months can only lead to further difficulties in the discharge of the public business of the Council and our members are concerned lest such a development take place.

The Union is anxious to protect the interests of our members concerned in this matter in every possible way, and to this end may have to contemplate what action can be taken in their support. I am, however, to assure you that it is our desire and the desire of our members in Wicklow to co-operate in every possible way with the Council to ensure that the business of the Council will be discharged as efficiently as possible and that the public interest be safe-

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guarded. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Wicklow County Manager for his information.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD O'SULLIVAN,

General Secretary.

HO'S/VS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That a copy of the letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union be forwarded to the Ministers for Local Government and Justice, and that the Minister for Local Government be asked to introduce legislation to ensure maintenance of order at Meetings of Local Authorities.

Passed. Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 10 (b)—Letter from Dublin Health Authority in Regard to Proposed Joint Meeting of Representatives of the Local Authorities who will be appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board.

The following letter from the Dublin Health Authority was submitted:

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

10th September, 1970.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Dublin Health Authority to refer to previous correspondence regarding the establishment of the Eastern Health Board and in particular to the joint meeting which took place between representatives of the local authorities which will be appointing members to the Eastern Health Board and to say that the question of the financial arrangements for the proposed Board has recently been considered at a meeting of the Authority. It will be recalled that at the joint meeting held in January of this year a discussion took place on this matter, but sufficient time was not available to bring the discussion to conclusion. The Authority now suggests that if the local authorities concerned are agreeable, a further joint meeting take place here at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th September, 1970, or at the same time on Wednesday, 14th October, 1970. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will be good enough to let me know if your Authority is agreeable to send representatives to such a meeting and also let me know which of the above dates would be more suitable to you. Tea will be provided by the Authority for those attending the meeting. An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

R. N. LAMB,

Secretary.

The Deputy County Manager pointed out that the Council would be appointing members to the Eastern Health Board at their Meeting to be held on the 12th October, 1970, and suggested that the 14th October, 1970, would be a more suitable date for the proposed joint meeting of representatives of the local authorities appointing the Members to the Board. The Council agreed that the Dublin Health Authority be informed that the Council would send representatives to the proposed joint Meeting and that the Meeting be held on the 14th October, 1970.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor C. White:—
"That the Scavenging Service be Extended to Include Houses at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue."

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was understood that Councillor White was referring to about 30 houses in the Rocky Valley Drive and Ballybawn areas, and has pointed out that the existing collection service was already under consideration for extension from Enniskerry via Tinnahinch Bridge to Jameson's Corner and that this service would appear to be reasonable. The extra areas mentioned by Councillor White were very remote and it would not seem desirable to cover the area with a scavenging service. Councillor White stated that it was his view that the houses on the Rocky Valley Drive and also houses in Kilmacanogue and in the Rocky Valley area should be provided with a domestic scavenging service, and it was agreed that an estimate of cost be obtained for the extension of the Enniskerry service to cover the area as indicated by Councillor White.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—
"That this Council Build a Wall Between the Drop Manhole and the Road at Merrymeeing, Rathnew, and also erect a Hand Rail at the same place to enable People to walk down the steps in safety."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow

22nd June, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notices of Motion: "That the Council build a wall between the drop manhole and the road at Merrymeeing, Rathnew, also erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 10th instant.

It is recommended that a concrete block wall (about 7 lin. yards) about 5 ft. high be provided by the Council so as to prevent the possibility of children, etc., falling over the top of the drop manhole on to the road below.

It is also recommended that a tubular metal handrail be provided on the steps. I estimate the cost of carrying out the work at £100.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the building of a wall between the Drop Manhole and the road at Merrymeeing, Rathnew, and the erection of a hand rail on the steps at an estimated cost of £100 as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—

"(a) That the Council Open up the Pedestrian Right-of-Way from The Murrough, Wicklow, to the Level Crossing at Killougher;

(b) Open Up the Pedestrian Right-of-Way from Mrs. Byrne's Cottage, The Murrough, Wicklow, Across Broadlough at Lower Tinnakilly, along the Road that leads out at the Cemetery, Rathnew; (c) Build a New Footbridge where the old one was across Broadlough at Lower Tinnakilly."

Councillor Hynes stated that he wished to withdraw Items (b) and (c) of his Notice of Motion. He stated that a firm of Consulting Engineers were at present engaged on preparing proposals for a scheme to raise the level of the lakes by the formation of a weir at the site of the footbridge and create a boating lake which would be a desirable amenity for the town of Wicklow. It would be intended to seek a grant from Bord Failte towards the cost of this proposed development, including the provision of a bridge at that point.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That the Council open up the pedestrian right-of-way from The Murrough, Wicklow, to the level crossing at Killougher and that we approve of any necessary proceedings for the purpose of establishing the existence of this public right-of-way.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Council were satisfied from evidence available and declarations made by persons who had been accustomed to use this public right-of-way that such a right-of-way did exist along The Murrough up to Killougher. The owner of the land, however, contended that there was no public right-of-way across the lands of the Clonmannon Estate along the Murrough, though a right-of-way did exist to the footbridge and thence via Broadlough and Tinnakilly lands to the roadway at Rathnew. It had been indicated by the Solicitors for the owner of the lands that any effort of the Council to establish the existence of a public right-of-way would be opposed. The Council noted that action would be taken to establish the existence of the public right-of-way.

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Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—“That this Council Rebuild a Concrete Wall in Front of the Houses on the Terrace at Carnew.”

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that the wall was in a disgraceful condition. The cottages were all vested cottages except that of Mr. Kinsella, and in his opinion the work should have been carried out prior to vesting. He pointed out that it was not the responsibility of the Council now to repair the wall except in respect of the cottage occupied by Mr. Kinsella, as tenant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Costello;

Resolved—That the Council rebuild a concrete wall in front of the houses on the Terrace at Carnew.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—“That this Council Erect a Pump for Three Houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.”

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow
25th June, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion: “That this Council erect a Pump for three houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.”

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 17th instant.

Some years ago a pump was recommended for these cottages, but it was sited 200 yards away from the cottage in order to serve two farms. Now the people in these cottages consider that they have too far to carry water, and they are getting water from a well on the Coollatin Estate, but they have to trespass on Coollatin Estate to get water from this well. Since the health of the majority of the people living in these cottages is not good, I recommend that a pump be erected for them.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a pump to serve three houses at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

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Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—“That this Council Tar the Chapel Lane at Shillelagh; it has already been Levelled Twice before for Tarring.”

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that 700 yards of Chapel Lane was in a suitable condition for tarring and would receive attention in the near future. The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's report.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. Deering, C. White and William Cleary:—“That I or some Member for me will move to have Seamus Costello removed from the Council Chamber of Wicklow County Council, having regard to his undesirable conduct at recent Meetings and in view of the fact that Council Meetings cannot proceed due to his continuous interruptions.”

The Deputy County Manager stated that legal advice had been obtained in regard to the terms of the Notice of Motion and that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Notice of Motion could not be accepted. He stated that it was not possible to debar a Member of the Council indefinitely from the Council Chamber and that the correct procedure was for the Chairman to inform the Member that if he persisted in interrupting the proceedings of a Meeting he would be suspended for the remainder of that particular Meeting. If he still persisted the Chairman should make an order suspending the Member for the remainder of that particular Meeting and requiring him to leave the Council Chamber. Following a discussion on the matter the Council noted the terms of the legal advice given.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:—“That the inadequate water supply in Donard be improved.”

The County Engineer stated that the question of providing a water supply for Donard from a source which was being investigated on the industrial site at Donard was under examination and the Council noted that report and recommendation would be submitted in due course.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:—“That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: ‘That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow County Council.’”

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following resolution:— That the general public be allowed free access to the Meetings of Wicklow County Council.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., indicated that he was in favour in principle of the public being admitted to Council Meetings but pointed out that the Council had been forced to take the action to exclude the pub-

lic because of at least four Meetings having being interrupted by members of the public. He stressed that the Council had no option but to take the action they did. He agreed that the public should be re-admitted as soon as it was proper to do so, but did not feel that the time was opportune. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan pointed out that Members of the public had rarely attended Meetings of the Council and that the effects of Council's decision was only to exclude certain groups who attended with the intention of disrupting the Meetings. Councillor J. Whelan stated that the Council did not intend to be pressurised into taking any action prematurely and that when the time was proper the public would be re-admitted. A voted having been called for on the proposal to suspend Standing Orders it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan—FIVE.

AGAINST: Councillors Bourke, Cleary, Deering, Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh—THIRTEEN.

The proposal was declared defeated by thirteen votes against to five in favour.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
“That the Council Increase the Wages and Salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Attendants by at least 50 per cent., and pay them Overtime for Saturday and other Holidays they have to Work.”

The County Secretary stated that the present rate per hour for Branch Librarians was 5/9, but that this was being increased under the 12th Round from 1st April, 1970, to 6/6 per hour and there would be a further increase of 10d. per hour applying from 1st January, 1971. He stated that the Library Association and the Irish Local Government Officials' Union were investigating the position relating to the employment of Branch Librarians.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

Resolved—That this Council increase the wages and salaries of Branch Librarians and Library Attendants by at least 50 per cent. and pay them overtime for Saturday and other holidays they have to work. Councillor Hynes asked that the terms of the Resolution be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils for their views.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—“That this Council Extend Public Lighting Along the School Road to the Junction of the Tinahely-Aughrim Road at Tinahely.”

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Engineer had reported that public lighting did not appear to be warranted along the road in question as it was not a built up area. On the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to re-examine the matter.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—“That a Suitable Road Sign be Erected at ‘Y’ Junction to Ballyteigue from the Aughrim to Rathdangan Road; a Sign to Indicate a Dangerous Junction on the Road which carries the most traffic would possibly save a bad accident.”

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan, it was agreed that the County Engineer arrange for the provision of a suitable sign.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor R. Miley:—
“That the Post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the Press.”

In the absence of Councillor R. Miley the Council agreed to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor M. Deering:—
“That a Water Supply be provided for Houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin.”

The County Engineer stated that a report on this matter was being prepared and will be available shortly.

Domestic Scavenging—Kilpedder and the Willow Grove.

On the proposal of Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the domestic scavenging service be installed at Kilpedder and Willow Grove and that the Dump at Newtownmountkennedy be used for the purpose. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that if the dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy were used there would be sufficient space to accommodate the service for only about one year and that extra land would have to be acquired, but that this had not yet been done. Councillor Gregory stated that there was ample space available for the introduction of the service and that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary land, but that the scheme should not be delayed pending the acquisition of the land.

Use of Loudspeaker on Motor Vehicle.

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan, it was agreed that the licence for the use of loudspeaker on a vehicle to advertise the walk in aid of mentally-handicapped children be extended for a further week to 20th September, 1970.

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, B. S. C. Phelan, E. Byrne, C. White, 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 Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs the farm for him.”

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J.

Sweeney and W. Cleary:—

“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John

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Kenny, 72 St. Peter's Place, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss 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 to James M. Kelly, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke, C. White, T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, B. S. C.

Phelan and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William Macauley at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a hotel."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council buy some land from the Land Commission at Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the purpose of providing sites for people who want to build their own houses."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"That the Council build a house for J. Hearn, at Hollywood, on a site provided by his mother."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mr. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."

In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, C. White, Miss M. Walsh, E. Byrne, F. Hynes, and J. Gregory:—"That the Department of Education be asked to contribute to the cost of widening and surfacing School Bus routes in this County."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That a speed limit be instituted in Rathnew to cover the area Newrath Cross-Merrymeeting Cemetery-Arklow Road."

In the name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—"That the Engineer provide a full report on the drainage scheme at Jack White's."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:—"That this Council issue two tickets to each Member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two Members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people will be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings they attend."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th October, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

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

The County Manager, 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, attended.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., 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 David Pym at Harristown, Hollywood."

(b) In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14, for the provision of a dwellinghouse and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

(c) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge of "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow."

(d) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, W. Cleary 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 to Mr. Michael Lawlor, Kilmurray North, Bray, to erect two dwellings on land given to him by his father."

- (e) In the name of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan, E. Byrne, C. White, 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 Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs the farm for him."
- (f) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Kenny, 72 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James M. Kelly, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke, C. White, T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. E. Byrne, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William Macauley, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a hotel."
- (i) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke 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 to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for three bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 6th April and 4th May, 1970.
 3. Proposed establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains—to receive representations of Dublin County Council for discussion on proposal (3.30 p.m.).
 4. Disposal of sites for houses at Blessington to Department of Lands (Forestry Division).
 5. Housing Progress Report.
 6. Scheme of 19 Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry — To receive tenders.

7. Applications for consent to sales of vested cottages.
8. Applications for loans towards purchase of dwellinghouses.
9. Application for provision of cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathnew.
10. Application for erection of cottage at Kilmacanogue.
11. Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
12. Letters from the Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in regard to the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on: (a) number of cottages in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding area of Rathdrum; (b) the number of cottages repaired in the areas in the year 1969/'70."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a Supplementary Grant for new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:—"That in future when Council houses become vacant, which are not fully serviced, this Council should install the services before re-letting the houses to tenants."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That an entrance gate be erected for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tina-hely."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council employ trainee carpenters, plasterers and blocklayers."
18. In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council buy some land from the Land Commission at Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the purpose of providing sites for people who want to build their own houses."
19. In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That the Council build a house for J. Hearn at Hollywood on a site provided by his mother."
20. In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mr. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."
21. Cottages repaired during the month of September, 1970, and to be repaired during the month of October, 1970.

Item No. 1: Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: (a) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., 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 David Pym at Harristown, Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that the application made in this case had been refused and it had been indicated on behalf of the proposers of the Resolution that the Resolution was not being moved and that an alternative site was under consideration. The Council noted the position in the matter.

- (b) In the Names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14, for the Provision of a Dwellinghouse and Stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that a complete application had not yet been received from Miss O. M. Haughton. The Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal.

- (c) In the Names of Councillors E. Byrne, C. White and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge of "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the Erection of a Bungalow for his Own Use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of the application and the details of his recommendation were submitted to the Council. Refusal had been recommended on the grounds of traffic hazard due to the entrance being near a bend and adjacent to the junction of the main Bray/Greystones Road and the County Road leading to Delgany near the top of Windgates Hill and also by reason of a water supply not being available as the water supply proposed to be used was from Templecarrig Scheme which had not capacity to serve any additional houses. Following a discussion in regard to the capacity of the water supply at Templecarrig in which Councillor Temple suggested that there was additional water available at the source which could be tapped and asked that the County Engineer submit a further report in relation to the supply, Councillor Costello pointed out that the Council had agreed when the Windgates extension from the Templecarrig supply was approved that this supply would serve only existing houses and that water would not be available for any new houses. He suggested that if Permission was being granted for the proposal that an independent water supply should be provided to serve the house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

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 grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eamonn P. Ledwidge of "Rosindale," Putland Road, Bray, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, subject to the condition that (i) an independent water supply be provided to serve the house and (ii) that the soil be found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tank.

- Passed.
- (d) In the Names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, W. Cleary 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 to Mr. Michael Lawlor, Kilmurray, North, Bray, to Erect Two Dwellings on Land Given to Him by His Father."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for the erection of two houses had been refused and in the present application the applicant had increased the site area to approximately three quarters of an acre for each house. The County Engineer reported that the County Development Plan required that lands within 150 yards of the Arterial Road be kept free from Development between the Dublin Boundary and the Glen of the Downs and that development that tended to extend or consolidate the tendency for development to ribbon southward in the vicinity of the Arterial Road should be limited. The present proposal was in conflict with these provisions of the Development Plan. It was recommended that Permission be refused for the reasons that

- 1 The Development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because:— (a) It would consolidate the tendency to ribbon southwards from Kilmacanogue in the vicinity of the Arterial Road (T7), (b) the site of the proposal was situated within 150 yards of the Arterial Road.
- 2 The sites were prominently situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the proposed development would seriously injure an amenity by being unduly prominent in the foreground of views from the Arterial Road T7.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Michael Lawlor, Kilmurray North, Bray, to erect two dwellings on land given to him by his father.

Passed.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan, E. Byrne, C. White, 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 Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs a farm for him."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application had been received for the erection of two dwellings at Kilmurray, the applicant being a farmer in the area and requiring the house for a nephew who assisted him on the farm. The County Engineer had reported that the Chief Planning Assistant had met the applicant's nephew on the site and indicated that one of the two sites would be acceptable to the Council. He understood that this was acceptable to the applicant's nephew. The site as submitted, however, was not that which had been indicated by the Chief Planning Assistant as being acceptable. The County Engineer reported that the erection of a bungalow on the proposed site would be unduly prominent in the foreground of a view which was listed for preservation in the Development Plan. There would be no objection to the erection of a bungalow on the other site. The County Engineer recommended that the applicant be asked to confirm

that the site shown on the plan submitted was, in fact, the site in respect of which Planning Permission was sought. He recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

The Development of the site as proposed for residential purposes would seriously injure amenity in the area and be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development by:

- (a) being unduly prominent in the foreground of views from the adjoining Red Lane to the Sugar Loaf;
- (b) being unduly prominent in the views to the area and
- (c) by setting a precedent for further development at this prominent location.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the applicant was seeking Permission for this site as indicated on the map submitted and he did not accept that the site suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant was suitable. He contended that the site suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant was too close to the existing house. Councillor S. Costello stated that from speaking with Mr. O'Connor, nephew of Mr. Fox, for whom the bungalow was proposed to be provided, he understood that two alternative sites had been suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant and he felt that one of these alternative sites should meet the needs of the applicant. Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, confirmed that two alternative sites had been examined and he had indicated that either of the other two sites would be acceptable to the Council, but he could not recommend approval to the site submitted in the plans. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th October, 1970, to allow an opportunity in the meantime for the Members of the Council who had signed the proposal to inspect the site and the alternative suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant.

(f) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Kenny, 72 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

(g) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James M. Kelly, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that both these applications related to houses in the same locality and the same considerations applied to both. The Council decided to consider both applications jointly. The following report had been submitted by the County Engineer:—

To date 20 applications for Planning Permission have been received by the County Council for this locality. Nineteen have been in respect of single half acre sites, and the twentieth in respect of 110 houses at Sheepwalk. Permissions, 4 in pursuance of directions given under Section 4, have been granted for 48 bungalows. These bungalows have been so sited as to form discreet clusters separated by approximately a half mile, and the granting of permission in the present case will give rise to a third cluster midway between these two. One proposal, for two houses, has been appealed to the Minister for Local Government.

It is an objective of the Development Plan to strengthen the existing towns by directing new developments to them, to protect approaches to towns from haphazard development in order to preserve the distinction between Urban and Rural areas (see town development, third paragraph page 2).

It is also an objective of the development plan to secure that new development is appropriate to its location (Page 3). These proposals would be in serious conflict with these three objectives.

The sites are approximately three miles from Arklow's main street and Arklow's Urban District Council has acquired 80 acres of land for housing (both Local Authority and Private houses). The Urban Council's architects, Messrs. Meehan and Levins, are presently preparing plans for this 80 acres and the Council are also trying to acquire a further 30 acres for housing development. This land could accommodate approximately 840 dwellings.

It is recommended that the County Council should, instead of indiscriminately granting planning permission in pursuance of directions under Section 4, vigorously pursue the provision of services at locations where development should take place, and if necessary acquire lands by compulsory purchase suited to development.

Recommend that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposal, taken in conjunction with existing development and also proposals for which planning permission has been granted in and around the area, would give rise to a ribbon of Urban type development along a three quarter mile road frontage with a multiplicity of individual entrances. The traffic generated by the proposals and entrances would tend to create serious obstruction of road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic along the Beech Road at the dangerous junction of the same with the arterial road Ticnock.
- (2) The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper Planning and Development of the area by:
 - (a) Giving rise to a density of development inappropriate to the area.
 - (b) Giving rise to haphazard development along a main approach to Arklow.
 - (c) Setting a precedent for a further development of a similar nature.
- (3) The location of development as proposed almost 3 miles from the nearest town would result in great economic loss in the private sector and a demand for public services, road improvements, school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, refuse collection, etc.
- (4) The proposal would result in a multiplicity of septic tanks and bored wells in close proximity to one another.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

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 John Kenny,

72 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

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 to James M. Kelly, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow.

Passed.

(h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke, C. White, T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. E. Byrne, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William McCauley, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride for the erection of a hotel."

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

- (1) The site is situated in the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin area. Applicant has no control over the land on which it is intended to dispose of the effluent from the sewerage treatment works. Where large quantities of effluent are land treated it is necessary that the land is drained to an outfall stream to prevent an effluent quagmire. There is no such outfall available.
- (2) Effluent from the proposed development would be liable to pollute Poulaphouca Reservoir which is a source of water supply to Dublin Corporation.
- (3) The proposed development is situated on a bend on a heavily trafficked tourist road, and the traffic generated by the development would create a traffic hazard at the entrances to and exits from the development.
- (4) Evidence has not been submitted that there is an adequate water supply available to serve the proposal.
- (5) The site is prominently situated in a landscape area adjoining a heavily trafficked tourist route and in close proximity to the shore of Blessington Lake. The proposed development together with associated car parks, advertisements, etc., would seriously injure amenity in the area by:—
 - (a) being unduly prominent
 - (b) Altering the rural character of the area
 - (c) Setting a precedent for further similar development on the roads overlooking the Lake.

The County Secretary stated that the Corporation of Dublin had indicated that the proposal to erect a large hotel on the shore of Poulaphouca Reservoir would, it was considered, inevitably lead to pollution of the water supply. It was not accepted that the proposed treatment would be adequate or that the processes would be continually maintained and supervised. The Corporation would object to the proposal and appeal to the Minister for Local Government in the event of the Council giving Outline Permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

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 to William Macauley, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a hotel.

Councillor Miley contended that no difficulties would arise from the disposal of the sewerage in accordance with the manner proposed by the applicant and there would be no risk of the water supply becoming polluted. He further expressed the view that the Corporation should have installed sufficient purification works to ensure that any effluent reaching the Reservoir would be adequately treated. Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor Miley agreed to suggestions made by Members of the Council that the matter be adjourned to the next Housing Meeting and that a joint inspection of the site be made by the Members of the Council with the Council's Technical Advisors, the Technical Advisers of the applicant and the Dublin Corporation's Technical Advisors. It was agreed by the Council that the next Housing Meeting of the Council be held at Blessington in order that this inspection could be carried out.

**Item No. 3—Proposed establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains—
To receive Representatives of Dublin County Council for discussion on proposal (3.30 p.m.).**

The Council, as arranged, received the representatives of Dublin County Council who attended the Meeting. Councillor B. Burke, T.D., apologised for the absence of Councillor Hickey, P.C., Chairman of Dublin County Council, and introduced the representatives:—

Councillors Andrews, Connolly, McMahon and Murphy, together with Mr. J. McCall, Secretary, Dublin County Council, and Mr. Kelly, Deputy Chief Planning Officer. Councillor Andrews referred to the lack of space for recreation in Dublin City and stated that this proposal was being put forward as a contribution to Conservation Year. He pointed out that Wicklow was a recreation playground for the metropolis and for the Country as a whole and had a vast potential for tourism. While the proposal for the establishment of a National Park might appear to be on a grand scale, there is no unusual challenge involved and property need not be disturbed. Where acquisition might be necessary it would be at market value. He referred to the priorities in Dublin County as being Housing, Education and Recreation, and indicated that open spaces in Co. Dublin were being built over and that consequently there was a lack of sufficient area for recreation. He suggested that nature walks, picnic tables, the planting of ornamental timber in

suitable places, the provision of swimming pools on streams and rivers with landscaping, an arboretum, such as in Avondale, Bird Sanctuaries and areas for conservation of Wild Life might be made available in the proposed National Park. Children could be occupied as caretakers and as forest rangers and taught the observance of the Country Code. He expressed the view that this would provide an amenity for the children of both counties. He pointed out that an Act of Parliament might be necessary and suggested that Wicklow and Dublin County Councils should come together to approach the Department of Lands with a view to having the necessary legislation drafted and the proposal financed with the aid of State Funds.

Councillor McMahon stated that the responsibility and the benefits of the project could be shared by the two local authorities with State assistance and stressed that it would be his view that hamlets and villages in the area should be developed and be available as residential areas and for visitors. He agreed that adequate compensation should be paid for any disturbance and pointed out that such proposals would not denude the mountain areas of their people. He stressed the necessity of preservation of rights of way and opening up of new ones and the need for preserving houses and estates in mountain areas. The project would make available facilities for those seeking recreation and additional income to those living there already. He referred also to the desirability of providing for sports, such as golf, fishing and shooting. Councillor Connolly stressed the greater significance nowadays of the use of leisure time. He stated that local authorities should provide for the activities not only of children, but of adults and that National parks could meet these needs of a community. Councillor J. Murphy stated that he represented the Glencullen and Mountain Area in Co. Dublin and stated that the Dublin County Council sought the co-operation of the Members of Wicklow County Council in this project which would be of benefit to both Counties.

Councillor J. Miley expressed agreement with the proposal in principle and referred to the position in Blessington with the increasing tourist traffic and referred to the need for recreational facilities. He pointed out that West Wicklow Development Association should be involved in any proposals and also stressed the need for proceeding with the provision of a swimming pool in Blessington. Councillor Costello expressed agreement with the idea of the establishment of a National Park in the mountain area, but pointed out that it would not be possible to reach any final decision on that date. He suggested that a joint deputation from the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils should seek a meeting with the appropriate Minister and that the deputation should be accompanied by representatives of Bord Failte and An Taisce. He suggested also that the views of Rural Organisations such as Muintir Na Tire, should also be obtained. Councillor Hynes seconded the proposal made by Councillor Costello. Councillor Miss Walsh urged that the Council proceed warily in regard to the matter and indicated that without further information she did not feel that she could support the proposal. Councillor R. Miley referred to his particular interest in the Glendalough area and agreed with the need for provision of car parks and other facilities in the area for the increasing number of tourists. Councillor J. Temple enquired whether Dublin County Council had prepared any plans in regard to the area proposed for the National Park in County Wicklow. Mr. Kelly, Deputy Planning Officer for Dublin County, replying at the request of Deputy Burke, stated that there was already a considerable impact on County Wicklow from the population

in Dublin and stated that no plans had been prepared by Dublin County Council in regard to this project but he suggested that a small group be set up to study the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved — That the County Manager, County Secretary, Planning Officer and County Medical Officer for Wicklow County Council meet corresponding Officers of Dublin County Council to discuss proposals for a National Park, and submit proposals for consideration by the respective County Councils.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill that the matter be discussed by Wicklow County Council at their next Meeting and that a Committee consisting of five Members be appointed to meet representatives of Dublin County Council, together with the appropriate officers of the two Councils to discuss the proposal in greater detail. The Council agreed that the matter be considered at the next Meeting at which the five Members to form the Committee would be selected. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, in thanking the representatives from Dublin County Council for their attendance, asked that information be supplied on the following matters:

- (1) The area in acres of the portion of the proposed National Park which would be in Dublin County.
- (2) Whether there had been any commitment from the Minister for Lands to assist the financing of the proposal.
- (3) The method of operation of the Scheme and as to who would be responsible therefor.
- (4) What plans Dublin County Council had prepared for the Mountain Area located in their County.

Deputy Burke thanked the Members of Wicklow County Council for the reception of the proposals put forward by the representatives of Dublin County Council.

Item No. 6—Scheme of 19 houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—To receive Tenders.

The County Secretary stated that five Tenders had been received in response to public advertisement for the erection of 19 Council houses at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry. The five Tenders received were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Jack O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle	£51,383 10 0
Michael Murphy, 29 Monaloe Park, Blackrock	£67,965. 0. 0.
Dodd Engineering, Ltd., Novara Road, Bray	£72,085 0 0
Michael McNulty, Ballinalea, Ashford	£73,952. 0. 0.
McIlvenna Brothers, Ltd., Taney Road, Dundrum, Dublin.	£76,415. 0. 0.

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The County Engineer had been asked to submit his estimate of the cost of the erection of the houses and had reported as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,

Wicklow

5th October, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Building of 19 Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th ultimo and 2nd instant.

I estimate the cost of building these houses at Kilgarron Park at £57,200. It is hoped to build the houses for this figure by Direct Labour. I would point out, however, that the figure is an Estimate and one which I could not be finally held to the same as a Contractor as I am not working under the same conditions. I am not allowed the same latitude in regard to the purchase of materials, selection of labour, payment of bonus and incentive to workmen. Materials in order to satisfy the public Auditor must be purchased off the Trade list, which often leads to considerable delay in getting delivery of these materials.

I wish to make it clear, therefore, that I do not consider myself bound by this estimate. If the estimate submitted is lower than the lowest tender received, and the Council decide to carry out the work by direct labour, I wish to be safeguarded against any surcharge that may or likely be imposed on me by the Auditor, should the final costs of carrying out the work by direct labour exceed the lowest tender.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and report.

The Meeting then terminated.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary 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 Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Bernard McCabe, Garda Station, Arklow, and Paul T. Laffan, 40 Rory O'Connor

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Place, Arklow, to erect two houses at Ballinaheese, Arklow, for their own use."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, F. Hynes and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Daniel Devine, Kilmacoo Upper, for the erection of three dwellings on his land at Kilmacoo Upper."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to John Lowe, for one cottage for himself at Roundwood."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the Members of the Council for the County of Wicklow, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Daniel Maharry (C/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew), to develop his land on the townland of Ballymerrigan by building 4 bungalows thereon."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:—

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 houses with septic tanks at Ballygarret, Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:—

"That a house be built by the County Council for Charles Everson on a site to be provided by him at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—

"That in future this Council allocate Council Cottages to qualified people in any part of the County they wish to reside, including the urban areas."

In the name of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and J. J. Bourke:—

"That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray town be rescinded and consideration be given to the report by Automobile Association on the situation as they see it."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—

"That the filter beds in the reservoir at Mangan's which pro-

vides a polluted water supply to Tinahely be cleaned up and the question of the appointment of a caretaker be finalised."

In the name of Councillor C. White:—

"That five lights be put on Monastery Road, Enniskerry."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—

"That this Council take over Oughatomcoyle Lane that is in need of repair."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—

"That this Council remove 35 yards of a ditch between the Bridge Wall and Rickaby's House as it is obstructing the view on the main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Lyon's Bridge."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump at Newry, Clonegal, for eight houses."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following resolution: "That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings."

The following findings were:

Chancellor J. William Miller
 Supervisors: James May
 Hiram John Burdette
 Frederick A. Gault
 William John Drake
 Allen Hall & C. P. Hall
 County Treasurer
 John Galt

[illegible]

In the matter of *Quincy v. New York*, 201 U.S. 1, 26 S. Ct. 217, 52 L. Ed. 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912,

vide a polluted water supply to Tinschely be cleaned up and question of the appointment of a caretaker be treated.

In the name of Councillor C. White—

"That five lights be put on Monastery Road, Enniskerry.

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan—

"That this Council take over Dechenmoye Lane that is used as repair.

By the name of Councillor K. Ryan—

"That this Council remove 20 yards of a ditch between Bridge Wall and Rickaby's House as it is obstructing the view the main Carnw/Sluagh Road at Lymington Bridge.

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan— "That this Council get a pump at Newry, Clearest for eight homes.

In the names of Councillors K. Ryan and K. Ryan— "Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following resolution: "That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th October, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Chiel Planning Assistant were present.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan, E. Byrne, C. White, 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 Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs the farm for him."

(b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke 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 to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for three bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."

(c) In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14, for the provision of a dwelling-house and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

(d) In the names of Councillors John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, Christopher White, Roger Miley and Miss Mary Walsh:—

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

- (e) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Thomas 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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 25th May and 15th June, 1970.
- 3 To appoint representatives of the Council to attend at Joint Meetings of Representatives of the Local Authorities appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board, to be held at Dublin on 14th October, 1970.
- 4 Revision of Polling Schemes—to arrange local electoral area committee meetings to review existing polling schemes.
- 5 Proposed works at Courthouse, Wicklow — Report of County Engineer on estimated cost.
- 6 Claims for compensation for Criminal Injury to property—particulars of claims received in respect of fires at Bray.
- 7 Right of Way at the Murrough—Letter from Capt. C. M. O'Rourke.
- 8 Letter addressed to the Chairman of Council by Irish Local Government Officials Union regarding rationalisation of Rate Collectors districts with a view to establishment of common national salary scale, payable to whole-time, permanent and pensionable collectors working in equalised districts.
- 9 Revision of salary scales for Nursing Staff—Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.
- 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the Press."
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That a Speed Limit be instituted in Rathnew to cover the area Newrath Cross—Merrymount Cemetery—Arklow Road."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, C. White, Miss M. Walsh, E. Byrne, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Department of Education be asked to contribute to the cost of widening and surfacing school bus routes in this County."
- 13 In the name of Councillor J. Sweeney:— "That the Engineer provide a full report on the Drainage Scheme at Jack White's."
- 14 In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, and E. Byrne:— "That this Council issue two tickets to each Member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings they attend."
- 15 In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray be rescinded and consideration be given to the report by Automobile Association on the situation as they see it."
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- 19 In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council remove 35 yards of a ditch between the Bridge Wall and Rickaby's house as it is obstructing the view of the main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Lyon's Bridge."
- 20 In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump at Newry, Clonegal, for eight houses."
- 21 In the names of Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution:— 'That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.'"

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. S. C. Phelan, E. Byrne, C. White, 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 Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs the farm for him."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow Members of the Council to inspect the site and alternative site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Cuthbert H. Fox, Kilmurray, Bray, to erect a bungalow for his nephew, Richard O'Connor, who runs the farm for him.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

- (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke 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 to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for three bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that this application was similar to one which previously had been refused, though in this instance, the septic tanks were sited downhill of the proposed dwelling on the lower sites. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The sites are situated in an unserviced rural area and two of the sites do not comply with the minimum requirement of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre per dwelling where drainage is by means of septic tank.
- 2 The site of the proposal is remote from the existing nuclei of the development and the proposal would seriously injure the amenities of the area and be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development thereof by:—

- (a) being out of character with the area.
- (b) Giving rise to ribbon development
- (c) By being unduly prominent from the adjoining road
- (d) By setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature.

3 The proposal is in serious conflict with the requirements of proper planning and development of the area because the proposal would result in the sporadic residential development in an unserviced rural area, the revenue from which would not suffice to provide public services (rural electrification, school buses, telegraphic lines, etc.) which would be demanded.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting and to arrange for an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council on Saturday, 17th October, 1970, and that the Members would meet at 3.30 p.m. at the Car Park at Ashford to visit the site.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14, for the provision of a dwellinghouse and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been submitted in this instance. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, Christopher White, Roger Miley and Miss Mary Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Sylke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara and one bungalow at Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in his report had pointed out that permission had already been granted to the applicant in consequence of a Resolution passed by the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for four houses for the present applicant on the field adjoining this present application. The proposal would result in ribbon development in close proximity to a skyline of scenic importance. The proposal would seriously injure the amenity value of views from County Road No. 73

at Nuns Cross and from the Devil's Glen area, particularly from the scenic view car park which had recently been developed by the Forestry Division at public expense. The County Engineer recommended that Council Members should examine the views to the site from County Road No. 73 and from the Devil's Glen Car Park before reaching a decision. It was recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposal, taken in conjunction with other recently approved developments would seriously injure amenity in an area of scenic importance because of the prominence of the land in views from County Road No. 73 at Nuns Cross and from the Devil's Glen Scenic Car Park, and because it would result in ribbon development in proximity to the skyline.
- 2 Vehicular traffic generated by the five houses now proposed together with traffic generated by the four recently approved houses would give rise to a serious traffic hazard along a minor road (County Road No. 95) which is incapable of accommodating satisfactorily any increase in vehicular traffic because of its inadequate width and alignment.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Secretary read the extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th May, 1969, in relation to a proposal to direct that Planning Permission be granted to Mr. Silke for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford. The Council was informed on that occasion that Outline Permission had been granted for two houses on the lands, subject to a condition that no further houses be erected on the field in question. Mr. Silke sought to have an additional two houses erected to make four in all. The County Engineer had reported that the density of the development proposed would be seriously injurious to amenity in an area of scenic importance because of the prominence of the land in views from County Road No. 73 and from the Devil's Glen area and would result in ribbon development in proximity to the skyline. The Council on 12th May, 1969, had passed a Resolution directing that Planning Permission be granted for the four houses. The present application was for a further six houses on the same road. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to allow of the inspection of this site by the Members of the Council on Saturday, 17th October, at 3.30 p.m.

- (e) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Thomas 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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the application submitted in this instance was for three bungalows and not for four bungalows. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Under the heading "Roads" (Last paragraph Page 3) of the Wicklow County Development Plan the following is stated:—

"Development along Main Tourist Roads will be carefully controlled having regard to the need to ensure that scenic values either within or on the approaches to the principal tourist areas are not injured."

Johnstown Beach is just such a main tourist area and the proposed development is in close proximity to the beach area. The proposal would result in a proliferation of septic tanks and bored wells in close proximity to each other.

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

- (1) The proposed development would seriously endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard having regard to the poor alignment of the coast road at this point, the heavy density of week-end traffic and the obstruction of road users which would be generated by the proposal in the following ways:—

- (a) Vehicles entering and leaving the three entrances.
- (b) Children, adults and domestic animals crossing to and from the beach.
- (c) The setting back of the boundary would encourage motorists using the beach to park in front of the houses.

- (2) The proposal would result in a proliferation of septic tanks and bored wells in close proximity to each other.

- (3) The proposed development would seriously injure amenity in the area by giving rise to ribbon development at a prominent location adjoining the Coast Road in close proximity to the beach at Johnstown, an area intensively used for recreation.

The Council decided to defer consideration of this proposal pending an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council which was arranged for 5 p.m. on Saturday, 17th October, 1970.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 25th May and 15th June, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 25th May and 15th June, 1970.

Passed.

Item No. 3—To appoint Representatives of the Council to attend at Joint Meetings of Representatives of the Local Authorities appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board, to be held at Dublin on 14th October, 1970.

The County Secretary pointed out that this item related to (a) the appointment of Members of the Council to the Eastern Regional Health Board which, under Rule 1 of the Second Schedule to the Health Act, 1970, were required to be made at the first Meeting of the Council held after 1st. October, 1970, and in relation to which a notice had been circulated to Members on 8th Sept., 1970; (b) the appointment of representatives of the Council to attend at Joint Meeting of Representatives of the Local Authorities appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board to be held at Dublin on 14th October, 1970. The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Rule 2 of the Second Schedule

to the Health Act, 1970, which set out the procedure for appointing Members to a Health Board had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That the Council do adjourn for five minutes to discuss arrangements which might be made for appointment of members on the Eastern Health Board.

Councillor J. Miley stated that his proposal was to enable the three main Parties to select a representative each. Councillor S. Costello objected to the proposal, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors Bourke, Cleary, Deering, Gregory, Hynes, Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, Ryan, Sweeney, Temple, Timmins, Whelan, White, Miss M. Walsh—18.

AGAINST—Councillors Costello and Phelan—2.

The proposal was declared passed by 18 votes in favour to 2 against.

On reconvening after the adjournment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That Councillor J. Sweeney be a member of the Eastern Health Board.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., be a Member of the Eastern Health Board.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—That Councillor J. Temple be a Member of the Eastern Health Board.

Passed.

Councillor Costello queried the legality of the appointment of Mr. Sweeney and asked was he not employed by the Health Authority. He queried also the legality of the appointment of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. The County Secretary stated that neither Councillor was employed by the Health Authority and that Councillor Sweeney was a Contractor in respect of Ambulance Hire.

The County Manager pointed out that there was nothing to prevent a Member of the Council from entering into a Contract with the Council.

The Council decided that the three Members appointed by the Council to be Members of the Eastern Health Board together with Councillors M. Deering, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Miley,

be appointed to represent the Council at the Meeting of representatives of the local authorities appointing Members to the Eastern Health Board to be held at Dublin on 14th October, 1970. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., having indicated that he would be unable to attend the Meeting, the Council agreed that Councillor Miss M. Walsh act in his place. At the request of the Council, the County Manager agreed to circulate to the Members of the deputation a statement in regard to the proposed alternative methods of apportionment of the expenses of the Eastern Health Board. The Council noted that the County Manager and County Secretary would also attend at the Meeting.

Item No. 4—To Arrange Local Electoral Area Committee Meetings to Review Existing Polling Schemes.

The Council decided to hold Local Electoral Area Committee Meetings to review the existing Polling Schemes on the following dates:—

ARKLOW AREA: Wednesday, 21st October, 1970, at 3.30 p.m. at Shillelagh.

BALTINGLASS AREA: Friday, 23rd October, 1970, at Baltinglass at 3 p.m.

BRAY AREA: Monday, 2nd November, 1970, at 8 p.m., at the Town Hall, Bray.

WICKLOW AREA: Thursday, 15th October, 1970, at 8 p.m., at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area agreed to receive at their Meeting on 2nd November, 1970, a deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee at 8 p.m., a deputation from Kilcoole Residents' Association at 8.30 p.m., and a deputation from the Bray Area Road Safety Committee at 9 p.m.

Item No. 5—Proposed Works at Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer on Estimated Cost.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted Estimates of Cost for (a) the provision of a new covered way between the cells and the hallway at Wicklow Courthouse, estimated to cost £500 and (b) the provision of seating in the Criminal Court at the Courthouse, Wicklow, estimated to cost £330. These works had been sought by the County Registrar. The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting of the Council on 13th April, 1970, the Council had authorised expenditure of £900 in excess of the amount of £600 provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of works at the Courthouse, Wicklow, at Bray Courthouse and at Arklow Courthouse, making a total of £1,500. The present proposals would involve additional excess expenditure of £830. The Council agreed that the works now proposed be deferred to the coming financial year and that the Department of Justice be informed of the extent of the works which the Council had already undertaken to carry out in the present financial year.

Item No. 6—Claims for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property—Particulars of Claims Received in Respect of Fires at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the following Malicious Injury Claims had been received by the Council in respect of fires which occurred in Bray:—

Fires at Saint Patrick's National School, Loreto Convent, Bray, on 17th January, 1970; on 4th April, 1970; and on 11th July, 1970, making a total of £15,000.

Fires at the Abbatoir of Mr. Joseph Doyle, 32 Seapoint Road, Bray, on 2nd February, 1970, and on 17th September, 1970, totalling £35,000.

Fire at the Abbatoir of Mr. Anthony Burke, 35 Main Street, Bray, on the 19th September, 1970, amounting to £1,000.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh expressed the view that it was unfair that the rest of the Ratepayers in the County should have to contribute to pay for vandalism in Bray, and Councillor J. Miley, also protesting, pointed out that most of the malicious injury claims made against the Council in recent years were in relation to the Bray area. Councillor S. Costello pointed out that these claims should be met by insurance companies and should not be recovered from Rates. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that Bray had met their share of claims for fires which had occurred some years ago in another part of the County and had not made any complaints of contributing towards such claims. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that a Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils urging that Malicious Injury Claims be not levied on rates and that insurance companies be required to meet such claims.

Item No. 7—Right of Way at the Murrough—Letter from Mr. C. M. O'Rourke.

The following letter addressed to the Members of the Council was submitted.

29th September, 1970.

The Members of Wicklow County Council:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I refer to the Article on the front page of the Wicklow People for Saturday, September 26th, 1970. I refer in particular to the section of the Article referring to Mr. Hynes' concern about what he apparently specifies as a "Right-of-way" (and by unmistakable inference a public right-of-way) from the Murrough across Lower Broadlough and through the Tinnakilly property.

I regard these statements to the Press and the publicity thereby obtained as nothing less than misleading and mischievous. I write this letter as a legally interested party and as an ordinary ratepayer.

Mr. Hynes' allegations about a right-of-way from Mrs. Byrne's cottage on The Murrough and across a footbridge and thereafter through Tinnakilly property over part of which I hold a lease, appears to be without foundation in fact. The mention of Mrs. Byrne's cottage appears to have no relevance. The footbridge across

Lower Broadlough was a private footbridge. It did not decay but was finally dismantled by the then owner, after successive acts of vandalism.

Further, to the best of my knowledge, no public right-of-way existed or exists along the private roadway through Tinnakilly, which leads down to my private property.

I seem to have a choice of two courses of action in order to protect my property and the value thereof. I mention value, not only in the financial sense, but also in connection with my modest efforts to create a Local Wild Life Reserve Area for benefits wider than purely selfish ones. These property values have, in my opinion, been set at some risk by virtue of this statement by Mr. Hynes which obviously will encourage trespass.

The two courses of action are—either troublesome and expensive legal action, particularly if I am to seek a High Court injunction if my legal rights are any way likely to be set at risk or alternatively, which I very much hope will be the case, to seek and obtain a private and now necessarily some form of public retraction of this harmful statement by a Member of your Council speaking apparently in his official capacity.

I, therefore, respectfully seek a reply setting out the basis of the publicised allegation, including the legal basis for the statement.

It is regrettable that Mr. Hynes did not take the trouble to make adequate inquiries as to matters of fact as opposed to opinion and I hope that the Council will agree that their responsibilities lie with the protection of private property as well as the provision for public amenity. As to public amenity, I submit that, with the circumstances briefly mentioned above, a Nature Reserve Area on and around Broadlough is likely to serve the public better than a highly controversial and potentially damaging course of action as proposed by Mr. Hynes and supported by two other Councillors.

I am, of course, sending a copy of this letter to the Wicklow People Newspaper in order that they shall be aware of the dangerous ground about which they have seen fit to report.

Yours faithfully,

C. M. O'Rorke.

P.S.—A case of trespass, directly attributable to the publicity from Mr. Hynes, has already occurred!

Councillor Hynes stated that the Lakes of Broadlough which were tidal, belonged to the people of Ireland and not to any one person. He claimed that there were many people living in Rathnew who could give evidence of the right-of-way to which he had referred and which passed through the lands of Tinnakilly. He claimed that the public had a right to cross the Lake at Broadlough, by boat if the water was high, or by walking if the water was low. He denied that the statement he had made was misleading or damaging. He pointed out that the other two Councillors referred to in the letter had merely supported his proposal that the Lakes at Broadlough be developed. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan objected to a statement attributed to Councillor Hynes in the news-

paper and pointed out that he would defend the rights of private property. The Council decided to note the receipt of the letter.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and family of the late Doctor James Ryan of Kindlestown House, Delgany.

Letter from National Union of Journalists.

In reply to Councillor Costello, the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the National Union of Journalists, but was too late for inclusion on the Agenda for the Meeting. The Chairman stated that the letter could be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting and that a copy of the letter would be circulated in the meantime to the Members of the Council.

Letting of Cottages.

Councillor Bourke complained that a tenant had been appointed to the tenancy of a cottage without the Members of the Council for the area having been consulted. He stated that a list of 15 names had been supplied to the Members and they had been notified that one had been appointed. Councillor Phelan pointed out that the people were under the impression that the Councillors had some influence in the allocation of houses and he felt it should be made clear that this matter rested with the County Medical Officer. The County Manager stated that the position regarding the letting of Council houses was that such lettings were the responsibility of the County Manager who acted on the advice of the County Medical Officer.

Next Meeting of Council.

Councillor Miley referred to the decision of the Council at the previous Meeting to hold the next Housing Meeting of the Council at Blessington, and expressed the view that there would be insufficient time for the Members of the Council to inspect the site of the Planning proposal for a new hotel adjoining the lake and to deal with the Items on the Agenda for the Meeting. He suggested that instead the Members of the Council make their own arrangements in regard to inspecting the site and that the Meeting of the Council be held as usual at Wicklow. The Council agreed that the Meetings be held at Wicklow and that in the meantime Members of the Council would inspect the site.

Taking Over of Roads.

Councillor J. Miley asked that an advertisement be inserted as soon as possible in regard to the taking over of Roads at Crehelp and Carrigbeg as public roads.

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

In the names of Councillors C. White, 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 Thomas Grimes, for the provision of a house at The Scalp."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a dwellinghouse on his own farm."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley:—"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John Lowe, to erect a bungalow on his land at Roundwood."

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 Planning Permission to John Fitzgerald, 3 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—"That water be provided for the village of Ballinaclash as the water supply that was there was now gone and there is not even drinking water for the people of that area."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect an alternative pump at Croneyhorn, Carnew, where the other pump has been dry for a couple of months (for identification purposes, it is the one at Dick Cousins')."

In the names of Councillors K. Ryan, J. Temple, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council in future will indicate on rent receipts the amount of Rates being paid, as at present the two are combined. This will enable tenants of Council Cottages to know what Rates they are paying."

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Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd November, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. Whelan, who was ill, Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. U. McCabe, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officers, and Mr. V. Hussey, Planning Assistant, were present.

AGENDA:

Your attendance is requested.

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

(a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke, C. White, T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. E. Byrne, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Wm. McCauley, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a hotel."

(b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke 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 to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for three bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."

(c) In the names of Councillors John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, Christopher White, Roger Miley and Miss Mary Walsh:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymahara and one bungalow at Ashford."

(d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Thomas 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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to erect four bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin, 14, for the provision of a dwelling-house and stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary 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 to Bernard McCabe, Garda Station, Arklow, and Paul T. Laffan, 40 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow, to erect two houses at Ballinaheese, Arklow, for their own use."

- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, F. Hynes and R. Miley:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Daniel Devine, Kilmacoo Upper, for the erection of three dwellings on his land at Kilmacoo Upper."

- (h) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to John Lowe, for one cottage for himself at Roundwood."

- (i) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us the members of the Council for the County of Wicklow under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Daniel Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew), to develop his lands on the townland of Ballymerrigan by building four bungalows thereon."

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:—

"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 houses with septic tanks at Ballygarret, Newtownmount-kennedy, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant."

- (k) In the names of Councillors C. White, 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 Thomas Grimes, for the provision of a house at The Scalp."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a dwellinghouse on his own farm."

- (m) 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 Planning permission to John Fitzgerald, 3 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

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

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

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9. Proposed establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains—to appoint Committee of Council to discuss matter with Committee appointed by Dublin County Council.
10. Application for erection of cottage at Kilmacanogue.
11. Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
12. Letters from the Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee in regard to the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: "That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on: (a) number of cottages in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding area of Rathdrum; (b) the number of cottages repaired in these areas in the year 1969/70."

14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a Supplementary Grant for new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:—"That in future when Council houses become vacant which are not fully serviced, this Council should instal the services before re-letting the houses to tenants."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That an entrance gate be provided for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council employ trainee carpenters, plasterers and blocklayers."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council buy some land from the Land Commission at Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the purpose of providing sites for people who want to build their own houses."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That the Council build a house for J. Hearn at Hollywood on a site provided by his mother."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mr. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:—"That a house be built by the County Council for Charles Everson on a site to be provided by him at Tinna-killy, Aghrim."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That in future this Council allocate Council houses to qualified people in any part of the County they wish to reside, including the urban areas."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan, J. Temple, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council will indicate in future on rent receipts the amount of rates being paid as at present the two are combined. This will enable tenants of County Council Cottages to know what rates they are paying."
24. Cottages repaired during month of October, 1970, and to be repaired during the month of November, 1970."

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Niland.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and relatives of Mr. H. J. Byrne, former Chairman of Wicklow County Council. Councillor Miss Walsh, in proposing the Resolution, referred to Mr. Byrne having been a public representative for more than half a lifetime and an able Vice-Chairman of the Council for fifteen to twenty years, and also Chairman for a number of years. She stated that

Mr. Byrne's integrity and justice was known to all and that as a Councillor he acted in interests of every person in County Wicklow. The Members joined in paying tribute to the memory of the late Councillor Byrne. The County Manager asked that he and the Members of the staff be associated with the Council's Resolution of sympathy and referred to Mr. Byrne's outstanding characteristic as being that of generosity. He was a man of strong principle and dedication. His expertise as a distinguished member of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, of which he had been a past President, was always available to those engaged in public life and the Officers of the Council had benefited by his advice.

On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Doody, Parkmore, and of Mr. Peter Doyle, Clough, Baltinglass, who lost their lives in the well tragedy at Baltinglass.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(a) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke, C. White, T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. E. Byrne, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to William McCauley, at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the Erection of a Hotel."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the previous Meeting and had been deferred to enable Members to inspect the site and also for a joint inspection of the site by the Technical Advisors to the applicant with Officers of the Council and of the Dublin Corporation. A Meeting of the Technical Officers of the Council and of Dublin Corporation and of the applicant had taken place on the site on 21st October, 1970, and a further Meeting had been held in Dublin on 30th October, at which a representative of I.C.I. attended. The County Secretary submitted the report of the County Medical Officer in which he stated that representatives of Dublin Corporation at the Meeting had indicated they would oppose any grant of Planning Permission for the erection of the hotel on this site because of the risk of pollution of the reservoir at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William McCauley at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a hotel.

Councillor J. Temple challenged the right of the Chairman to put the proposal to the Meeting as photographs of the site had not been submitted. Councillor Hynes, Vice-Chairman, pointed out that Members had an opportunity of visiting the site and, consequently, the

submission of photographs was not necessary. A vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwith, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, C. White and Miss M. Walsh—FIFTEEN.

AGAINST—Councillor S. Costello.

Councillors K. Ryan and J. Temple did not vote. The motion was declared passed by 15 votes in favour to 1 against. Councillor Temple asked that the views of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the matter of the submission of photographs in all cases.

(b) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke 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 to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for Three Bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been before the Council at the previous Meeting and had been adjourned to enable the Members to inspect the site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. P. Dowling, Rathnew, for three bungalows at Aghowle Upper, Ashford."

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(c) In the Names of Councillors John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, Christopher White, Roger Miley and Miss Mary Walsh:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the Erection of five Bungalows at Ballymacahard and one Bungalow at Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that this application had also been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting and had been deferred to enable the Members to inspect the site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

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 Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara and one bungalow at Ashford, subject to a satisfactory water supply being provided.

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

In the Names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Thomas 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 to Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, to Erect Four Bungalows at Johnstown, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that this application had also been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow an opportunity for the Members to inspect the site. Councillor J. Sweeney stated that, following the inspection of the site and the discussion with the applicant, the applicant had decided to withdraw his present application and to submit a new application for an alternative site. The Council noted that this application was being withdrawn.

(e) In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwith, Miss N. O'Neill, O. White and J. J. Bourke:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss O. M. Haughton, Charlemont, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin, 14, for the Provision of a Dwellinghouse and Stables at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been submitted in regard to this item. Councillor C. White stated that Miss Haughton did not now propose to submit any application as she had obtained Planning Permission in Co. Dublin for another site.

(f) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary 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 to Bernard McCabe, Garda Station, Arklow, and Paul T. Laffan, 40 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow, to erect two houses at Ballinaheese, Arklow, for their own use."

The County Secretary stated that these applications of Mr. Bernard McCabe and Mr. Paul T. Laffan, for houses at Ballinaheese, Arklow, were recommended by the County Engineer for refusal on similar grounds to other applications for houses at Ballinaheese, which had been before the Council at recent Meetings. The grounds for refusal were related to traffic hazard due to a number of entrances onto the public road; ribbon development along the road; the absence of public services and the demand for such services which would be likely to arise; a multiplicity of septic tanks and bored wells in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Bernard McCabe, Garda Station, Arklow, and Paul T. Laffan, 40 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow, to erect two houses at Ballinaheese, Arklow, for their own use."

Passed—Councillor Costello abstaining.

(g) In the Names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, F. Hynes and E. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Daniel Devine, Kilmacoo Upper, for the Erection of Three Dwellings on his Land at Kilmacoo Upper."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that this application be refused on grounds relating to traffic hazard, injury to amenity and absence of public services. Particulars of the County Engineer's report were submitted. The County Medical Officer had recommended refusal also on the grounds that two of the septic tanks were only 50 feet from wells on adjoining sites and the septic tanks were only 10 feet from boundary fences. Members of the Council also stated that no traffic hazard was likely to arise as the roads carried very little traffic. They did not agree that there would be any danger to public health from the siting of the septic tanks.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Daniel Devine, Kilmacoo Upper, for the erection of three dwellings on his land at Kilmacoo Upper.

Passed—Councillor Costello objecting.

(h) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to John Lowe, for one Cottage for Himself at Roundwood."

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

(1) Proper planning and development requires that the views to Roundwood Reservoir from the adjoining roads should be preserved. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with this requirement by—

(a) Being unduly prominent in the foreground of these views.

(b) Setting a precedent for further development at similarly prominent locations.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

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 to John Lowe for one cottage for himself at Roundwood. Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Council decided to direct that Planning Permission be granted, the following conditions should be attached:—

(1) That examination of a trial hole 6 feet opened at the septic tank position shows that the ground is suitable for septic tank installation.

(2) Existing trees along the public road boundary of the site shall be preserved where necessary to form a safe entrance.

(3) External walls to be rendered white, the roof tiles shall be blue/black in colour.

REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

(4) The wall along the public boundary of the site shall be preserved.

REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

The Council agreed that the granting of Permission be subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

(i) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us the Members of the Council for the County of Wicklow, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Permission under the (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Daniel Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew), to Develop his Lands on the Townland of Ballymerrigan by building Four Bungalows thereon.

The County Secretary stated that in August, 1969, the Council by a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, had directed that Outline Permission be granted to Mr. Maharry for five bungalows on this site at Ballymerrigan. Bord Fáilte Éireann had appealed against the grant of Permission and an Oral Hearing of the appeal had been held at Bray on 18th February, 1970, at which Members of the Council had attended. The Minister by Order of 29th July, 1970, had refused Outline Permission for the five bungalows on the following grounds:—

"The proposed development would constitute undesirable ribbon development in a rural area and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning of the area which requires that residential development of the type proposed should be associated with existing centres where community services are available, where interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on an important main road is controlled and where unnecessary injury to the visual amenities of the rural landscape is avoided."

The County Engineer had recommended that the present proposal be refused for the reasons stated by the Minister. Bord Fáilte Éireann had objected to this proposed development and had indicated that the Bord considered that it would materially contravene the Development Plan and that consequently the Minister's consent would be required before giving effect to any Resolution under Section 4.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us, the Members of the Council for the County of Wicklow, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby

direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission under the (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Daniel Maharry, c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) to develop his lands on the townland of Ballymerrigan by building four bungalows thereon. Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:— "That We, the Undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 Houses with Septic Tanks at Ballygarret, Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow, to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant."

The County Secretary stated that the present application was for the erection of 72 houses on the lands of Mr. Strecker at Ballygarret. A previous application for Permission for the erection of 22 houses on the site had been refused on the grounds that the development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would result in sporadic residential development from which the resulting public revenue would be insufficient to provide services; that it would be wasteful of good agricultural land; it would be remote from necessary community facilities; and the volume of traffic generated by the development would be likely to cause traffic hazard on County Road No. 45. The applicant had appealed to the Minister against the refusal of permission by the Council. In the present application the applicant stated that he had taken into account the objections to the previous one and that density had been increased more than threefold so that the public revenue producing capacity had become much larger and sanitation, public lighting and scavenging were being provided within the scope of the scheme itself. It was claimed that the increased density overcame the objection to the waste of land and that community facilities were within close reach of the proposed development with a choice of five different locations. The applicant also claimed that traffic generated would be inconsequential having regard to the capacity of the roads in the area and to the extent to which these roads were at present utilised.

The County Engineer pointed out that the present pattern of development in the area was very scattered and that the proposed development was 1,000 yards at its nearest point from the main street in Newtownmountkennedy and about 2,000 yards from Kilcoole Village and that this was longer than most people would normally walk to shops. It was recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:— The development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because:—

1. It was remote from necessary community facilities, would result in a development from which the public revenue arising would not be sufficient to provide and improve facilities which would be necessary and would be wasteful of good agricultural land.
2. The proposal to provide a well in an area surrounded by septic tanks was unacceptable from a public health aspect. A development of the magnitude proposed would require that main drainage and water supply and also refuse collection and disposal were available. The water storage capacity would be inadequate to serve a

scheme of houses of the magnitude proposed. Provision had not been made for fire fighting purposes in the water supply proposals.

The County Manager pointed out that the development proposed would contain 72 houses which would give a population in the region of 300 and that consequently a proper water supply and sewerage services were essential. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and to ask that further information be obtained in the matter of water supply and sewerage facilities for the proposal.

- (k) In the names of Councillors C. White, 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 Thomas Grimes, for the provision of a House at The Scalp."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. Grimes for Permission to erect a house on the site had been refused because of traffic hazard and injury to amenity. The present proposal was for a smaller house and the applicant had indicated that he was willing to plant trees to screen the development from the adjoining main approach road to the Scalp and further that he would use the existing entrance to his father's cottage where he resided at present. The County Engineer accordingly had recommended that permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in his report. The Council noted that the County Engineer had recommended a grant of Permission, subject to conditions, and approved accordingly.

- (l) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By Virtue of the Power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a Dwellinghouse on his own Farm."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been submitted by Mr. Phibbs. The Council decided to defer consideration of this proposal.

- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary and B. S. O. 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 John Fitzgerald, 3, O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a Bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that adequate public notice had not been given in regard to this proposal and the applicant had been asked to arrange for this. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal pending the giving of adequate public notice.

- (n) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, K. Ryan and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amend-

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ment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Lawrence Keating, for the provision of five houses at Killacoran, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that in this case also public notice given was not correct and the applicant had been asked to insert proper notice. The Council decided to defer consideration of this proposal pending the submission of the appropriate public notice.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 6th April, 4th May, 8th June, and 6th July, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th April, 4th May, 8th June and 6th July, 1970.

Item No. 3—Disposal of Sites for Houses at Blessington to Department of Lands (Forestry Division).

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of 2 roods of land at Blessington, being part of lands acquired by the Council from tenant-purchasers of vested cottage, to the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, for the sum of £450 and in accordance with the terms indicated in the notice issued to the Members of this Council in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.

Item No. 4—To Receive Tenders for Rural Cottages.

Seven tenders were received in response to public advertisement for rural cottages and opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Carroll System Buildings Ltd., Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin 12.	£2,457 10 0
Gaeltarra Eireann, Galway.	£2,557 0 0
G.W.I. Ltd., Collooney, Co. Sligo	£2,660 0 0
Terrapin of Ireland, Ltd., The Murrrough, Wicklow.	£2,617 0 0 and £2,253 0 0
Rigid Frame, Ltd. Glendale Court, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire.	£2,724 0 0 and £2,654 0 0
Arklow Homes, Ltd., Ferrybank, Arklow.	£2,800 0 0
Connaught Concrete Products Ltd., No. 1 Main Street, Ballyhaunis.	£2,950 0 0 and £2,875 0 0

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The Council noted that the tenders would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and report.

Item No. 5—19 Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Recommendation of County Engineer to Erect Houses by Direct Labour.

The report of the County Engineer of 12th October, 1970, on his examination of the tenders received for the erection of 19 houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, was submitted. The Council noted that the County Engineer considered the lowest tender received as not being realistic and recommended that the scheme be carried out by direct labour at the estimated cost of £57,200. He pointed out that this estimate was subject to a similar prices variation clause as would apply to a contractor and that he could not necessarily be held to the exact figure. The County Engineer was satisfied, however, that he could complete the scheme at a lesser figure than the second lowest tender. In regard to effecting economies recommended by the Department of Local Government, Councillor Miss N. O'Neill expressed the view that the floor tiles in the houses should not be omitted and that superlap fencing would deteriorate and would not be a desirable replacement for walls. The County Engineer pointed out that the Department had indicated that these economies should be effected if possible.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the erection of 19 houses at Kilgarron by direct labour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £57,200 repayable over a period of 50 years, from the Commissioners of Public Works, to defray the cost of the erection of 19 houses at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

Item No. 6—Housing Progress Report, Acquisition of Land at Kilpedder for Housing.

Councillor Costello stated that Councillor Phelan had attended at a Meeting of the Local Electoral Area Committee for the Wicklow Area on 15th October at which it had been agreed to make an offer for 22 acres of land at Kilpedder in the ownership of Captain de Caen which was required for housing. Councillor Costello claimed that Councillor Phelan had subsequently negotiated on his own behalf and had purchased the land concerned. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that the Members of the Committee at the Meeting on the 15th October had authorised the making of an offer for the acquisition of this land in the ownership of Captain de Caen. Councillor Phelan, who was present at the meeting had not indicated that he had an interest in the lands. An offer had been made by the Council but the Council had then been informed that the property had been sold. Councillor Phelan claimed that he had been interested in acquiring these

lands for a number of years and had bid for the purchase of the land on a previous occasion and that he had not taken any sudden interest in the property. He claimed that he had not agreed at the Meeting of the Committee to the Council's purchasing of the lands. He also stated that the Council at their August Meeting had agreed to purchase other lands at Kilpedder and that this decision still stood. Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, confirmed that the County Secretary had asked the Members of the Committee at the Meeting on the 15th October for the Committee's agreement to the Council's making an offer for the purchase of the land from Captain de Caen.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory;

Resolved—That the Council acquire lands at Kilpedder from Captain de Caen or the present owner by Compulsory Purchase.

Following further discussion it was agreed to defer a decision in regard to the compulsory acquisition of the lands to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 7—Provision of Demountable Dwellings at Tubberpatrick, Tinahely, and at Vallemount.

The County Secretary stated that one tender had been received for the supply of demountable dwellings which the Council had under consideration for providing for Mr. Michael Quaille, Tubberpatrick, Tinahely, and for Messrs. Patrick, Michael and James Kennedy of Blackditch, Vallemount. The tender which was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council, was from G. W. I. Ltd., Collooney, Co. Sligo, and was for a sum of £830 in respect of the dwelling at Vallemount and £1,140 in respect of the dwelling at Tubberpatrick, Tinahely. The Council approved of the proposal to supply the demountable dwellings subject to the County Engineer being satisfied that the cost of the dwellings was reasonable.

Item No. 8—Letter from Secretary to the Minister for Local Government in Regard to Request of Council for Reception of Deputation to Discuss Housing Programme in County Wicklow.

The following letter from the private secretary to the Minister for Local Government was submitted.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Kilmantin Hill

N 27/9/1

12 Deire Fomhair 1970.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING PROGRAMME

A Chara,

I have been asked by Mr. Robert Molloy, Minister for Local Government, to refer to your letter of the 26th August, 1970, requesting the Minister to meet a deputation from Wicklow County Council to discuss the local authority housing programme in Co.

Wicklow. I am to inform you that the Minister is at present abroad on official business and will be away until the 16th instant. On his return, he will have a heavy schedule of work and Parliamentary business to attend to, and accordingly would not be in a position to attend a deputation from your Council for some considerable time. I am, however, to suggest that a meeting with senior officials of the Department can be readily arranged if your Council so desire.

Mise le meas,

Runai Aire.

The Members of the Council asked that the Minister be informed that they would be glad to hear further from the Minister as soon as he was in a position to arrange a date to receive the deputation and that the Council did not feel that a meeting with senior officers of the Department would be satisfactory.

Pump Repairs.

Councillor K. Ryan complained that a number of the the water pumps were out of order, these being at Annacurra, Ballyellis, Croneghorn, Tombrean, and Park Bridge and he asked that these be repaired. Councillor C. White also stated that a pump at Red

Lane, Kilmacanogue, required repair.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:— In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary, J. Miley, John Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to C. Keinath, Esq., c/o 43, Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 Walter Merry, Garda Station, Arklow, and P. F. Brennan, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, for the erection of bungalows for their own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

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

In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge 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 W. R. Kilpatrick, for the provision of a house at Monastery, Enniskerry."

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

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

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th November, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.
Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:—

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 houses with septic tanks at Ballygarrett, Newtownmountkenedy, County Wicklow, to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant."

(b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Fitzgerald, 3 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 22nd June and 13th July, 1970.

3 Filling of vacancies on Library Advisory Committee.

3(a) Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd. — to nominate a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting and to nominate a director to hold office for the ensuing year.

4 Acquisition of land for Housing Purposes: (1) to authorise borrowing to defray the cost of purchase of lands for housing; (2) acquisition of land at Kilpedder.

5 House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants — to authorise raising of loans to finance expenditure on House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants.

6 Letter addressed to the Chairman of the Council by Irish Local Government Officials Union regarding rationalisation of Rate Collectors districts with a view to establishment of common national salary scale, payable to whole-time, permanent and pensionable collectors working in equalised districts.

7 Revision of salary scales for Nursing Staff—Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.

- 8 Assistance Officers—Revision of salary scale — Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.
- 9 Improvements sought in Court Accommodation at Wicklow—Letter from Department of Justice.
- 10 Letter from National Union of Journalists—copy circulated to each Member on 21st October, 1970.
- 11 County Wicklow Society for Mentally Handicapped Children—Application for site for Residential School at Newcastle Hospital.
- 12 Letter from Transport Museum Society of Ireland requesting grant towards cost of erection of Transport Museum at Castleruddery, Donard.
- 13 Greystones Sewerage Scheme—Report of Consultant.
- 14 Water Supply for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the press.
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That a Speed Limit be instituted in Rathnew to cover the area Newrath Cross—Merrymount Cemetery—Arklow Road."
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, C. White, Miss M. Walsh, E. Byrne, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Department of Education be asked to contribute to the cost of widening and surfacing school bus routes in this County."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:— "That the Engineer provide a full report on Drainage Scheme at Jack White's."
- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:— "That this Council issue two tickets to each Member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings they attend."
- 20 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray be rescinded and consideration be given to the report by Automobile Association on the situation as they see it."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the filter beds in the reservoir at Mangans which provides a polluted water supply to Tinahely be cleaned up and the question of the appointment of a caretaker be finalised."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:— "That five lights be put on Monastery Road, Enniskerry."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council take over Oughatomcoyle Lane that is in need of repair."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council remove 35 yards of a ditch between the Bridge Wall and Rickaby's house as it is obstructing the view on the main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Lyon's Bridge."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump at Newry, Clonegal, for eight houses."

- 26 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: 'That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.'"
- 27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:— "That water be provided for the Village of Ballinacash, as the water supply that was there has now gone and there is not even drinking water for the people in that area."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect an alternative pump at Croneyhorn, Carnew, where the other pump has been dry for a couple of months."

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:— (a) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:— "That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 houses with septic tanks at Ballygarret, Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow, to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at the Meeting on the previous Monday but had been deferred for further information. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted.

9th November, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Proposed Housing Development (72 houses) for Mr. Karl Strecker, of Ballygarrett, Newtownmountkennedy:

A Chara,

It is considered that if the Council give Planning permission for this development under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, I would recommend that the permission be subject to the applicants satisfying the Council in regard to the provision of the following services:—

Roads, Water, Sewerage, Drainage, Lighting, Scavenging—Collection of Refuse.

The developer should also be asked to enter into an agreement with the Council that he will be responsible for the provision and the maintenance of these services to the Council's satisfaction. The information shown on the application in regard to the provision of these services is inadequate.

Treatment of the sewerage is by individual septic tanks and the water supply seems to be from twenty-nine well bored points, evidence of the yields of which has not been supplied.

The storage capacity of 12,000 gallons is not sufficient for a development of this magnitude.

File returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

T.J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor Gregory pointed out that at the previous Meeting of the Council he had asked that the applicant be permitted to attend the Council Meeting to answer any enquiries that Members might wish to make on the matter. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided that the applicant should not be asked to attend. The Council considered the terms of the County Engineer's report and recommendations made by him.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor Miley;

Resolved—That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the building of 72 houses with septic tanks at Ballygarrett, Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Karl Strecker, in accordance with the plans lodged by the applicant subject to the conditions indicated in the County Engineer's report of 9th November, 1970, and that a corporate body be established by the developer to maintain the services provided.

Passed.

- (b) 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 Planning Permission to John Fitzgerald, 3 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred by the Council from the Meeting on the 2nd November, 1970, as evidence of public notice of intention to apply for permission had not been submitted. This evidence had since been received. The County Engineer had recommended that permission be refused on the grounds that the proposed development would obstruct views of the sea from the Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow and that it would initiate obtrusive ribbon development along a scenic route in a coastal area.

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 Planning Permission to John Fitzgerald, 3 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Sea Bank, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had suggested that if the Council decided to grant Planning Permission that certain conditions should be attached. The Council agreed to add to the Resolution the following words:— Subject to conditions that (1) external finishing including the roof shall harmonise in colour and texture with existing nearby dwellings. (2) Permission shall be for a single storey dwelling with single "A" type roof, roof lines and roof pitch to conform to rooflines of existing bungalows to south of the site. (3) The north-eastern and south-eastern boundaries of the site shall be of durable materials sympathetic to the area.

The Resolution as amended by the insertion of the conditions was declared passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 22nd June and 13th July, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 22nd June and 13th July, 1970.

Passed

Item No. 3—Filling of Vacancies on Library Advisory Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Library Advisory Committee had recommended that vacancies arising from the continued absence of Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Mr. P. Doyle, and the resignation of Rev. W. Dunlea, C.C., be filled by the following persons:—

Very Rev. Fr. Crinion, P.P., Wicklow, Councillor M. Deering, Dunlavin, and Mr. Anthony Lawlor, Kilmurray Kilmacanogue.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Secretary stated that the present membership of the Library Committee was as follows:—

Councillors F. Hynes, James Miley, B. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh and Miss N. O'Neill, Rev. Stephen Pettigrew, The Rectory, Wicklow, Mr. Francis Kearney, N.T., Dunbur Road, Wicklow, Urban District Councillors Mrs. P. Macnamara, Wicklow, Liam Turner, Wicklow, and Mrs. M. A. Rynne, Arklow.

Councillor S. Costello suggested that the appointment of Members to the Library Advisory Committee be deferred and that the Vocational School students at Wicklow and Arklow be asked to make recommendations for a representative on the Committee. The appointment of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge as a Member of the Committee was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill. The appointment of Councillor M. Deering was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Cllr. B. S. C. Phelan and the appointment of Rev. Fr. Crinion, P.P., was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge indicated that since the date and time of the Library Committee Meetings had been changed she would now be in a position to attend Meetings. The Council approved of the appointment of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, Councillor M. Deering and Very Rev. Fr. Crinion, P.P., Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 3 (a) Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.—To nominate a Representative to attend the Annual General Meeting and to nominate a Director to hold office for the ensuing year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Councillor B. S. C. Phelan as a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited and as Director to hold office for the ensuing year.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 4—Acquisition of land for housing purposes: (1) To authorise borrowing to defray the cost of purchase of lands for Housing. (2) Acquisition of land at Kilpedder.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was requested to the borrowing of a sum of £300,000 to defray the cost of the acquisition of lands for housing and also for industry or other purposes. The Council had to date entered into commitments for the acquisition of 123 acres of land in all at an estimated cost of £137,000. Compulsory Purchase Orders had been made for the acquisition of a further 63.5 acres estimated to cost £78,500 and negotiations would shortly begin for the acquisition of a further 45 acres estimated to cost £72,000. It would be necessary to acquire additional land in certain areas also.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £300,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the acquisition of lands for housing purposes, industry and other public purposes.

Passed.

Acquisition of land at Kilpedder.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that the owners of the land at Kilpedder previously in the ownership of Captain and Mrs. de Caen were willing to sell the lands to the Council and were prepared to negotiate with the Council in the matter. Councillor Costello asked if Councillor Phelan proposed to sell the land to the Council at the same price as that which was paid for it and Councillor Phelan indicated that in his view this was private business which should not be discussed at the Council Meeting. Councillor Phelan also referred to a decision of the Council to make an offer for lands in the ownership of Mrs. Chapman at Kilpedder and wished to know what had been the result of this decision. Councillor F. Hynes pointed out that Councillor Gregory had expressed the view that it would be a waste of time to make the offer of £1,000 per acre for the land in question in view of the price being sought for the land and that the Council's officers had been asked to investigate the possibility of acquiring other lands in the area. The Co. Secretary had asked the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at their Meeting on 15th October for approval to the making of an offer for lands in the ownership of Captain and Mrs. de Caen. Councillor Phelan did not declare any interest in land at the meeting. Councillor Phelan claimed that he had discussed this matter with two other Members. The County Secretary confirmed that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area present at the Meeting on 15th October had been informed that an offer made by the Council for the acquisition of lands owned by Mrs. Chapman at Kilpedder had been refused and that land could be acquired from Captain de Caen and that the Committee had been asked to agree to an offer being made for this land. The Members had agreed that an offer be made. Councillor Phelan did not declare any interest in the land at the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That lands at Holywell, near Kilpedder, containing 21 acres, 3 roods and 29 perches recently in the ownership of Captain de Caen, be acquired compulsorily by this Council for housing purposes.

Following a discussion Councillor Costello enquired whether the Council were required to pay whatever figure might be determined by the Arbitrator in respect of the land acquired by compulsory purchase and on being informed that the Council would have to accept the award of the Arbitrator Councillor Costello withdrew his proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of an offer being made by the Council at the auction for lands owned by Mrs. Chapman at Kilpedder.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the price to be offered by the Council for these lands would be left to the discretion of the County Manager.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That we enter into negotiations with Councillor Phelan for the acquisition of lands at Kilpedder formerly owned by Capt. de Caen.

Passed

Item No. 5—House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants
—To authorise raising of Loans to finance Expenditure on House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was requested to the borrowing of additional monies to defray the cost of making House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants for the 18 month period ending 31st March, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £320,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the expenditure on House Purchase Loans for the 18 month period ending 31st March, 1972.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £65,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the expenditure on Supplementary Housing Grants for the 18 month period ending 31st March, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Letter addressed to the Chairman of the Council by Irish Local Government Officials Union regarding rationalisation of Rate

Collectors districts with a view to establishment of common national salary scale, payable to whole-time, permanent and pensionable Collectors working in equalised districts.

On the suggestion of Councillor Temple the Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on the 23rd November, 1970, to consider the matter raised by the Irish Local Government Officials Union and any remaining items on the Agenda for the Meeting held on 9th November, 1970, together with Items on the Agenda for Meeting of 2nd November, 1970, which had not been reached and agreed also that representatives of the Union be received by the Council at 4.30 p.m. at the Special Meeting on 23rd November. The Council asked that particulars of the changes made in Rate Collection Districts in previous years which had been referred to by the County Secretary and a report generally on the matters raised by the Irish Local Government Officials Union be circulated to the Members of the Council prior to the Meeting.

Item No. 7—Revision of salary scale for nursing staff—Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the revised salary scales for Nursing Staff under the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers and approve of the expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Assistance Officers—Revision of Salary Scale—Recommendation Under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of a revised salary scale for Assistance Officers with effect from 1st April, 1970, as agreed under the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the cost involved for the current year would be £850.

Item No. 9—Improvements Sought in Court Accommodation at Wicklow—Letter from Department of Justice.

The following letter from the Department of Justice was submitted to the Council.

72/76 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.

23 Deireadh Fomhair, 1970.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of 16th October in regard to improvements sought in Court accommodation at Wicklow.

The Minister is satisfied that until such time as the proposed new seating arrangements have been implemented, the Criminal Court is unsuitable for trials. In his view the rearrangement of the seating in that Courtroom was an integral part of the work involved in the removal of the dock.

There is no alternative, therefore, to arranging for the holding of future criminal and civil sittings in the Record Court, where the seating is considered to be adequate. The Judge has given directions to this effect commencing with the sittings due to open on 4th November. It will be necessary, therefore, that the jurors' room attached to the Record Court be vacated forthwith by your staff and returned for use for Court purposes.

Provided that this is done, the Minister will have no objection to your Council's proposal to defer the work in connection with the covered way and new seating arrangements to the coming financial year, on the clear understanding that adequate provision will be made in the Estimate and that the work will commence as early as possible in the new financial year.

Mise, le meas,

W. TUNNY.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 28th October, 1970, we approve of the provision of new seating of the Criminal Court in Wicklow and hereby authorise excess expenditure in the sum of £400 to defray the cost of the provision of the seating. That we also authorise excess expenditure to allow of the provision of covered way at estimated cost of £500.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the provision and upkeep of Courthouses be the responsibility of the Central Government.

Passed.

The Council asked that the latter Resolution be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils.

The Council deferred the remaining items on the Agenda to the Special Meeting to be held on 23rd November, 1970.

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

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh and C. White:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one bungalow at Ballynerrin, to Sergeant O'Neill, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, 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 Permission to Mrs. Marion O'Toole, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mr. J. R. O'Connor and Mr. D. Magee, to erect bungalows for themselves at Hempstown, Blessington."

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 James Dunne, 15 Upper Main Street, and Peter Murphy, 12 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of two bungalows for their own use at Ballyduff, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, 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 Sarah Cahill, Knockrath Little, to erect a bungalow at Knockrath Little."

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

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "When will the Council bring the new Purchase Schemes for the buying of Council cottages before the Council."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family at Bollinass, Ashford."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council explain their reason for changing the time for visiting the Dispensary in Rathdrum."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "When is the Dispensary Doctor for the Rathdrum Dispensary area going to live in the Dispensary Area."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council give the dates in each week the appointed Doctor to Rathdrum Hospital visits the Hospital."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the extremely dangerous bend at Rednagh Bridge, Aughrim, be removed in the interests of road safety."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council erect a public light at Upper Merrymount, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor W. Cleary:— "That three lights be erected in Monument Lane, Kilbride, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and F. Hynes:— 'Resolutions for Minister for Justice and General Council of County Councils—That we call upon the Government to introduce legislation to make it an offence in law for a Member of a Local Authority to (a) refuse to declare a personal interest in any matter under discussion by a local authority or a sub-committee of a local authority. (b) to use information disclosed at a meeting of a local authority or a local authority sub-committee for personal gain.'

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with items remaining from the Agendas for the Meetings held on 2nd and 9th November, 1970, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd November, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA:

- 1 Proposed establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains—to appoint Committee of Council to discuss matter with Committee appointed by Dublin County Council.
- 2 Application for erection of cottage at Kilmacanogue.
- 3 Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
- 4 Letters from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in regard to the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.
- 5 To receive representatives of Irish Local Government Officials' Union in regard to suggested rationalisation of Rate Collectors districts (to be received at 4.30 p.m.).
- 6 Letter from National Union of Journalists—copy circulated to each Member on 21st October, 1970.
- 7 County Wicklow Society for Mentally Handicapped Children—Application for site for Residential School at Newcastle Hospital.
- 8 Letter from Transport Museum of Ireland requesting grant towards cost of erection of Transport Museum at Castleruddery, Donard.
- 9 Greystones Sewerage Scheme—Report of Consultant.
- 10 Water Supply for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.
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- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That the Council build a house for J. Hearn at Hollywood on a site provided by his mother."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mr. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."
- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:—"That a house be built by the County Council for Charles Everson on a site to be provided by him at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That in future this Council allocate Council houses to qualified people in any part of the County they wish to reside, including the urban areas."
- 21 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan, J. Temple, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council will indicate in future on rent receipts the amount of rates being paid as at present the two are combined. This will enable tenants of County Council cottages to know what rates they are paying."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:—"That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the press."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That a Speed Limit be instituted in Rathnew to cover the area Newrath Cross-Merrymeeing Cemetery-Arklow Road."
- 24 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, C. White, Miss M. Walsh, E. Byrne, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Department of Education be asked to contribute to the cost of widening and surfacing school bus routes in the County."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—"That the Engineer provide a full report on the Drainage Scheme at Jack White's."
- 26 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:—"That this Council issue two tickets to each member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings they attend."
- 27 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and J. J. Bourke:—"That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray be rescinded and consideration be given to the report by Automobile Association on the situation as they see it."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the filter beds in the reservoir at Mangans, which provides a polluted water supply to Tinahely be cleaned up and the question of the appointment of a caretaker be finalised."

- 29 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:—"That five lights be put on Monastery Road, Enniskerry."
- 30 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council take over Oughatomcoyle Lane that is in need of repair."
- 31 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council remove 35 yards of a ditch between the Bridge Wall and Rickaby's house as it is obstructing the view of the main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Lyon's Bridge."
- 32 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Newry, Clonegal, for eight houses."
- 33 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan:—"That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: 'That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.'"
- 34 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—"That water be provided for the village of Ballinacash, as the water supply that was there has now gone and there is not even drinking water for the people in that area."
- 35 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect an alternative pump at Croneyhorn, Carnew, where the other pump has been dry for a couple of months."

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The County Secretary referred to the Notice of Intention to direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. K. Matthews for the provision of a bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood, which had been handed in at the Meeting of the Council on 2nd Nov., 1970, and circulated to the Members on the 4th idem. He stated that as the application in this instance had been received during the month of September the period for making a decision on the application would expire prior to the next Meeting of the Council on the 7th December at which the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution could be considered. Following a discussion on the matter the Council noted that a decision on the present application would have to be issued and agreed that the applicant submit a new application which could be considered at the Meeting of 7th December in conjunction with the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution under Section 4.

Item No. 1—Proposed establishment of National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains—To appoint Committee of Council to discuss matter with Committee appointed by Dublin County Council.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting at which representatives of Dublin County Council had been received the Council had agreed to appoint five Members to form with representatives from Dublin County Council a Committee to discuss this proposal. The Council decided that the Council should be represented on the Committee by two Members from each area and agreed that the following Members represent the Council on the Committee:—Arklow Electoral Area—Councillors J. Whelan (Chairman) and Miss M. Walsh; Baltinglass Electoral Area—Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Miley; Bray Electoral Area—Councillors J. Temple and Miss N. O'Neill; Wicklow Electoral Area—Councillors R. Miley and J. Gregory.

Item No. 2—Application for erection of Cottage at Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that an application of Mr. John Walsh for the erection of a cottage at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, on part of the plot attached to the vested cottage of Mrs. Giles had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their last Meeting at which reports of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer were submitted. The reports submitted indicated the difficulties in providing a cottage on this site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the erection of a cottage at Kilmacanogue for John Walsh.

The Council agreed that a further inspection of the plot be carried out by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer and a report submitted to the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area to be held on 30th November, 1970.

Item No. 3—Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for new houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons for the provision of houses under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, by the substitution of the following for Section 3 (b) in the present Scheme:—

3(b) Income qualifications.

The total determined by the Council of the income of the person and the income of his spouse (if any) does not exceed the appropriate limit, that is to say:

(i) in case of the supplementary grant is made in respect of a house the erection of which commenced before the 1st day of August, 1970—one thousand and forty-five pounds per annum.

(ii) in case it is made in respect of a house the erection of which commenced on or after the 1st day of August, 1970, and before the coming into operation of the first regulations made pursuant to the next subparagraph—one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds per annum, and

(iii) in any other case—the limit for the time being specified by the Minister by regulations made with the consent of the Minister for Finance, as the appropriate limit for the purposes of this paragraph.

The Council in determining the income of a person applying for a supplementary grant or of his spouse, may if the person satisfies the Council that he or his spouse maintains at his or her expense a dependant person, make such allowance as they think fit, subject to the appropriate limit, that is to say:—

(a) in case the supplementary grant is made in respect of a house the erection of which commenced before the coming into operation of the first regulations made pursuant to the next paragraph—one hundred pounds in respect of each person so maintained, or four hundred pounds in the aggregate, whichever is the less, and,

(b) in any other case—the limit for the time being specified by the Minister, by regulations made with the consent of the Minister for Finance, as the appropriate limit for the purposes of this subsection.”
Passed.

Item No. 4—Letters from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in regard to the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in a letter of 17th September, 1970, had submitted objections to Outline Planning Permission being granted for the area at Enniskerry known as the Bog Meadow and had subsequently submitted the following letter:—

THE ENNISKERRY CITIZENS' ACTION COMMITTEE

The County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF COUNCILLORS

Subject—Proposed outline planning permission for the Bog Meadow

A Chara,

The above Committee wish you to present to Wicklow County Council the enclosed petition objecting to planning permission being granted to develop the area in Enniskerry known as the Bog Meadow.

The wording on the petition is as follows:—

We, the undersigned, wish to object to outline planning permission being granted to the application, recently presented to the Council, for the following reasons:—

(1) The area under consideration is the only open area in Enniskerry suitable for future development as a public park.

(2) The proposed enclosure would curtail established rights of way and mass paths.

(3) The permission being sought if granted would eliminate an area of recreational utility which had been available to the public for many years.

(4) The intended development would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area by destroying the natural beauty of Enniskerry and its surroundings.

We would like you to point out to the Councillors that the 223 adults who signed this petition constitute the majority of the people living in the immediate vicinity of the village of Enniskerry. I shall post to you further copies of signed petitions when the canvass is completed.

Mise, le meas,

TOM REDMOND,
Secretary.

Kilmolin,
Enniskerry,

3rd November, 1970.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had also been received from the Enniskerry Cumann of Fianna Fail strongly objecting to any planning permission being given to Mr. Fitzpatrick or others for the development of the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That we recommend that planning permission be refused for development of the "Bog Meadow" at Enniskerry.

The Council asked that a report on the proposed purchase by the Council and development of the Bog Meadow be submitted to the next Meeting.

Item No. 5—To receive Representatives of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union in regard to suggested Rationalisation of Rate Collectors' districts (to be received at 4.30 p.m.).

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union that representatives would not be in a position to attend at the Meeting on that date and suggesting that the matter of reception of representatives from the Union be deferred to a Meeting in the New Year. The Council noted the position in the matter. Members of the Council stated that Rate Collectors employed by the Council were not aware of the representations proposed to be made by the Union on their behalf and asked that this be brought to the attention of the Union.

Item No. 6—Letter from National Union of Journalists—Copy circulated to each Member on 21st October, 1970.

The following letter had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS
Dublin Publications and Public Relations Branch

40 Upper Beechwood Avenue,
Dublin 6
7th October, 1970.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

A Chara,

I have been given to understand that the credentials of a member of the Dublin Publications and Public Relations Branch of the National Union of Journalists, Mrs. Peg Popplewell, have been questioned by members of the Wicklow Council Council. Mrs. Popplewell is a freelance journalist and a longstanding member of the Union. I would be glad if you would give me an assurance that Mrs. Popplewell will be accorded the usual courtesies shown to journalists when she attends meetings of the Wicklow County Council in her capacity as a journalist.

Yours faithfully,

AIDIN NI CHAOIMH,
Hon. Secretary

The Council decided to mark the letter "read."

Item No. 7 — County Wicklow Society for Mentally Handicapped Children—Application for Site for Residential School at Newcastle Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the County Wicklow Association for Mentally Handicapped Children had asked if, in the event of no

suitable premises for use as an educational and care centre for mentally handicapped children being available at Newcastle, whether the Council could consider making available a site there for the purpose. The matter had been examined and it was agreed that a suitable site could be made available for this purpose on the Hospital lands at Newcastle. The County Secretary stated that as the care and treatment of the mentally handicapped was a speciality distinct from psychiatry separate arrangements would have to be made for any care and treatment proposed to be provided. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council approved of making a site available.

Item No. 8—Letter from Transport Museum of Ireland requesting Grant towards cost of erection of Transport Museum at Castleruddery, Donard.

The following letter was submitted:—

TRANSPORT MUSEUM SOCIETY OF IRELAND

99 Ardcollum Avenue,
Artane,

Dublin 5.

27th October, 1970.

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

Dear Sir,

You will probably be aware of the activities of this Society, which is at present building a transport museum at Castleruddery, Donard, Co. Wicklow. The Society has approached Mr. James Miley, M.C.C., Blessington, who has agreed to sponsor a motion in the Council that the Society be given a grant under Section 14 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. At Councillor Miley's suggestion, I am now acquainting you of this fact and should like to give you some information which may be useful in dealing with this matter, and will be glad to supply any further details you may require.

The Transport Museum Society is a voluntary organisation with a main objective of establishing and maintaining a working transport museum in the Republic of Ireland and is at present in the final stages of being registered as a limited company. In 1968, negotiations were opened with Bord Failte, and through them with the West Wicklow Development Association to locate a suitable site and as a result 3.766 acres were bought at Castleruddery last year and an application made to you for planning permission for a building on the land. A two stage building was envisaged for the first part of a long-term development plan and work on the first stage of this building began in December last, the steelwork and roof of a building measuring 150' by 40' by 20' high being then erected. At that stage the cement strike interrupted development and this was followed by the banks dispute which effectively prevented any further building work until a fortnight ago when the foundation strips for the panel concrete block walls were poured. We are now obtaining quotations for the building of these walls.

More than twenty historic vehicles are at present available for exhibition and some of these have been removed to the site but a few of the more valuable items had to be withdrawn or withheld in Dublin because of vandalism during the Summer: one single deck bus was damaged to

the extent of at least £120 at that time. As a result several vehicles are at present in store, some of them in garages of C.I.E. or Dublin Corporation, both of which bodies have been assisting the Society in whatever way they can.

The cost of completing the present building and installing sufficient vehicles to make up a permanent exhibition was reckoned at £8,000 and Bord Failte agreed to make a grant of up to 25% of this amount. This money cannot of course be obtained until the Company is registered and the building operational. We have managed to keep our costs down through the use of a great amount of voluntary labour and by careful management will be able to work to the originally estimated figure of £8,000 in spite of increasing costs.

We keep in close touch with transport preservation abroad and in Northern Ireland and know that our project will be an increasingly important amenity in Co. Wicklow. Another point worth mentioning here is that while there are several privately sponsored transport museums in existence, the principal ones in most countries are either state or municipally sponsored: in Northern Ireland, for example Belfast Transport Museum was originally financed and administered by the Corporation, but this function has now been taken over by the state. The Republic of Ireland is virtually the only country of any importance which has not hitherto had a national transport museum and our endeavours will fill a most glaring omission in this respect and is we believe well worthy of all the support, official and otherwise, which it can obtain.

It is our intention, however we may manage it, to have Castleruddery operational next spring and this will entail a very heavy burden on our members but will be worth the effort in the prestige and tourism which will come to the area.

May we, therefore, look forward to your sympathetic interest in this project.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL CORCORAN,
Hon. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we make available a grant equivalent to that to be given by Bord Failte to the Transport Museum Society of Ireland towards the cost of providing a Transport Museum at Castleruddery.

Item No. 9—Greystones Sewerage Scheme—Report of Consultant.

The County Secretary stated that the preliminary report and estimate of cost of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme had been received and approval was requested to its transmission to the Department of Local Government for approval. Particulars of the Scheme had been circulated to the Chairman and Members of the Council on 21st Oct., 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins:

Resolved—That we note the Preliminary Report and Estimate of Cost of Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, in relation to the Grey-

stones Sewerage Scheme and direct that the Report be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.
Passed.

In reply to an enquiry from Members the County Manager stated that the Council could make a charge in respect of the development of lands which had been facilitated by the Sewerage Scheme if the development took place within seven years of the Scheme being provided. Councillor Costello urged that an adequate charge be made in respect of development facilitated by the Scheme but that low cost housing development should be exempted from the charge.

Item No. 10—Water Supply for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
15th October, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Water Supply for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin.

A Chara,

With reference to the proposal to supply the four County Council cottages in Crosskeys with a water supply. This can be achieved now by using the water supply to the Industrial areas as the well sunk recently has proved to be very successful with a good output of water more than required by the existing factory.

It is proposed, therefore, to tap the supply pipe to the factory and lay a 2" dia. P.V.C. main along the public road to the cottages. The pressure in the main will be maintained by the pump to the factory.

It is estimated that the laying of this 2" dia. main and supplying connection to stopcocks outside each cottage will cost £240.

If approval is given to the work it can be carried out by direct labour in the near future.

Mise, le meas,

R. L. Farrell,
Deputy County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with the provision of a water supply to Council Cottages at Crosskeys, Dunlavin, at an estimated cost of £240 as recommended by the County Engineer in his report of 15th October, 1970, and hereby authorise expenditure of £240 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That a Report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on: (a) Number of Cottages in need of repairs in Rath-

drum and surrounding areas of Rathdrum, (b) the number of Cottages repaired in these areas in the year 1969/'70."

The County Secretary stated that up to August, 1970, 23 tenants had written indicating that their cottages were in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding areas and that estimates had been approved for repairs in this area. The number of cottages repaired in the Rathdrum area in the previous financial year was 10. Councillor Hynes urged that all the cottages should be repaired as soon as possible as if there were a delay in carrying out repairs the eventual cost to the Council would be much greater. The County Manager pointed out that the carrying out of repairs depended on the availability of contractors. The Council had 3,600 cottages and up to some months previously 2,800 had been vested. Priority in the carrying out of repairs was given to cases where tenants had applied for vesting and also in cases where cottages had become vacant and were being re-let. The Council asked that a report as to the present position in regard to the vesting of cottages be submitted to the next Meeting.

The County Manager referred to the delays and difficulties experienced by the Council due to the absence of a local Land Registry. It frequently happened that a Council Officer would have to travel to Dublin to check boundaries of lands in the Land Registry and he repeated the suggestion he had made on previous occasions that local Land Registries should be set up in each County.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That Local Land Registries be provided in each County to facilitate the public and Local Authorities.

Passed.

The Council agreed that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—
"That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."

The County Manager pointed out that a grant could be paid only in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Acts and the Council's Scheme and that in this instance the valuation at the time of the application was in excess of the limit of £60. Councillor G. Timmins stated that Mrs. Case's house had become unfit for habitation and that she had to build a new house which she claimed was built on part of the site of the old house and while the new house was being built she had to reside in a caravan on the site. He contended that the valuation of £2 10. 0. on her old house should have been removed from the valuation list and should not have been taken into account. He asked that a report be obtained from the County Engineer in regard to the siting of the new house which would confirm his statement. The County Manager agreed to examine the matter further and consult the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council could pay a Supplementary Grant in these circumstances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:—
"That in future when Council houses become vacant which are not fully serviced, this Council should install the services before re-letting the houses to tenants."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of providing services as being between £400 and £500 per house depending on the location and the accommodation available. About 425 cottages were unserviced. Councillor Gregory stated that the notice of motion was intended to relate only to rented houses becoming vacant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory;

Resolved—That in future when Council houses become vacant which are not fully serviced, this Council should install the services where possible before re-letting the houses to tenants.

Passed.

It was agreed that when cottages became available for re-letting and where lacking services that consideration would be given to installing services where this was possible and the cost was reasonable.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—
"That an entrance gate be provided for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing a gate and piers was £12 10. 0. The Cottage was not vested and was situated on the main Tinahely/Shillelagh road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan.

Resolved—That an entrance gate be erected for Mrs. Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely.

Passed.

The County Secretary pointed out that gates and piers form part of the fencing of the cottage and that the maintenance of these was the responsibility of the tenant. The Council asked that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to whether the Council could provide a gate and piers as was sought in this instance.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—
"That this Council employ trainee carpenters, plasterers and blocklayers."

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes and seconded by Councillor Gregory that this Council employ trainee carpenters, plasterers and blocklayers. The County Manager pointed out that the matter would require careful consideration. A new organisation known as Anco had been set up to provide industrial training and while Government Departments and certain State sponsored bodies were excluded from the scheme it would appear that local authorities were covered by it and this might involve a payment of a substantial levy towards the cost of

industrial training. Applications for employment as apprentices had been received by the Council and had been examined by the County Engineer who had submitted his recommendations and these were under consideration. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill the Council agreed that the matter be deferred and further information, when available, be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council buy some land from the Land Commission at Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the purpose of providing Sites for people who want to build their own houses."

The County Secretary stated that the lands in question had been examined and were not considered suitable for housing. Councillor Hynes indicated his agreement and asked that further enquiry be made as to suitable sites.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:— "That the Council build a house for J. Hearn on the Hollywood on a site provided by his mother."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. Hearn was in need of housing and the County Engineer had indicated that the site was satisfactory subject to the soil being found suitable for the purposes of a septic tank. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council agreed that a house be provided for Mr. Hearn on the site provided by his mother.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:— "That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mr. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that the Council at their Meeting in June, 1961, had agreed that after that date Supplementary Grants would not be paid where corrugated iron or corrugated asbestos was used for the re-roofing of houses and the Scheme for Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses had been amended accordingly. In the case of the reconstruction of Mr. Crampton's dwellinghouse the roofing had been carried out in corrugated asbestos. Councillor Timmins stated that work on the reconstruction of the house had commenced before 1961 but had taken a long time to complete. When the matter was discussed by the Council at their Meeting in 1961 he had drawn attention particularly to cases where work was already in progress on the reconstruction of houses where corrugated asbestos was being used for roofing and the Council agreed that Supplementary Grants would be paid in such cases.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant for repair and improvement of a house be paid to Mr. W. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood.

Passed.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "That a house be built by the County Council for Charles Everson on a site to be provided by him at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Everson was married and had eleven children and was the tenant purchaser of a cottage at Ballymorris. He had indicated that he would be prepared to surrender the vested cottage to the Council in the event of his being re-housed by the Council. It had been suggested to Mr. Everson that he might extend the cottage with the aid of grants and a loan from the Council or if he was not in a financial position to do this he might apply for a new Council house at Aughrim or a vacant Council house having more accommodation. Mr. Everson had applied for the tenancy for one of the proposed new houses at Aughrim. Councillor Keenan pointed out that there would be a considerable demand for the houses at Aughrim and there was no guarantee that Mr. Everson would obtain the tenancy of one of these houses. He stated that he wished to continue to live in the rural area rather than a village or town. On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council agreed that a house be built for Mr. Everson on a site to be provided by him at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That in future this Council allocate Council houses to qualified people in any part of the County they wish to reside, including urban areas."

Councillor Hynes stated that he felt that a working class man should be able to get a house near his place of employment. He considered that if a man living in a rural area worked in one of the urban areas he should not have to travel a great distance to his work but should have an opportunity of obtaining a Council house convenient to his employment whether in the rural or urban area. The Council asked that the County Manager examine this matter and submit a report and agreed that a distinction should be made between houses available for letting and houses for purchase.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan, J. Temple, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council will indicate in future on rent receipts the amount of Rates being paid as at present the two are combined. This will enable tenants of County Council Cottages to know what Rates they are paying."

The County Secretary stated that it would not be possible to show on each receipt for rent the proportion of the payment which was in respect of rates. Tenants of Council cottages were informed once in each year any increase in the weekly payment to be made arising from any increase in rates and in future each tenant could be informed of the amount of rates payable on each cottage for the year and collectable as part of the rent. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That the post of Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District be advertised in the Press."

The County Secretary stated that Dr. Cunniffe was continuing to act as Temporary District Medical Officer at Annamoe and that this arrangement had been approved up to 28th February, 1971. On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley the Council agreed that applications be invited for the post of Temporary Medical Officer for Annamoe Dispensary District with the condition that the Medical Officer would live in the area. In reply to Councillor Miss M. Walsh the County Secretary stated that the Local Appointments Commission had indicated that they were unable to recommend a candidate for appointment to the

post of District Medical Officer, Tinahely, from a recent competition. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that representations be made to the Minister to expedite the provision of a permanent Medical Officer for Tinahely.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—
"That a Speed Limit be instituted in Rathnew to cover the area Newrath Cross—Merrymeeting Cemetery—Arklow Road."

The County Secretary stated that the Technical Committee on Speed Limits in July, 1969, had recommended the application of a "built-up" area speed limit at Rathnew and the Council had approved of the recommendation in November, 1969, and it had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government. The Department had informed the Council that the matter would be considered when speed limits in the County were next being reviewed but no review had since taken place. The Council asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department of Local Government in regard to the matter.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, C. White, Miss M. Walsh, E. Byrne, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—
"That the Department of Education be asked to contribute to the cost of widening and surfacing school bus routes in the County."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in submitting his estimate for road works for the current financial year had drawn attention to the need for widening and improving of vision on County Roads in the interests of safety consequent on the advent of school buses using these roads. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Education and to the Department of Local Government for the provision of special grants to enable improvements to be carried out to roads used by school buses as recommended by the County Engineer.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—
"That the Engineer provide a full Report on the Drainage Scheme at Jack White's."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse,
 Wicklow

12th October, 1970

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion: Drainage Scheme at Jack White's.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I wish to inform you that when the roadworks scheme was in progress between Ballyvaltron and Jack White's Cross on the Wicklow/Arklow Road, a complaint was made by landowners adjoining the road that due to the increased area of road pavement additional water was being diverted into the Redcross River, thereby causing flooding of their land.

During the progress of the work sections of the stream opposite the road upstream of Jack White's Cross were deepened and cleaned and the drains from the road to the stream were cleaned and deepened. Prior to the roadworks being carried out during periods of prolonged rainfall flooding took place in the vicinity of Jack White's Cross and

on occasions the main road was affected. The main cause of this flooding is an obstruction of rock in the stream south of Jack White's Cross. If this were removed and the stream cleaned and graded it would allow the flood water to get away faster. No flooding of the main road has taken place since the roadworks scheme was completed.

While it is not conceded that the roadworks scheme has contributed to any appreciable extent to the amount of water going into the stream any improvement downstream of Jack White's Cross would help to lower the water table level under the main road thereby contributing to the strength and life of the road.

Accordingly, a survey was carried out and a scheme for draining the stream was prepared between Togher and Kilpatrick Bridge.

I enclose, herewith, the following drawings for the Scheme:—

Drawings No. R. 70/26 Plan and Longitudinal Section.
 Drawings No. R. 69/72A Do.
 Drawings No. R. 69/72B Do.
 Drawings No. R. 70/27 Cross Sections.
 Drawings No. R. 69/73 Do.
 Drawings No. R. 70/25 Do.

Also, enclosed, is a 6" to the mile map showing the lands which will benefit from the scheme and the names of the landowners, together with a list showing the area owned by each landowner.

The estimate for the scheme, enclosed, comes to £1,500. This in my opinion is a scheme which would qualify for a Local Improvement Scheme Grant.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the all-in cost of the Scheme was estimated at £1,620 and that the appropriate local contribution would be about £970, leaving £650 to be met by way of grant. On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley the Council approved of the Organisation of a Local Improvements Scheme for the affecting of the drainage of the lands.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and E. Byrne:—
"That this Council issue two tickets to each Member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings they attend."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That this Council issue two tickets to each Member of the Council to enable each Councillor to invite two members of the public to any Council Meeting; that the Councillor who invites these people be held responsible for their conduct during the Council Meetings which they attend.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that it would appear that a two-thirds majority would be required to

carry the Resolution, as it involved rescinding Council's decision to exclude the public from Meetings. A vote having been called for on the proposal it was found that the Members present voted as follows:

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh—Eleven.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan—Six.

As the necessary two-thirds majority had not been obtained the motion was declared defeated. Councillor Gregory queried the ruling that a two-thirds majority was needed and the Council agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitors be obtained on the matter.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and J. J. Bourke:— "That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray be rescinded and consideration be given to the Report by the Automobile Association on the situation as they see it."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Síochána in letter of 10th November, 1970, had informed the Council that the Minister had deferred approval and signature of the Bray Traffic Temporary Rules, 1970, pending further investigation of the traffic situation in Bray. The following letter had been received from the Bray Traders Association:—

BRAY TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

2nd October, 1970.

Dear Sir,

At the request of my Association, the Automobile Association of Ireland carried out an independent survey of the route of Wicklow County Council's proposed roundabout system for Bray.

I enclose a photostat copy of their report and point out that, as far back as August, 1964, the proposal was rejected and the Association requested a more realistic plan.

On the grounds that Europe's most influential motoring body has condemned your proposal for the same reasons as my Association. We demand Wicklow County Council rescind their decision immediately before any more public money is spent on this piece of lunacy.

Yours faithfully,

Bray Traders' Association,
CYRIL DUNNE,
Chairman.

The following report of the Automobile Association which was referred to in the letter was submitted:—

THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

23 Suffolk Street,
Dublin 2

J. McKeown, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
Bray Traders' Association,
29 Main Street,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are writing with further reference to our exchange of correspondence on the 13th and 14th ultimo.

We note from what you tell us that a decision has been made by the Local Authorities in Bray to implement the one-way (clockwise) traffic system incorporating parts of Quinsborough and Florence Road and that part of Main Street connecting the junction of these two roads.

One of our staff who has some experience in studying these matters has visited Bray so that we would be reasonably familiar with the details.

The final paragraph of our letter of the 14th August describes what we regard as our function in matters of this nature and therefore any opinions which are expressed in this letter are directed towards achieving a state of affairs which as far as possible will provide an unhindered flow of traffic whilst at the same time giving recognition to the parking needs of the motorist who requires to do business in Bray.

As far back as August, 1964, we accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Bray Urban District Council to express an opinion on the proposals then current for parking facilities in Bray. The theme of our message at that time was that the car populations of Counties Dublin and Wicklow had increased by some 300% between 1947 and 1963 and that in view of this fact the proposed parking regulations were grossly inadequate to meet the current and likely future needs and we urged the Council to refer them back and request a more realistic plan.

Indeed our emphasis was on the need for planning and on the need for introduction of off-street car parks and parking facilities generally.

The lack of parking facilities whether on the street or off-street was the main crux in 1964 and we are entirely convinced it is the main crux to-day also. It is not unlikely that there is a relationship between the acceptance or the rejection of our 1964 advice and the complexity of the present problem.

We would therefore recommend unhesitatingly that complete priority should be given by Authorities to tackling car parking problem and providing sites off-street for car parking. If this is delayed any longer the cost of the work when ultimately it will have to be done (and it is unavoidable that it will have to be done) will be many times more than they are to-day.

An immediate alleviation of the problem could be created by ample signposting of on street areas where parking facilities might be provided in marked bays and by an enforcement of the restriction on the Main Street and Quinsborough Road.

We have considered very carefully the proposal concerning the one-way system and in view of the existing road widths the volume of traffic which Bray is required to handle and the inadequacies of the Silver Bridge for heavy traffic, we do not feel that any worthwhile advantage

would be secured by introducing this system. It seems to us that because of the restriction imposed by widths, corners, etc., even greater confusion might arise than at the moment.

Let there be no mistake—we are very much in favour of one-way systems as a means of alleviating congestion but we are opposed to the principle of putting these in merely just to have them — the streets must be suitable and we feel that the circuit proposed is unsuitable.

We recognise great need for clearing Juinsborough Rd. and we feel that by adequate and clear signposting a very great volume of the traffic leaving the Strand Road area can be diverted up along Putland Road and onto the Main Road via Vevay Road. The signs, however, must be plentiful and they must be clear otherwise they will not encourage the motorist to follow the recommended route. The foregoing represents our views on the situation as we see it and we hope that our comments will be of some use to you.

Yours faithfully,

Manager,

Republic of Ireland.

The following report of the County Engineer was also submitted:—
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

12th October, 1970

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Traffic System at Bray.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 12th instant.

I must again point out that the Scheme was prepared at the request of the Council following, I presume, representations made by the public to relieve traffic congestion on the Bray Main Street. A detailed survey and traffic count and analysis involving a considerable amount of field work and detailed design was carried out by a highly specialised qualified technical staff in Road Engineering and traffic control before the scheme was finalised. The scheme was approved by both Statutory Bodies—the Urban Council and the County Council, the Minister and also by the Garda Authorities.

I do not consider that the Automobile Association are competent and have staff qualified to make the adverse comments they have made, without either having carried out a detailed field survey analysis themselves, or studying the one carried out by the County Council staff. The Bray Traders' Association are not correct in stating that as far back as August, 1964, the proposal was rejected and that the Automobile Association requested a more realistic plan and the scheme was not finally sanctioned until September, 1968.

The Automobile Association are not correct in stating that the Silver Bridge is inadequate to carry the one-way system. The matter was examined, traffic counts carried out and its capacity checked prior to the formulation of the scheme.

Finally I wish to make it clear that the system is not being merely

put in just for the prestige of having traffic lights and I resent very much any suggestion on these lines by the Automobile Association.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the Resolution passing the new traffic rules for Bray Town be rescinded and consideration be given to the report by the Automobile Association on the situation as they see it.

The County Secretary pointed out that as the Council had taken a decision on this matter within the previous 12 months a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting was required. A vote having been called it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., C. White—Eight.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, M. Deering, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan—Six.

Councillors J. Whelan and Miss M. Walsh did not vote. The motion was declared defeated the necessary two-thirds majority not having been obtained.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
"That the filter beds in the Reservoir at Mangans, which provides a polluted water supply to Tinahely be cleaned up and the question of the appointment of a Caretaker be finalised."

The County Secretary stated that arrangements had been made to have the sand in the filters changed and that the matter of the appointment of a caretaker was under consideration by the County Engineer. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:— "That five lights be put on Monastery Road, Enniskerry."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

COUNTY SECRETARY.

6th October, 1970.

Re: Public Lighting—Enniskerry.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 15th ultimo.

I am awaiting a quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of two modern type lights on the Clock Tower at Enniskerry. It is recommended that an additional light be provided on Pole No. 28 on an existing pole at the road junction at Barry's cottage on the Ballyman Road. The E.S.B.'s estimate for the work is £33 16. 0. and I have forwarded estimate to the Sanitary Services Section.

Two new lights are being provided on the Monastery Road, i.e. one on the existing pole opposite Vienna Foods Ltd. and the other on a pole at Rafferty's cottage, opposite the cul-de-sac at the top of Monastery Road. The latter is to replace an old type light which was obscured by trees.

I do not agree that any further lights be provided on Monastery Road between Vienna Foods Ltd. and the cul-de-sac at the top of Monastery Road. It is two-thirds of a mile from Vienna Foods Ltd. to the cul-de-sac and there is no existing E.S.B. pole on which to provide lights except on the one pole which is too far off the road.

There is only a total of six houses on this two-thirds mile long stretch of road including three summer chalet type timber houses.

A new network of poles, etc., would have to be provided by the E.S.B. for any additional lights between Vienna Foods Ltd. and the cul-de-sac at the top of Monastery Road. It is obvious that, having regard to the cost of a new network and the very few houses along the stretch of road that no further lights would be justified.

I would, however, recommend that a modern type light be provided to replace the old type light on the side road off Monastery Road, opposite the Council cottage occupied by Mr. Dick Seery and that the E.S.B. be requested to provide an estimate for same.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendations for provision of public lights at Enniskerry as follows:—

1. 1 additional light on Pole No. 28 at road junction at Barry's cottage on Ballyman Road (Estimated cost £33 16. 0.)
2. 1 modern type light to replace old type light on side road off Monastery Road opposite Council cottage occupied by Mr. Dick Seery.

Councillor C. White expressed disagreement with the report of the County Engineer and stated that in view of the increase in traffic on the road at Monastery additional lighting was needed. The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to re-examine the matter of lighting on this road.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council take over Knocktomcoyle Lane that is in need of repair”

The County Engineer reported that the length of the lane was 1,256 yards and it was 9 feet in width. The estimated cost of taking over and putting it in a state of repair was £1,005. There were three houses on the lane and three users of the lane. The estimated annual maintenance when taken over was £30. The County Engineer recommended that the work be carried out as a Local Improvements Scheme

as all the people involved were well-to-do farmers and could easily pay any necessary contribution. The Council agreed that a Local Improvements Scheme be arranged for the repair of the road.

Item No. 31—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council remove 35 yards of a ditch between the Bridge Wall and Rickaby's house as it is obstructing the view on the Main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Lyon's Bridge.”

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that the scheme would be included in the roadworks scheme for 1971/72. The County Engineer stated that a solid white line and a stop sign at the junction and also a solid white line on the portion of the main road opposite the junction had improved the safety of the junction considerably. The removal of the ditch would only improve the sight line partially but consideration would be given to a full realignment of the road at this point in the near future.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council erect a pump at Newry, Clonegal, for eight houses.”

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of providing a new pump was £250 and the Council on the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, approved of the provision of the new pump.

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan:—“That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution: ‘That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.’”

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution:—“That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.”

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

IN FAVOUR Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and J. Temple—Four.

AGAINST Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White and Miss M. Walsh—Twelve.

The vote was declared defeated by twelve votes against to four in favour.

Item No. 34—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—“That water be provided for the village of Ballinacash as the water supply that was there has now gone and there is not even drinking water for the people in that area.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had made arrangements for repairing the water supply at Ballinacash.

Item No. 35—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council erect an alternative pump at Croneyhorn, where the other pump has been dry for a couple of months.”

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that if the pump were driven deeper it would be sufficient in view of the fact that this was the most suitable site. The pump was in good condition and erecting a new pump would be a waste of money and time. The Council asked that the County Engineer expedite the repairs to the pump.
Burial Ground at Glendalough.

Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, proposed that the Burial Ground at Glendalough be extended by moving back the fence of the Burial Ground to provide extra graves. When this matter had been proposed previously a Preservation Order was made by the Commissioners of Public Works which prohibited any interference with the land adjoining the Burial Ground. He stated that since that time no examination had been carried out on the soil on this land and he considered the Commissioners of Public Works should be asked to allow the Council to extend the Burial Ground to provide another line of graves by setting back a hedge onto this land. The Council agreed that the matter be taken up with the Commissioners of Public Works, Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

Septic Tank at Croneyhorn.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that the matter of locating a suitable site for a septic tank to serve a group of houses at Croneyhorn be expedited and the County Secretary stated that this matter would be followed up.

Land at Holywell, Kilpedder.

Councillor Costello referred to a discussion at the previous Meeting in regard to land owned by Mrs. de Caen at Holywell, Kilpedder, and he handed in photostatic copies of the following documents:—

1. Letter of 16th November, 1970, from Captain le Caen stating that neither he nor his wife had been approached by Mr. Basil Phelan prior to 16th October, 1970, for the sale of his land, nor had his agents, Clarke Delahunt and Company, ever notified him of such an approach having been made to them.

2. A statement signed by Councillor Phelan agreeing to purchase Holywell and giving £50 as a sign thereof.

3. A letter from Captain de Caen's Solicitors, J. R. Cresswell and Co., enclosing a letter from Mr. W. Fallon, Solicitor, for Councillor Phelan, indicating that Councillor Phelan intended to hold Mrs. de Caen to the agreement which he maintained had been entered into for the sale of the land at Holywell.

Councillor Costello stated that there were three alternatives open to Councillor Phelan, these being either to resign, to sell the land at Holywell to the Council at the same price which he had paid for it or to withdraw from the sale. Councillor Gregory stated he would second the proposal that Councillor Phelan be asked to sell the land at Holywell to the Council at the same price at which he purchased it, but the

Chairman pointed out that a Resolution to this effect had already been passed by the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, 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 grant Planning Permission to James Lydon to build a bungalow at Knocknadruce.”

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, 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 Elizabeth Ownes, for the provision of a bungalow at Lugnagun, Blessington.”

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering, J. Mins 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 Jeremiah White and Anne King for the provision of three bungalows at the Dowery, Manor Kilbride.”

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That tenders be invited at an early date for the building of the first six terraced houses on the Council's site at Tinahely.”

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—“That a copy of the advice produced by the proper authority regarding an offer and a Compulsory Purchase Order on Chapman's at Kilpedder be circulated to the Members of this Council.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage of the same address.”

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—“That this Council will acquire a right of way to Thomas Hayden's cottage at Prebawn, Balinglen, through Samuel Kidd's lands and that this cottage be vested forthwith.”

In the name of Councillors J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:—“That the water supply at Cronakeary be extended to cover all houses at Cronakeary and Killoughter.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council do something about flooding of the road in front of the Council's cottages at Cronakeary, Ashford.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council provide a proper footpath from Knockrobin to Mr. Farrell's shop in Rathnew Village.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council provide a seat in the open space at Rossanagh, Ashford, for the public to avail of”

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—“That the present lighting be examined by the County Engineer at Blessington.”

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 December, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors Wm. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. V. Hussey, 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 move 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, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a dwellinghouse on his own farm."

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

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

(c) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary, J. Miley, John Sweeney, 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 to C. Keinath, Esq., c/o 43 Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

(d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 Walter Merry, Garda Station, Arklow, and P. F. Brennan, Sea-view Avenue, Arklow, for the erection of bungalows for their own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the

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

- (f) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge 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 W. R. Kilpatrick, for the provision of a house at Monastery, Enniskerry."

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (j) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh and C. White:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one bungalow at Ballynerrin, to Sergeant O'Neill, Wicklow."

- (k) In the names of Councillors James Miley, 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 Permission to Mrs. Marion O'Toole, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mrs. J. R. O'Connor and Mr. D. Magee to erect bungalows for themselves at Hempstown, Blessington."

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

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

- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 James Dunne, 15 Upper Main Street, and Peter Murphy, 12 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of two bungalows for their own use at Ballyduff, Arklow."

- (n) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, 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 Sarah Cahill, Knockrath Little, to erect a bungalow at Knockrath Little."

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

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

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

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

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to David Berkery, to erect a house at Talbotstown Lower, Blessington."

- (r) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, 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 grant Planning Permission to James Lydon to build a bungalow at Knocknadruc."

- (s) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, 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 Elizabeth Owens for the provision of a bungalow at Lugnagun, Blessington."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah White and Anne King for the provision of three bungalows at the Dowery, Manor Kilbride."

- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings Council held on 10th August and 24th August, 1970.
- 3 Letter from Department of Lands regarding proposed Game Birds Protection Order in respect of Broadlough and adjacent areas near Wicklow.
- 4 To seal Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of lands at Blessington.
- 5 Applications for consent to sales of vested cottages at (1) Barrentown Upper; (2) Barraderry, Kiltegan; (3) Cranareen.
- 6 Vested Cottage at Corrignamuc.
- 7 Vesting of Cottages—Report as to present position.
- 8 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."
- 9 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:—"When will the Council bring the new Purchase Scheme for the buying of Council Cottages before the Council."
- 10 In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family at Bolinass, Ashford."
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That tenders be invited at an early date for the building of the first six terraced houses at the Council's site at Tinahely."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That a copy of the advice produced by the proper authority regarding an offer and a Compulsory Purchase Order on Chapmans at Killedder be circulated to the Members of this Council."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will acquire a right of way to Thomas Hayden's cottage at Prebawn, Ballinglen, through Samuel Kidd's lands and that the cottage be vested forthwith."

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

Members of the Council expressed concern at the number of Notices of Intention to direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permissions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, appearing on the Agenda and the view was expressed that an undue proportion of applications for Planning Permission were refused in County Wicklow and that the figure for the County was much higher than in other Counties. Reference was made to the Circular Letter issued some years previously by the Department of Local Government urging that flexibility in dealing with planning applications and consultation with applicants with a view to overcoming difficulties before any application was refused be exercised and it was suggested that this policy was not being followed adequately within the County. The County Secretary stated that while the percentage of applications refused was higher in County Wicklow than in most other Counties this was to be expected because of the County's proximity to Dublin and the particular necessity in County Wicklow to protect the scenic amenities of the County. The Council received over 800 planning applications in a year. The County Engineer pointed out that the staff available to him for dealing with planning applications was limited and this hindered consultation with applicants, but that such consultation took place where possible. Councillor Temple again urged that planning applications, where refusals were contemplated, should be discussed with the Members of the Council for the Local Electoral Area concerned, before any decision to refuse was taken. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that this matter be included for discussion on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

- (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a dwellinghouse on his own farm"

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused on the grounds that the proposed development would lead to ribbon development thereby reducing the carrying capacity of the heavily trafficked route adjoining and causing a serious traffic hazard. Councillor J. Miley stated that the applicant required this house for his own accommodation and that the site was on his own lands.

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 James Phibbs, Tinode, to erect a dwellinghouse on his own farm.

Passed.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Develop-

ment) Act, 1963, to Lawrence Keating, for the provision of five houses at Killacoran, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this case was not complete as evidence that adequate public notice had been given was not yet available. Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that the matter be deferred.

- (c) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary, J. Miley John Sweeney, 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 to C. Keinath, Esq., c/o 43, Main St., Arklow, County Wicklow, at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary submitted the report of the County Engineer in which he pointed out that Planning Permissions for the erection of 16 houses in the vicinity of the present site had been granted, eight of which were in pursuance of notices of motion under Section 4. He recommended that Planning Permission be refused for five reasons, details of which were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to C. Keinath, Esq., c/o 43 Main St., Arklow, County Wicklow, at Ballinaheese, Arklow. Passed.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 Walter Merry, Garda Station, Arklow, and P. F. Brennan, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, for the erection of bungalows for their own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that these sites were also at Ballinaheese, Arklow, and that the County Engineer had recommended refusal on the same grounds as in the case of Mr. Keinath's application and others.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Walter Merry, Garda Station, Arklow, and P. F. Brennan, Seaview Avenue, Arklow, for the erection of bungalows for their own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow. Passed.

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

The County Secretary stated that no new application had been received in this case. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

- (f) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge 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 W. R. Kilpatrick, for the provision of a house at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of Permission on the following grounds.

- (1) Vehicular traffic generated by the proposal and other development, for which the proposal would set a precedent, would be concentrated at a single point of access onto the heavily trafficked T. 43 (Enniskerry/Scalp/Dundrum Road) at a point where sight distances are inadequate. Such traffic would tend to create serious traffic congestion and would prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining T.43 road.
- (2) The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the following respects:—
 - (a) The site is landlocked, has no public road frontage and is connected to the public road by means of a long narrow access route (750 ft. long, 20 ft. wide approx).
 - (b) The proposal, if permitted, would set a precedent for further development along the access road.
 - (c) The access road is not adequate to accommodate traffic from more than a single dwelling.
 - (d) The revenue from the proposal would not suffice to provide services (taking over and maintenance of the access road, scavenging and public lighting) which would in time be demanded.
- (3) The site of the proposal is prominently situated in a landscape area of natural beauty. The erection of a dwellinghouse as proposed on this site would seriously injure the amenity of the area by:—
 - (a) Being unduly prominent.
 - (b) Being inappropriate to its location which is predominantly rural in character.
 - (c) Setting a precedent for further similar development.
- (4) The location of the proposed dwelling in close proximity to cliffs would be a source of hazard to the inhabitants of the proposed house and especially to children.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

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 W. R. Kilpatrick, for the provision of a house at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Passed.

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

The County Secretary stated that the proposal was for the erection of a bungalow at Killough Lower on the Long Hill on the main Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road. When a previous application for permission for this site had been refused, it was indicated to the applicant that an endeavour would be made to select a suitable site for a bungalow on the farm of Mr. Roe's father at Killough. Subsequently the applicant had been informed that the Council would favourably consider granting Planning Permission for a bungalow in the vicinity of the existing farmhouse and cluster of houses at Ballybawn. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission for the present application be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site is prominently situated in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty. The proposed development would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent in the foreground of views from nearby roads to Sugar Loaf Mountain. The proper planning and development of the area requires that the view to the Old Long Hill and Powerscourt should be preserved. The proposal would be in serious conflict with this requirement by being unduly prominent in the foreground.
- (2) The site fronts onto the heavily trafficked T.61 main road (Kilmacanogue/Roundwood/Glendalough) at a point where sight distances are inadequate and the gradient of the proposed driveway excessive. Vehicles entering and leaving the site would cause serious obstruction to road users and create a traffic hazard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

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

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Council directed that Planning Permission be granted that the following conditions be attached:—

- (1) The spring from which it is proposed to take water supply should be suitably protected and fenced.

Reason: In the interests of public health.

- (2) The earth and stone bank along the public road boundary of the site shall be taken down and reconstructed in a position to be agreed with the County Engineer.

Reason: To ensure adequate waiting space and sight lines at a vehicular entrance onto a heavily trafficked main road, and in the interests of visual amenity.

- (3) Existing vegetation along the site boundaries shall be preserved.

- (4) A cluster of trees sympathetic to the area shall be planted at a point approximately 60 ft. behind the proposed dwelling.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

- (5) The dwelling shall be carefully sited in relation to the contours so as to obtrude not more than 18 ft. above surrounding ground level. The external walls to be rendered grey and the roof tiles to be slate grey or blue/black.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

The Council agreed that the grant of Outline Planning Permission be subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

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

The County Secretary stated that when the previous application for Permission in this instance was refused it had been indicated to Mr. Roe and to his son William that the Council would endeavour to indicate suitable sites to both the applicants. The sites were indicated as dwellings on these sites would form part of the existing cluster at Ballybawn and would not be readily visible in views to the area. It was considered that the present site would be seriously injurious to visual amenity by being unduly prominent in views to the area. Refusal was recommended on the following grounds:—

- (1) The site of the proposal lies near the upper limit of a field system on a hillside which is prominent in the prospect from Powerscourt Gardens and in views to the area from the Rocky Valley Drive at Carrigoona and adjoining commons land. The proposed residential development of this site would seriously injure the high amenity value of this area of outstanding beauty which is intensively used for recreation. It would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area which requires that the existing field system be preserved and obtrusive residential development, as proposed, should be restricted. The proposal would set a precedent for further development at this prominent location thus leading to further serious erosion of amenity in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss 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 G. Roe, for the provision of a house at Stilebawn.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Members directed that Outline Permission be granted the following conditions should be attached:—

- (1) The bored well shall be provided a minimum distance of 100 ft. up hill of the septic tank and remote from the soakway provided for the cottage at the corner of Crone Lane.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

- (2) The proposed house shall be sited parallel to the cul-de-sac and approximately 15 ft. from the boundary of same.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (3) Existing vegetation along the site boundaries shall be preserved and augmented except where necessary to form a safe entrance.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (4) Vehicular entrance to the site shall be off the lane.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (5) An earth and stone bank shall be constructed along the north boundary of the site and a hedgerow shall be planted along same.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (6) Permission shall be for a rectangular bungalow with a simple A type roof. The dwelling shall not obtrude more than 17 ft. above surrounding ground level, and the external walls shall be rendered grey and the roof covering shall be slate grey or blue/black.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

The Council agreed that the grant of Permission should be subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

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

The County Secretary stated that a lengthy report on this application had been prepared by the County Engineer and circulated to the Members at the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Temple;

Resolved—That we defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting to allow an opportunity for Members to visit the site.

The Council agreed to inspect the site on Wednesday, 16th December, 1970, and to meet for the purpose at Templaraine, Arklow, at 3 p.m.

- (j) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh and C. White:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one bungalow at Ballynerrin, to Sergeant O'Neill, Wicklow."

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

- (1) The proposed development would materially contravene a condition of the existing permission for development on this site which required that not more than one house would be erected thereon.

- (2) The present proposal, if permitted, would set a precedent for further unco-ordinated ribbon development which would be undesirable and which would inhibit the proper planning and development of a rural area contiguous to Wicklow Town.

- (3) Evidence in writing had not been submitted that a connection would be granted to a private water main to serve the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission for one bungalow at Ballynerrin, to Sergeant O'Neill, Wicklow.

Passed.

- (k) In the names of Councillors James Miley, 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 Permission to Mrs. Marion O'Toole, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mr. J. R. O'Connor and Mr. D. Magee, to erect bungalows for themselves at Hempstown, Blessington."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application in this case had been refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The sites are situated within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area, and septic tanks A and B are less than 100' apart and C and D are only 20' apart.
- (2) The Local Group Water Scheme is inadequate to provide enough water supply for the proposed development and the application does not contain any satisfactory alternative proposal.
- (3) Proposal would constitute an intrusion of Urban type ribbon development into an area predominantly rural in character and would tend to create serious traffic congestion and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road.
- (4) The provision of an access road at that point on the main Blessington-Dublin Road would cause a traffic hazard.
- (5) No proposal for refuse disposal has been submitted.

In the present application no effort had been made to overcome any of the objections to the previous application and accordingly, the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused on the same grounds as previously.

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 Permission to Mrs. Marion O'Toole, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mr. J. R. O'Connor and D. Magee, to erect bungalows for themselves at Hempstown, Blessington.

Passed, Councillor Costello opposing.

The County Secretary having submitted particulars of the reports of the Health Inspector on the matter of water supply to the sites it was suggested that the condition be attached that an adequate water supply be made available and the Council agreed that the grant of Permission be subject to this condition.

- (l) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by

Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Heaphey, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the proposed house would be on a skyline of scenic importance and he recommended refusal of Permission on the following grounds:—

- (1) This proposal when taken in conjunction with other developments existing and proposed along County Road No. 375 would give rise to traffic conditions which would require extensive improvement works to that road. The public revenue which might be expected from the proposed development would not suffice to carry out such works.
- (2) The proposed development would be injurious to the scenic amenity of the area by reason of the obtrusive location selected for the site as it would be prominent against the skyline, it lacks natural screening and is remote from existing centres of development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer recommended that if the Council directed that Permission be granted the following conditions should be imposed:—

- (1) A row of trees sympathetic to the area be planted behind the proposed house.
- (2) External walls to be rendered white and roof tiles to be blue/black. The Council approved of the grant of Permission being subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.
- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh 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 James Dunne, 15, Upper Main Street, and Peter Murphy, 12, Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the Provision of two bungalows for their own use at Ballyduff, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that when Planning Permission had been refused in respect of a previous application it had been indicated that the Council would favourably consider granting Planning Permission for a properly laid out comprehensive development for the area. The applications submitted did not comply with that requirement. The County Engineer recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposal taken in conjunction with other proposals for the area would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development thereof, by initiating piecemeal ribbon development along a public road.

- (2) The proposal would give rise to a multiplicity of entrances along a public road which would seriously obstruct road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic along a public road and in close proximity to a dangerous bend.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, 15 Upper Main Street, and Peter Murphy, 12 St. Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of two bungalows for their own use at Ballyduff, Arklow.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Council Members directed that Planning Permission be granted that the following conditions be attached:—

- (1) The earth and stone bank and hedgerow along the public road boundary of the site should be taken down and re-erected 10 feet further back. The Lay-by thus created should be suitably surfaced in materials of a different colour to the surfacing of the public road.
Reason: Traffic safety considerations, and to provide a traffic lay by for service vehicles, etc.
- (2) Planning Permission should be for bungalows. External walls to be rendered white and roof tiles to be blue/black.
Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.
The Council agreed that the grant of Permission be subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

- (n) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, 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 Sarah Cahill, Knockrath Little, to erect a bungalow at Knockrath Little."

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

- (1) The traffic generated by the proposal would tend to cause serious obstruction of road users on the adjoining county road because the vehicular entrance is located unduly close (less than 300 feet) to a blind bend.
- (2) The site is prominently situated in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty and lacks natural screening. A dwelling erected as proposed on this site would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

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

County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Sarah Cahill, Knockrath Little, to erect a bungalow at Knockrath Little.
Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if Members of the Council directed that Planning Permission be granted that the applicant be asked to submit a revised site plan for a site adjoining the north-western boundary of the field in which the present site was situated, and that such a site would have a number of advantages. The Council agreed that the applicant be informed of the County Engineer's suggestion.

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that inspection of a 6' deep trial hole on the site showed that it contained approximately 2' of water. Having regard to the proximity of the site to a stream flowing directly to Roundwood Reservoir it would not be in the interests of public health to permit a septic tank there. Before Planning Permission could be granted a trial hole would need to be opened at another position and the Council informed so that tests could be carried out. The County Engineer recommended that a Notice be served on the applicant requiring the opening of the second trial hole in a different position and that the Council be informed so that tests can be carried out to ascertain the suitability of the sub-soil for treatment of effluent by means of a septic tank. The Council agreed that the appropriate notice be served and deferred consideration of the proposal.

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of Permission for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development would set a precedent for further development ribboning along this main tourist route thus giving rise to serious injury to the amenity of the area.
- (2) This exposed site is adjacent to the main road approaching the Scalp, which is an area of great natural beauty. The proposed development, which would be prominent in view would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development thereof.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss 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 Mrs. M. E. Palmer, for the provision of a house at the Scalp, Enniskerry.
Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Members directed that Planning Permission be granted that the following conditions should be attached:—

- (1) Planning permission should be for a traditional type bungalow (it should have a strong horizontal emphasis, small windows and the roof shall be not more than 15' above surrounding ground level), external walls shall be rendered grey and roof tiles shall be blue black in colour.
- (2) At least 4 trees sympathetic to the area shall be planted along the north east of the proposed dwelling and approximately 40' distant from it.

Reason for 1 and 2: In the interests of preserving visual amenity along a main approach to The Scalp.

- (q) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to David Berkery, to erect a house at Talbotstown Lr., Blessington"

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

- (1) The proposed development would form undesirable ribbon development along a heavily trafficked main road in a rural area with a high percentage of heavy commercial vehicles thus giving rise to a traffic hazard.
- (2) The proposed two storey house would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent and by being out of character with existing bungalow development in the area.

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 to David Berkery, to erect a house at Talbotstown Lower, Blessington.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Members of the Council directed that Planning Permission be granted that the following conditions should be attached:—

- (1) That the ground proves suitable for a septic tank installation and that a septic tank be sited at least 30 ft. from the site boundaries. A trial hole 6 ft. deep to be opened at the septic tank position and the Council informed so that a test may be carried out.
- (2) Planning permission shall be for a bungalow in character with existing development in the area and with a simple A type roof. Revised drawings and plans shall be submitted to and approved by Wicklow County Council.

The Council agreed that the grant of Permission be subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

- (r) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, 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 to James Lydon to build a bungalow at Knocknadruc."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the proposed development would seriously injure amenity in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty by:—

- (a) Being unduly prominent.
- (b) Setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Lydon, to build a bungalow at Knocknadruc.

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

- (s) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, 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 Elizabeth Owens for the provision of a bungalow at Lugnagun, Blessington."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application in respect of this site had been refused. The septic tank in the present proposal was downhill of the house but otherwise both applications were similar. The site was situated in a remote mountain valley and there were three farm houses in the vicinity and access was by means of a long narrow cul-de-sac, three-quarters of a mile of which was unsurfaced and not suitable for carrying any increase in vehicular traffic. The traffic generated would tend to obstruct the existing farm traffic. A trial hole 6' deep would be required as the site was situated in the Upper Liffey Catchment Area. The County Engineer recommended that Outline Planning Permission be refused for the following reason:—

Access to the site is by means of a long narrow cul-de-sac approximately three-quarters of a mile of which is unsurfaced and has an average width of only 9'. Traffic generated by the proposal and other proposals would tend to cause serious obstruction of existing farm road users along the cul-de-sac and would give rise to a demand for road improvements and other public services (school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, etc.).

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Elizabeth Owens, for the provision of a bungalow at Lugnagun, Blessington.
Passed.

- (t) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County (Management) Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah White and Anne King for the provision of three bungalows at The Dowery, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that applications for Permission had been made previously in respect of these three houses and had been refused by the Council and were currently under appeal to the Minister. The County Engineer recommended that the three applications be refused on the same grounds as in the case of the previous applications these being as follows:

- (1) The proposal, taken in conjunction with other proposals for the area would constitute an intrusion of urban type ribbon development at a prominent location in an area of outstanding natural beauty which would injure the amenity of the area and would prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining road.
- (2) The location of urban type development as proposed, so far removed from existing social services, places of employment, shops, etc., would result in wastage of time and money and demand for public services, road improvements, school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, refuse disposal, etc.
- (3) The location of a house in close proximity to an open quarry would be hazardous to the safety of children occupying the dwelling.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah White and Anne King, for the provision of three bungalows at the Dowery, Manor Kilbride.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Members decided to direct the grant of Planning Permission that the following conditions be attached:—

- (1) The existing quarry to the rear of the site shall be filled in in suitable material.
- (2) One entrance only to the public road shall be permitted and the three houses shall have access onto a service road.
- (3) Planning Permissions shall be for traditional type dwellings (e.g. houses shall have strong horizontal emphasis; the windows shall be

small; the roof ridge shall not rise more than 17' above surrounding ground level; the external walls shall be rendered grey and the roof tiles blue/black.

- (4) The existing sod and stone banking to be preserved except where necessary to form an entrance onto the public road; site boundaries to be formed by hedges, hedgerows or sod and stone banking; a minimum of 6 trees sympathetic to the area to be planted.

In reply to enquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that applicant in a letter to the Department of Local Government in regard to his appeal against the previous refusal of permission had stated that the quarry referred to was an open granite quarry and that there was no water in it and that the owner had given permission to have it filled in if necessary. The Council agreed that the grant of Permission in these cases would be subject to the conditions indicated by the County Engineer.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 10th August and 24th August, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 10th August and 24th August, 1970.

Item No. 3 — Letter from Department of Lands regarding proposed Game Birds Protection Order in respect of Broadlough and adjacent areas near Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area to consider this matter had been held on 3rd December, 1970, and in addition to the Members for the Area the Chairman and three other Members of Wicklow Urban District Council had attended. Two Officers of the Department of Lands, Mr. A. Morrissey of the Regional Game Council and Mr. C. M. O'Rourke of Broadlough House had also attended the Meeting. The County Secretary gave a report on the discussion at the Meeting and the recommendation made by the Council Members present for consideration by the respective Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having noted the recommendation of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area and the Members of Wicklow Urban District Council, we approve of the envisaged Game Birds Protection Order to apply to Broadlough at Wicklow and the lands as described in the Schedule to the draft Order for the period of one year, accepting that public access to Broadlough is not infringed, and we recommend that in the following year the area to be covered by the provisions of the Order be extended to include all the areas coloured green and brown on the map forwarded with the circular from the Department of Lands dated 2nd May, 1969.

Passed.

Item No. 4—To Seal Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of Lands at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of 9 acres, 3 roods and 9 square perches of land at Burgage More, Blessington, as submitted to this Meeting.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Barrenstown Upper; (2) Barraderry, Kiltegan; (3) Cranareen.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Daniel Clifford of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 149/1 at Barronstown Upper to Mr. Thomas Duffy, Parkmore, Baltinglass, for the sum of £900 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £300, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Annie Callaghan of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 56/1 at Brocna, Kiltegan, to Mr. Sean Flattery, Barraderry, Kiltegan, for the sum of £700, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £233. 6. 8., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Thomas Shortall of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 42/1 at Cranareen, Rathdangan, to Mr. John McNamara, 2, Crotty Avenue, Walkinstown, for the sum of £550, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £133. 6. 8. the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

In regard to the application for consent to the sale of the cottage at Cranareen, Rathdangan, the County Secretary pointed out that Mr. McNamara, who proposed to purchase the cottage resided at Walkinstown, Co. Dublin, and intended to continue to occupy that house

but would reside in the cottage with his family for part only of each week. The purchaser, consequently, could not be regarded as a qualified person as he was not in need of housing. Members of the Council pointed out that a number of offers had been made by the tenant purchaser to sell the cottage but no qualified person had been available who was prepared to purchase. There was no demand for tenancy of cottages in the area and in the circumstances it was considered that consent be given to the sale.

Item No. 6—Vested Cottage at Corrignamuc.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that Mr. Edward Doyle of Mullins, Tinahely, who had some while ago purchased a vested cottage, in which he now resided, was interested in purchasing the cottage at Corrignamuc which was nearer to his work and if consent were obtained he would sell his cottage at Mullins. The County Secretary stated that to date no application had been received from Mr. James Heffernan, tenant purchaser of the cottage at Corrignamuc for consent to the sale to Mr. Doyle. The Council noted that no application for consent to sale had yet been made by the tenant purchaser.

Item No. 7—Vesting of Cottages—Report as to present position.

The County Secretary stated that as requested at the previous Meeting the position in relation to the vesting of cottages was as follows:—

The total number of rented dwellings was 663 of which 320 would be included in the new purchase scheme which was in course of preparation and the balance 343 still remain to be Vested under the existing scheme. Vesting Orders for 20 cottages were now ready; maps were required for 70 cottages; and repairs were needed to 253 cottages for which maps were available. The total number of cottages vested during the year 1968/'69 was 143 and the total vested in the year 1969/'70 was 129. The gross total of cottages vested up to 31st March, 1970, was 2,713. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council buy Mobile Homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."

The Council decided to defer consideration to this Notice of Motion in the absence of Councillor F. Hynes.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "When will the Council bring the new Purchase Scheme for the buying of Council Cottages before the Council."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was engaged on arranging for determining replacement value of cottages to be included in the new purchase scheme but in view of the pressure of work in regard to house construction and repairs it was not possible to say when the new scheme would be ready for submission to the Council.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build a Cottage for the Redmond family at Bolinass, Ashford."

In the absence of Councillor F. Hynes the Council decided to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Tenders be invited at an early date for the building of the first six terraced houses at the Council's Site at Tinahely."

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that contract documents were being prepared by the Council's Consulting Architects and it was hoped to have the documents available early in the new year so that tenders could be invited.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That a copy of the advice produced by the proper authority regarding an offer and a Compulsory Purchase Order on Chapman's at Kilpedder be circulated to the Members of this Council."

Councillor Pheland asked that the report of the County Engineer in which he recommended the acquisition of the lands be circulated to the Members of the Council and this was agreed.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."

In the absence of Councillor F. Hynes the Council decided to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will acquire a right of way to Thomas Hayden's Cottage at Prebawn, Ballinglen, through Samuel Kidd's lands and that the Cottage be Vested forthwith."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow
7th December, 1970

**THE SECRETARY,
HOUSING SECTION**

**Re: Notice of Motion: Right-of-Way to Thomas Hayden's Cottage
at Preban, Auhgrim: Item No. 14**

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 25th ultimo (KR/LO'C).

- (a) **ACCESS ROAD:** I wish to inform you that the access road referred to is 120 yards long and extends from the existing gravel lane to the cottage owned by Mrs. Hayden. It is a narrow lane about 9 ft. wide with high banks on each side and it runs on a very steep

grade. The lane has a grass surface. At the end of the lane next to Mr. Hayden's residence there is no space for any type of vehicle to manoeuvre. As a result of this it is impossible for any type of vehicle to travel on the lane. At present it is only possible to walk on the laneway.

The estimated cost of grading, rolling, gravelling and surface dressing is £180. Drainage is not included in this estimate, because of the very steep grade and the high banks it would be a complete waste of time.

- (b) **PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY:** The proposed right-of-way is through the land owned by Mr. Samuel Kidd and is 150 yards in length.

The estimated cost of grading, gravelling, rolling, draining and surface dressing is £220.

It is recommended that a new right-of-way be acquired, rather than carry out improvements to the existing right-of-way to the cottage.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That this Council will acquire a right of way to Thomas Hayden's cottage to Prebawn, Ballinglen, through Samuel Kidd's lands and that the cottage be Vested forthwith.
Passed.

Proposed Extension to Manor Kilbride Cemetery.

On proposal of Councillor J. Miley Council agreed to accept the offer of Mr. Frank Murphy, the owner of lands adjoining the Burial Ground at Manor Kilbride, of the plot of land necessary for the extension of the Cemetery at Manor Kilbride.

Lands at Holywell.

Councillor Costello asked whether any negotiations had yet been entered into with Councillor Phelan in regard to the lands at Holywell which the Council propose to purchase. The County Secretary stated that the Council's letter on the subject had been acknowledged by the Solicitor for Councillor Phelan but no further letter had been received to date. Councillor Phelan pointed out that since there was a dispute in regard to the recent sale of the lands it was not possible to carry on any negotiations until that had been resolved.

Wicklow Civil Liberties Committee.

Councillor Phelan referred to a letter he had received from the National Council for Civil Liberties indicating that no local branch in

Wicklow had been approved nor had any authority been given to a local group to act on behalf of the Association. He proceeded to read the letter. Councillor Costello denied the statement made by Councillor Phelan and continued to protest as Councillor Phelan was reading the letter. As both Members continued to speak at the same time and as the agenda had been completed the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and J. Whelan:— "That the Council take over and maintain Ballymacony and Slieveragh Lanes."

In the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That as RTE have announced their intention to discontinue programmes of traditional music, song and dance, this Council support the demand of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to have at least one traditional programme a week on RTE."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:— "That this

Council extend the new water supply at Hollywood to Knockroe on the south side and Poulaphouca on the north side to four new houses."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:—"That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:—"That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw the legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th December, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan (Chairman);

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, James Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Kevin Ryan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Bridget Salafia, Sheepwalk, Beech Road, Avoca, for the erection of approximately 225 houses together with shopping facilities on her land at Sheepwalk, Avoca."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 17th August and 31st August, 1970.
3. Creation of additional offices of Nurses for Saint Coleman's Hospital and Newcastle Hospital.
4. Revision of salary scale for Clerk/Typists — recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.
5. North East Regional Water Supply Scheme — proposal to acquire water rights.
6. Settlement of Itinerants — sites for Halting Places.
7. Office Accommodation — Repairs, office telephones, etc.
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29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:- "That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."
30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw the legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."
31. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, James Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Kevin Ryan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Bridget Salafia, Sheepwalk, Beech Road, Avoca, for the erection of approximately 225 Houses together with Shopping Facilities on her land at Sheepwalk, Avoca."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that additional information was required in regard to the proposed development at Sheepwalk, Avoca, and accordingly it was proposed to serve a notice on the applicant requiring the submission of the additional information as recommended by the County Engineer. The Council approved of the service of notice on Mrs. Bridget Salafia requiring the submission of the additional information as recommended by the County Engineer.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 17th August, and 31st August, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 17th August and 31st August, 1970.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Creation of Additional Office of Nurses for Saint Colman's Hospital and Newcastle Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that additional nursing staff was required to allow of the implementation of an 80 hour fortnight for nursing staffs, and also in the case of Newcastle Hospital, to provide

for an extension of the domiciliary nursing service and accommodation of extra patients in the hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of an additional post of Staff Nurse at Saint Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to allow of the implementation of an 80 hour fortnight for nursing staffs.

To allow of the implementation of an 80 hour fortnight for Psychiatric Nurses, to provide for an extension of the domiciliary psychiatric nursing service and for accommodation of extra patients in the Hospital, we approve of the creation of two additional posts of Psychiatric Nurse (Male) and one additional post of Psychiatric Nurse (Female). We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the additional staff required.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Revision of Salary Scale for Clerk/Typists — Recommendation Under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—Subject to the sanction of the Minister, we hereby approve of the application of the following revised salary scale for Clerk/Typists with effect from 1st April, 1970:—

£590 x £65—£655 x £50—£805 x £45—£895 x £35—£965 x £30—£995, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed.

Item No. 5—North East Regional Water Supply Scheme — Proposal to acquire water rights.

It was

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

Resolved — That the Wicklow County Council being the Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Wicklow hereby make a proposal under Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for the purpose of taking a supply of water from the Dargle River at a point at the boundary of the townlands of Powerscourt Demesne and Charleville Demesne approximately 330 lineal yards upstream of the Tinnahinch Bridge which spans the Dargle River. This water supply is being taken for the scheme known as the North East Regional Water Supply Scheme.

It is proposed to abstract part only of the water of the Dargle River and the proposed maximum rate of abstraction is 1,500,000 gallons per day.

The estimated minimum daily flow of the river at the abstraction point is 2,900,000 gallons per day.

The following ancillary operations are proposed to be carried out:—
Intake: It is proposed to construct a training wall along the east river

bank approximately 22 feet long and 9" thick of average height 6' 6" above existing bed level, to pave the river bed with concrete together with an intake chamber on the east side of the river.

It is proposed to lay an intake main from the intake chamber to a sump and pump house to be constructed in the immediate vicinity.

The area to be supplied extends from the Dublin/Wicklow border on the northern limit to a line approximately ½ mile north of Ashford village as the southern boundary. The Irish Sea provides the eastern limit and the western limit extends approximately from the townland of Fassaroe on the Dublin/Wicklow border via Glencormack and defined by the elevated ground extending southwards from the Great Sugar Loaf Mountain to the west of the Glen of the Downs and Newtownmounkenney to Nun's Cross approximately one mile west of Ashford village.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Settlement of Itinerants—Sites for Halting Places.

The County Secretary stated that so far it had not been possible to acquire a site by agreement for a Halting Place for Itinerants in the Kilmacanogue District, but the County Engineer was meeting representatives of the local Residents' Association who had indicated that they might be in a position to suggest suitable sites. In regard to the provision of services for the sites, the County Engineer pointed out that where a piped water supply was not available, it would be necessary to sink a bore to ascertain if a water supply could be provided. All the sites approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Co. Engineer, other than that at Kilmacanogue, were on plots of land beside public roads formed as a result of road improvements. Councillor Costello stated that the Council should make use of compulsory powers to acquire a site at Kilmacanogue and urged that a report on the matter be submitted to the Meeting of the Council in January, and if by then, agreement had not been reached on acquiring a site, that compulsory powers be used. Councillor Miss M. Walsh stated that the Minister for Local Government had addressed the last Meeting of the General Council of County Councils and had urged that County Councils take up the matter of Itinerant settlement as the major project for the coming year, and that the Minister had stated that 100% grants were available for the development of camping sites for Itinerants. The Council agreed that the County Engineer proceed with the development of the sites in the ownership of the Council and that a report in regard to the matter of a site at Kilmacanogue be submitted to the next Meeting. Councillor Miss M. Walsh asked that the Department of Local Government be requested to supply a summary of the speech made by the Minister at the Meeting of the General Council of County Councils. In regard to the site at Moneylittle, south of Arklow, Councillor Keenan pointed out that it was doubtful if the soil at this place was suitable for disposal of effluent from a septic tank, and the County Engineer stated that the soil would have to be tested. Councillor J. Miley objected to the use of the site at Tinode and stated that its location beside the public road would render it dangerous for children of Itinerants.

Item No. 7—Office Accommodation—Repairs, office telephones, etc.

The County Secretary stated that Quotations had been received for the supply of an office telephone system for the offices at Kilmartin Hill and the Courthouse. The system would provide inter-communication between the offices in both buildings and would reduce the load on

the Switchboard, which would be relieved of all internal traffic. The system would involve an annual rental of £400 and an initial capital payment of £300. Part of the roof of the Kilmantin Hill Offices required to be stripped and re-roofed and that a glass roof over the room previously used as an operating theatre required replacement. Some internal alterations and repairs were also needed. The total estimated cost of the repairs and alterations would be about £900.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the provision of inter-office telephones and authorise expenditure of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the capital and rental costs arising in the current year.

We approve also of the following works at the Council's Offices at Kilmantin Hill and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these works:—

- (a) Provision of office in entrance porch of basement.
- (b) Stripping and re-roofing of part of existing roof and replacement of glass roof over storeroom/machine room.
- (c) Repairs to room in basement.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Courthouse, Wicklow—Alterations and additions to bell system in Courthouse.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of installing a Bell Call System in the Courthouse requested by the Circuit Court Judge would be £93. 1. 8. Councillor J. Temple enquired if a reply had been received from the Department of Justice to the Council's suggestion that one of the Courts in Wicklow should be sufficient to meet requirements instead of maintaining both the Criminal Court and Record Court. The County Secretary stated that a reply to this point had not yet been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That pending receipt of a reply from the Minister for Justice to the Council's suggestion that one Court is adequate for use at the Courthouse, Wicklow, we carry out no further work at the Courthouse.

Item No. 9—Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by John Twamley of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 90/11 at Merry-meeting, Rathnew, to Mr. James Byrne, Claremont View, Rathnew, for the sum of £1,000, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of

£333. 6. 8., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Elizabeth de Valera O'Loughlin of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 269/9 at Croneyhorn, Carnew, to Mr. James Brennan, 18 Ferrybank, Arklow, for the sum of £950 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £316. 13. 4., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Patrick Healy of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 2/10 at Ballinacor, Tinahealy, to Mr. John Butler, c/o Avoca Mines, Ltd., Avoca, for the sum of £2,300 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266. 13. 4., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Green at Kilcoole — Report of Co. Engineer on road surfacing, etc.

The County Secretary stated that the report of the County Engineer in regard to an estimate of the cost of surfacing the roadway from the public road into the Hall at Kilcoole and the fencing was not yet available. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred and asked that the reports be available for the Meeting in January. Councillor Temple referred to the matter of a derelict site at Kilcoole and asked that this matter be dealt with at the next Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, which he asked be arranged to be held during the month of January.

Item No. 11—Services for Servicemen's Cottages at Charlesland, Killincarrig—Letter from the Labour Party (Greystones Branch).

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Labour Party, Greystones Branch, in regard to services sought for the Servicemen's Cottages at Charlesland, Killincarrig. The County Engineer reported that the Contractor for the refuse collection for Newtownmountkennedy Area had indicated that he was prepared to collect the refuse from 20 houses on the Kilcoole road (including the ten Servicemen's Cottages) for £60 per annum, and that he had recommended that the offer be accepted. In regard to the matter of street lighting, the County Engineer stated that the E.S.B. had been requested to supply a design and estimated cost for public lighting on the Kilcoole Road from Killincarrig Cross roads to the three County Council Cottages just south of Three Trouts Bridge. A report in regard to the matter of sewerage services to the cottages was being prepared. The Council asked that the Secretary of the Labour Party, Greystones Branch, be informed of the terms of the County Engineer's report.

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Item No. 12—Branch Library at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Library Committee had recommended that premises at Wicklow known as the Orange Hall at Bridge Street which would shortly be becoming available for sale be acquired by the Council for the purposes of a Library. The present Library accommodation at the Old Technical School was not considered satisfactory and the building itself required essential repairs, and the Urban District Council had under consideration the redevelopment of the site. The County Engineer had reported that the structure of the Orange Hall was sound, though repairs estimated at about £2,000 would be required, but he considered it would be suitable for use as a Library. The Library Council had been approached on the matter of a grant towards the cost of the provision of a new Library at the Orange Hall if required, but it appeared unlikely that any Grant would be available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Library Committee and report of County Engineer we approve of negotiations being entered into for the purchase of the premises known as the Orange Hall, Wicklow, for use as a Branch Library for Wicklow and other purposes.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Bridge at Ardoyne—Report of County Engineer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow

13th November, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Bridge at Ardoyne

A Chara,

Some time ago, with the aid of a grant from the Land Project Office, the land owners adjoining the river at Ardoyne Bridge carried out deepening of the river bed upstream and downstream of the bridge.

This bridge is on our boundary with Carlow County Council and is maintained jointly by both Councils. As a result of this drainage work erosion has taken place causing the floor of the bridge to collapse and exposing the abutment foundations. While no structural damage has yet taken place it is urgent that remedial works be carried out to protect the abutment foundations.

An estimate of the cost of repairs is being prepared and should be available shortly.

The organiser of this drainage scheme is Mr. Joyce of Munny, who is also involved in the drainage scheme at Munny, where the bridge collapsed and is being reconstructed.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

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The Council noted the position in the matter and on the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, approved of the carrying out of the necessary repairs. The County Secretary stated that Carlow County Council had been informed as the Bridge was maintained jointly by both Councils.

Item No. 14—To Seal Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of lands at Kindlestown Lower, Blacklion, Greystones for road improvement scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the lands included in the Orders were required for the purposes of the road improvement scheme between Killincarrig and Blacklion, and that while agreement had been reached with a number of landowners for the acquisition of lands required for the work, it had not been possible to obtain the lands described in the Orders by agreement.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we approve of the fixing of the Seal of the Council to the Rathdown Lower Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1—1970.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we approve of the fixing of the Seal of the Council to the Kindlestown Lower Compulsory Purchase Order No. 2—1970.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the extremely dangerous bend at Rednagh Bridge, Aughrim, be removed in the interests of road safety."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the matter had been examined, and it was found that it was a very dangerous bend. It would, however, entail the building of the new bridge in order to remove the bend. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she was not pressing for a new bridge, but she felt something should be done to bring to the notice of persons using the road that they were approaching a very sharp turn. The Bridge was very dangerous and she suggested that warning signs should be erected on either side of it. Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that there had been many accidents at this place and that prominent warning signs should be erected. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, suggested that if the wall were lowered and a railing erected, better vision would be provided for traffic approaching the bridge. It was agreed that the County Engineer look into the matter of providing warning signs and lowering the wall.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:—"That three lights be erected at Monument Lane, Kilbride, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that a Quotation had been received from the E.S.B. for the provision of lighting at Monument Lane, Arklow. The cost of providing three new lamps would be £343, as this would involve erecting five new poles and networks. The cost of providing one lamp would be £27. The County Engineer had recommended

that one lamp be provided on the existing pole at £27 and that the provision of the other lights be considered at a later date. The Council agreed that one light be provided.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes.—“That the Council erect a public light at Upper Merrymeeting, Ranthnew.”

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes and Seconded by Councillor Phelan, that the Council erect a public light at Upper Merrymeeting, Rathnew. The County Engineer stated that an estimate of the cost of providing the light was being obtained. The Council noted that the estimate when available would be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 18—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
(a) “That this Council explain the reason for changing the time for visiting the Dispensary in Rathdrum; (b) When is the Dispensary Doctor for the Rathdrum Dispensary Area going to live in the Dispensary Area?; (c) That this Council give the dates in each week, the appointed Doctor to Rathdrum Hospital visits the Hospital.”

(a) “That this Council explain the reason for changing the time for visiting the Dispensary in Rathdrum.”

The County Secretary stated that prior to 22nd September, 1970, the District Medical Officer had attended at Rathdrum Dispensary from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The District Medical Officer had applied for an alteration in the hours of attendance and with the approval of the County Medical Officer and the sanction of the Minister, revised hours were applied from 22nd September, 1970, the attendance on Saturday being changed to Fridays from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Councillor Hynes stated that the Friday hours of attendance were not suitable as wives and their children could not attend as the husbands would be returning from work. The County Manager pointed out that the Medical Union had been pressing for improvement in conditions of service of District Medical Officers and Medical Staffs generally and he pointed out that Medical Staffs sought a five day week as was available to other sections of the community. The Council asked that the matter of the hours of Friday be re-examined with a view to making more suitable arrangements.

(b) “When is the Dispensary Doctor for the Rathdrum Dispensary Area going to live in the Dispensary Area?”

The County Secretary stated that the District Medical Officer had recently confirmed that it was his intention to take up residence within the Rathdrum Dispensary District within the period allowed to him by the Council, that is within 12 months from 1st March, 1970.

(c) “That this Council give the dates in each week, the appointed Doctor to Rathdrum Hospital visits the Hospital.”

The County Secretary stated that the District Medical Officer had reported that days of visiting were Mondays to Fridays inclusive, and that the time spent at the hospital was about two hours for each visit. The District Medical Officer stated that it did not take all that time to see sick patients, but he considered that every inmate should be visited and talked with daily as this was in their interests. Councillor Hynes stated that he had been informed that the District Medical Officer did not visit the Hospital as reported by the County Secretary,

but that it was his Assistant who did so. He asked if this was in accordance with the regulations. The County Manager stated that normally the Doctor appointed would be expected to do the visiting himself, but he was entitled to time off and a such times, his Assistant could act for him. Councillor Hynes stated he was not satisfied and would ask for a further explanation and clarification. He asked to be supplied with a copy of the regulations.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and F. Hynes:—“That we call upon the Government to introduce legislation to make it an offence in Law for a Member of a Local Authority to (a) refuse to declare a personal interest in any matter under discussion by a Local Authority or a Sub-committee of a Local Authority; (b) to use information disclosed at a Meeting of a Local Authority or a Local Authority Sub-Committee for personal gain.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we call upon the Government to introduce legislation to make it an offence in law for a Member of Local Authority to (a) refuse to declare a personal interest in any matter under discussion by a local Authority or a sub-committee of a local authority; (b) to use information disclosed at a Meeting of a local authority or a local authority sub-committee, for personal gain.

Councillor Costello in moving the motion stated that he understood there was legislation in most countries to deal with this matter, but that there appeared to be none in the 26 counties. Councillor F. Hynes, in seconding the proposal, stated he did so to protect the Council, and that it was not directed against any particular Member. Councillor J. Temple said that it was in the interests of each Member of the Council that the matter be clarified and he proposed that legal advice be obtained in the matter. It was agreed that the motion be deferred and that the Council's Solicitor be asked to advise on the legal position in relation to the matters raised in the motion and that he be authorised to obtain Counsel's Opinion if considered necessary.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:—“That the water supply to Cronakeary be extended to cover all houses in Cronakeary and Killoughter.”

The Council agreed to defer the matter pending the submission of a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council do something about the flooding of the road in front of the Council's Cottages at Cronakeary, Ashford.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the Council had been aware that water lay on the public road in the vicinity of the cottages and in recent weeks, following completion of a water supply in the area, the road had been reshaped with tarmacadam. The County Engineer stated that the road would be kept under observation to ensure that the flooding had been controlled. Councillor Hynes stated that water still flowed down the driveway leading to the Council's cottages.

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Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council provide a Seat in the open space at Rossanagh, Ashford, for the public to avail of."

The County Engineer reported that it was considered that the provision of a seat in this site on a section of the National Primary Route in need of realignment and improvement would encourage traffic to park and pedestrians to cross the road, thus creating a traffic hazard. For this reason, the proposal was not recommended. Councillor Hynes stated that the place referred to had been a turning place for carriages opposite the gates of Rossanagh and that heaps of manure had been put on this plot during the present year and also two posts had been erected and he felt that the public rights were being infringed. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain legal advice as to the ownership of the plot referred to and as to the right of the Council to place the seat there. The Council agreed that the matter of ownership be investigated.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council provide a proper footpath from Knockrobin to Mr. Farrell's Shop in Rathnew Village."

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that work had commenced on this section of the footpath under the current year's Winter Relief Scheme and that it was proposed to provide a tarmacadam surface on the first section of this footpath under that Scheme.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the present lighting be examined by the County Engineer at Blessington."

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that the E.S.B. had been asked to submit a scheme for the over-all lighting of the town of Blessington.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and J. Whelan:— "That the Council take over and maintain Ballymaconey and Slieveragh Lanes."

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from Mr. P. Byrne, Junior, of Ballymaconey, Rathdangan:—

Ballymaconey,
Rathdangan,
Co. Wicklow
26th November, 1970.

A Chara,

In reply to your letters 8th October and 24th November, 1970, re: the sum of £95 which you claim is owed to the Council by the residents of Ballymaconey, I wish to point out that at the meeting which decided to spend money on the above mentioned lane there was no mention that we were to pay any sum other than we had already paid. I refer you to the Minutes of that meeting.

We have consulted with local Councillors to have the matter raised

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at the Council Meeting, and awaiting the outcome of this discussion, we would ask you to hold your hand as far as your law agent is concerned.

If in the event of it being decided that it is a just debt, we pay.

Furthermore, we expect that the lane is taken over and maintained by the Council.

Mise, le meas,

Pat Byrne (Junior)

For and on behalf of the Townspeople,

The County Secretary stated that the Council had expended monies on surfacing Ballymaconey Lane under the Local Improvements Scheme and that a sum of £95 was payable to the Council in respect of this work. It was necessary that this amount be paid to the Council to comply with the conditions under which the grant was made available. Members of the Council pointed out that the people living on these lanes had contributed towards a scheme which was carried out in 1965 on the understanding that the Council would then take over the laneways for maintenance, but as this was not done, the surface of the lanes deteriorated and gave rise to the need for the further works carried out under the recent scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That the Council take over and maintain Ballymaconey and Slieveragh Lanes

Passed.

Councillor J. Miley complained that the necessary public notice had not been given for the taking over of lanes at Cryhelp and asked that the notices be published as soon as possible. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for an increase in the amount of the grant for the coming year for Local Improvements Schemes.

Item No. 26, Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:— "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall."

The Council agreed to defer this matter pending the receipt of a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That as RTE have announced their intention to discontinue programmes of traditional music, song and dance, this Council support the demand of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to have at least one traditional programme a week on RTE."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That as Telefís Éireann have announced their intention to discontinue programmes of traditional music, song and dance, this Council support the demand of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann to have at least one traditional programme a week on Telefís Éireann.
Passed.

The Council asked that a copy of the notice of motion be sent to the General Council of County Councils.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—“That this Council extend the new water supply at Hollywood to Knockroe on the south side and Poulaphouca on the north side to four houses.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That this Council extend the new water supply at Hollywood to Knockroe on the south side and Poulaphouca on the north side to four houses.

Passed.

The County Engineer stated that the matter would have to be investigated and sanction obtained to any Scheme for these extensions. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Engineer stated the Scheme was at present in progress and a storage tank had been erected and pipes were being laid, but that there could be a delay in the supply of pumps. He hoped that the Scheme would be in operation within three months.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:—“That the Members of the public should be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings.

At this stage Councillor J. Miley pointed out that it was after five o'clock and it was not a practice of the Council to continue Meetings beyond that time. Councillor Costello urged that the item which had been called be dealt with. It was proposed by Councillor Costello that Council proceed with the business and seconded by Councillor Ryan. A vote having been called for as to whether business should proceed, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., C. White and Miss M. Walsh — **EIGHT.**

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Sweeney — **EIGHT.**

Councillors M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan did not vote,

As there was an equality of votes the Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion and the Meeting then terminated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering, and G. Timmins:—“In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to authorise the issue of a loan under the Housing Acts to Timothy Owens, to finance the erection of a private dwellinghouse for himself.”

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:—“That this Council install a water supply to Bolton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages in Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council explain the delay in not repairing Red Peg's Lane under the Rural Improvements Scheme.

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council repair and surface Boley Lane, Shillelagh."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— (a) "That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew; one at each side of the one already there; (b) that this Council improve street lighting at Main Street, Carnew."

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