

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE  
2ND JULY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,  
COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,  
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary,  
Mr. T.J. Donovan, County Engineer,  
Mr. J. Solan, Chief Assistant County Engineer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Roads and Environmental  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,  
Mr. P. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section,  
Mr. D. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM 1 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILMACCULLAGH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. The Deputy County Manager, outlined the background to the Section 83 Notice and indicated that this had been part of an overall package that had been negotiated with the owner. The area of land to be disposed of is the Car Park containing one rood and ten square perches approximately together with the surrender of existing right-of-way to sewage works. It was recommended to the Council that they should agree to dispose of the land by way of Fee Farm Grant at rent of 5p per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Giff and agreed that the terms of the Section 83 Notice be agreed to.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor John Byrne proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. John Temple, Bray a former County Councillor, on the death of his wife. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded the vote of sympathy. Councillors A. Murphy, L. Kavanagh, T.D. and J. Sweeney associated themselves with the expression of sympathy. The Chairman stated that Mr. Temple had given great service to County Wicklow. The Deputy County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

ITEM 2 SUPPLY AND FITTING OF PUMP ON WELL FOR B. KENNY, CRONE, REDCROSS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors John Sweeney, and Thomas Keenan was considered:-

"That this Council supply and fit a pump on the well for Bart Kenny, Crone, Redcross."

The Council was informed that a pump had been ordered and as soon as it was received it would be fitted for Mr. Kenny.

ITEM 3 LAYING OF SEWER FOR MR. P.L. CLARK, MRS. MARY CLARE AND MRS DOYLE, ROSANNA, RATHNEW

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



"That this Council lay a sewer for Mr. P.Z. Clark, Mrs. Mary Clare and Mrs. Doyle, Rosanna, Rathnew."

The Council was informed that it would be possible to lay a sewer to accommodate the above houses at Rosanna. The works would entail excavating part of the National Primary Route (Rathnew to Ashford road). The estimated cost of carrying out the work is £1,600. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that this be done. Councillor F. Hynes stated that Mr. Clark offered to pay the Council for this work.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he was of the opinion that it was not policy to do work immediately unless money had been approved. The Chairman stated that if Councillor Ryan knew of specific instances he should submit them.

#### ITEM 4 EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN AT ENNISKERRY

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the water main which stops 250 yards short of Monastery Cross roads, Enniskerry, the extension to serve the cottage occupied by Mrs. Marie Kelly, 12a, The Scalp, Enniskerry."

It was indicated to the Council that this matter was being investigated as to the possibility of supplying water to the above area, and a report will be submitted as soon as possible. Councillor L. Kavanagh enquired when this would be and it was indicated that it should be available for the next meeting.

#### ITEM 5 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

Details of Housing Progress as at the 30th June, 1979, were circulated to the members for their information.

Councillor Dr. J. McManus stated that the number of houses completed by the Council in the years 1977/78 and 1978/79 was very small and he did not think that the rest of the report adequately explained the reason for this. He stated that the cut-back by the Department in money allocated for Housing should be in itself condemned but he felt that the Council were also to blame.

#### Houses in Progress:

##### Donard:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. enquired if the scheme at Donard would soon be completed and the County Engineer stated that they were pressing the contractor to have them completed as soon as possible.

##### Greystones:

Councillor Miss M. O'Neill enquired if the 31st August was the correct date for the 20 House Scheme. Councillor McManus stated that 20 families had been waiting 2½ years for houses. He also stated that the 12 house scheme was in a dangerous condition and that children were playing around it. He emphasised that the contractor should not be given any more work by this Council. The Chairman stated that originally this had been a 32 house scheme but it had been decided to break it down to a 20 and 12 Housing scheme in order to try and have part of the scheme completed. The County Engineer stated that the Contractor was having trouble in getting tradesmen but that he had promised to have the scheme finished by the 31st August, 1979.

##### Kilbride:

Councillor A. Murphy enquired if the 30th September, 1979, was the completion date of the remaining 27 houses and he stated that two weeks constant work would complete the houses. The County Engineer indicated that it was hoped



to have the houses completed by that date.

Councillor McManus stated that he could not understand why the Council could not force the Contractor under the terms of Contract, to finish housing schemes on the agreed completion date. The County Engineer stated that this was very difficult to do and also that if you have a contractor removed from the site, it was virtually impossible to get another contractor to complete the scheme and that from experience he found it was better to let the Contractor finish the scheme even if this means going beyond the completion date. Councillor McManus then enquired why more housing schemes were not built by direct labour. Councillor Ryan supported the need for additional houses. He asked that the Council give more serious consideration to whom they give a contract for houses to. He felt that the lowest tender may not be the best tender. The County Secretary gave details of the number of houses completed and stated that unless there was something specific against a Contractor, there was a required procedure to be followed. He also gave details of the scheme with the Department for sanction. Councillor McManus stated that it could be seen that only 60% of the people in the northern area will be housed. He emphasised that this was a fast growing area and, therefore, housing should be given due consideration.

#### Redcross:

In reply to query from Councillor T. Keenan it was stated that the four houses at Redcross should be finished by the 30th August, 1979.

#### Newcastle:

The expected completion date for the 20 House Scheme at Newcastle was stated to be 1st January, 1980.

#### Roundwood:

The expected completion date for the 10 houses at Roundwood was stated to be August, 1979. Councillor D. Miley stated that they were making good progress.

#### Carrigacurra:

The expected completion date for the one house at Carrigacurra was stated to be the 31st July, 1979.

#### Blessington:

The expected completion date for the 32 Housing Scheme at Blessington was stated to be 30th August, 1979.

#### Aughrim:

Councillor Keenan stated that work on the housing scheme in Aughrim was progressing very slow and that work appeared only to proceed at the weekends. The Chairman requested that this matter be examined. Councillor J. Miley stated that the Clerk of Works were paid to oversee these works but did not seem to be doing so effectively.

#### Rathnew:

It was indicated that the completion date for the 24 House Scheme at Rathnew was the 30th August, 1979.

#### Rathdrum:

It was indicated that pressure was being put on the Contractor to have the scheme



at Rathdrum finalised as soon as possible.

#### Redcross (Rural cottage):

It was indicated that the completion date for the rural cottage at Redcross is the 1st November, 1979.

#### Housing Schemes at Newtownmountkennedy and Avoca

It was indicated that the Housing Schemes at Newtownmountkennedy and Avoca were making good progress.

#### Baltinglass:

Councillor Timmins enquired when the scheme at Baltinglass was expected to commence and was informed that it should start in September. Councillor J. Miley requested that the starting date be included on the Contract.

#### TENDERS ACCEPTED:

It was indicated that tenders had been accepted for the following:-

Shillelagh 8, Bray 75, and Kirikee 4.

It was proposed to commence the Shillelagh scheme within the next month.

In relation to Bray, Councillor A. Murphy stated that the County Manager gave a commitment that he would push for early approval of this scheme. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the County Manager had been in contact with the Department officials and a decision was expected. Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Council be informed of the position at the meeting next Monday, the 9th July, 1979, if the decision was to hand in the interim.

Councillor A. Murphy also requested that Durkin Brothers, the contractors for the Bray Scheme, be asked to build the houses in blocks so that a number of the houses could be allocated before the remainder were built. The Chairman stated their record in building houses at Ringsend for Dublin Corporation was good. The County Engineer stated that he would bear Councillor A. Murphys suggestion in mind when signing the contract.

Councillors J. Miley and D. Kinsella queried if Wicklow County Council were in this instance, in fact building houses for Bray Urban District Council. The Deputy County Manager outlined the position in relation to the erection and allocation of these houses for persons on the Wicklow County Council housing list.

#### ADVERTISED FOR TENDER:

It was indicated that the 58 Housing Scheme at Greystones had been advertised for tender. The Deputy County Manager indicated that tenders had been received and were now being examined.

#### CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION:

Councillor Giff enquired re the position as regard building houses at Barndarrig. The County Engineer indicated that negotiations were taking place with the landowner for a site for sewerage disposal works. Councillor H. Cullen stated that he had been approached by the Parish Priest in Barndarrig who had expressed concern at the length it was taking the Council to build houses in Barndarrig. He also stated that it was thirty years since the Council built houses in Barndarrig and that there were 30 families in need of housing.



It was indicated to Councillor E. Miley that scheme layout drawings have been prepared for housing scheme at Laragh.

In regard to Kiltegan, Councillor G. Timmins, enquired when the land will be transferred and houses built. The Deputy County Manager indicated that negotiations had taken place but had not been very fruitful. Councillor Timmins stated that there was a great demand in this area for houses. Councillor J. Miley stated that this matter had been going on for a long time.

It was indicated that a scheme for 40 houses was being prepared for Kilcoole and it was proposed to build them by Direct Labour. Councillor John McManus stated that the Direct Labour Schemes were doing well and he enquired why more schemes were not built by Direct Labour. The County Engineer stated that the Council were fully taxed and had not the same scope as a private developer, and also that it was difficult to recruit tradesmen.

Councillor Keenan enquired when the scheme at Ballinaclash would be advertised and was informed that it would be advertised about September.

It was also indicated that documents were being prepared for schemes on recently acquired site at Ashford.

It was indicated that documents were being prepared for a scheme at Dunlavin. Councillor Deering stated that this had been going on for quite a while and he requested that the scheme be expedited.

In reply to query from Councillor K. Ryan it was indicated that documents were being prepared for housing development on a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 acre site at Carnew.

It was indicated that drawings were being prepared for a further 12 houses at Newcastle.

In reply to query it was indicated that drawings were being prepared for four additional houses at the rear of existing scheme in Rathdrum.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE SITES AND PRIVATE HOUSING:

In Progress: It was indicated that 10 sites had been allocated in March, 1978 in Greystones.

It was also indicated that development works were in progress at Kilbride.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired where the roadway to the sites at Greystones would lead from and was informed by Mr. J. Solan where this would be.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that private sites should be allocated and that people who had applied were anxious to know if they were getting one. Councillor John Byrne supported and stated that people in the Bray Co-Operative were anxious to know where they stand. Councillor A. Murphy also stressed that people should have the option to build bungalows or two storey houses and that plans should be drawn up accordingly.

#### OTHER PROPOSALS:

In relation to Baltinglass, Councillor Timmins, T.D. requested that something definite be submitted by September. He stated that it was only a matter of having the land surveyed. Councillor P. Deering supported. Councillor J. Miley stated that it was much the same situation at Blessington.

The Chairman proposed that a special team be set up to endeavour to make available private sites at Bray, Blessington, Baltinglass, Greystones, Kilcoole and Shillelagh as it was the opinion of the Council that this part of the programme seemed to have fallen behind.

Councillor K. Ryan informed the Council that there was land at Shillelagh beside the Housing Estate for sale. He requested that the Council approach the landowner right away with a view to buying the land for housing.



ACQUISITION OF LAND:

In relation to acquisition of land at Johnstown, the Chairman requested that this be expedited.

In relation to acquisition of land at Ballycoogue, Councillor Keenan stated that it was nearly a year since a site was first offered and he requested that negotiations take place with a view to having a site obtained.

In relation to acquisition of land at Valkeymount, Councillor J. Miley stated that there did not seem to be any progress since the last report. He asked if the Chief Medical Officer had reported on the site and was informed that no report was received. He, therefore, requested that a report be submitted by the next Council meeting.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the Council did not seem to be making any progress with regard to acquiring land at Glenealy and he urged that this be done.

In regard to acquiring land at Grangecon, Councillor J. Miley enquired if this land could not be acquired by consent. It was agreed that this would be listed on the Agenda for the Area Meeting for West Wicklow.

Councillor D. Miley enquired about acquiring land at Rathdrum for Sheltered Homes and was informed that negotiations were taking place with the Eastern Health Board but the Council were not entirely happy with the price being sought.

In regard to acquiring land at Thomastown/Johnstown, Councillor Kinsella was informed (in committee) that it was proposed to acquire the land from a Mr. Bracken. Councillor Kinsella stated that this was unfair as Mr. Bracken had already given land to the Council for a sheep dipping bath. He also stated that this was not the most suitable site for housing as it was very far away from the local school. He suggested another landowner that might be approached with a view to acquiring land and it was agreed that he give his name to the Deputy County Manager at the end of the meeting. Councillor Keenan supported Councillor Kinsella and stated this man had only 40 acres of land and needed the land. He also stated that there was another owner in the area who leases his land and he suggested that the Council approach him in order to acquire land. It was agreed that the question of acquiring land at Stratford be included on the Agenda for the Area Meeting for West Wicklow. Councillor P. Deering stated that beside the housing estate there was a small site that might be suitable for housing.

The Council was informed that compulsory purchase order was made for 28 acre site for schools, town centre development and future housing. Councillor J. Miley enquired how long this was with the Department and was informed that they had received it in May. He requested that they be asked to have it dealt with as soon as possible.

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Council were not now receiving a list of repairs that had taken place and he hoped that this procedure will be re-activated.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Application for Road Closing (Rathdrum):

The Council was informed that an application from the Motor Enthusiasts Club had been received, for the closing of the roads in the Corballis area,



Rathdrum, on Saturday, 29th September, 1979, between the hours of 12.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. It was indicated that there was no objection to granting permission, subject to the Motor Enthusiasts Club indemnifying the Council against all accidents which may arise. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor R. Miley that these roads be closed on the 29th September, 1979, between the hours of 12.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. subject to the aforementioned conditions.

The Council was also informed that the Motor Enthusiasts' Club gave a donation to the Council for the Blind for the Rathdrum area last year and hoped to be in a position this year to do the same.

#### Carnew Sewerage Scheme

The Council was informed that the Department had conveyed the Ministers sanction to the Preliminary Report for the Carnew Sewerage scheme at an estimated cost of £131,335.00. Arrangements were now being made with the Consulting Engineers for the preparation of contract documents, bill of quantity etc., for the scheme.

#### Coolboy Sewerage Scheme

Councillor V. Blake enquired about the position in regard to Coolboy Sewerage Scheme and was informed that the Council had advertised for a pump.

#### Water supply - Glen of Imaal area

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., enquired what steps the Council were taking to improve the present supply in this area. The County Engineer indicated that the Council officials had met the Army Authorities and they did not want the Council to take over the water supply, and that it was now proposed to look for other sources for augmenting the present supply. Councillor Timmins enquired why the Council cannot get their supply from the Little Slaney as there was sufficient water in the area. Councillor J. Miley supported.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the Agenda for the Area Meeting.

#### Water supply - Greystones area

Councillor A. Murphy stated that when Dublin Corporation workers were connecting the water supply in the Greystones area, they worked the normal hours from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. This left the residents in the area without water for three days. He requested that in future instances such as this that they be requested to work round the clock in order to have the supply connected as soon as possible. He stated that this was the usual procedure in their own area.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that there was no water in the Rathdown Park area and he requested that this be examined.

#### Burst water pipe on Killarney Road

Councillor John Byrne stated that a pipe had burst on this road about five weeks ago and he requested that it be repaired.

#### Footpaths in Beechwood Park

Councillor John Byrne requested that the footpaths in Beechwood Park be surfaced. This had been raised many times previously and had been discussed with deputation.



Wicklow Football Team

Councillor J. Miley congratulated the Wicklow Football team on the display they gave when they played Dublin in Newbridge on Sunday, the 1st July. All Councillors present associated themselves with the vote of congratulations. Councillor Miley enquired if the Council could assist the team financially, and was informed that this was not feasible.

Blessington Sewerage Scheme

Councillor J. Miley enquired about Blessington Sewerage Scheme and stated that this scheme was holding up development in the area, particularly planning applications. It was indicated that the Department had looked for further information and was informed that this information had been submitted in May.

Refuse Collection

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Refuse Collection service in Blessington had completely broken down. After discussion, it was agreed that refuse collection would be listed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Fire Station at Tinahely

Councillor Ryan enquired what the position was in regard to the Fire Station at Tinahely and was informed that the plans had been revised at the request of the Department and it would have to be re-advertised. Councillor Ryan stated that the equipment was being left in the open and would be deteriorating in the interim.

Sinking of well at Roundwood

Councillor R. Miley proposed that the Council sink a well at Roundwood in order to provide a water supply. Councillor Leeson supported. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the Area Meeting.

Housing Estate in Glenealy

Councillor Giff urged that the Council level out the area in front of the Housing Estate in Glenealy and erect a paling to prevent children from running out on the road.

Kilcoole Water Supply Scheme

In reply to query from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, it was indicated that the Kilcoole Water Supply Scheme had been advertised and the closing date is the 23rd July, 1979.

Sewerage Scheme at Knockananna

Councillor T. Keenan enquired about sewerage scheme at Knockananna and was informed by the County Engineer that it was expected that it would be completed in the next few months.

ITEM 7 FIXING OF DATES FOR AREA MEETINGSNorthern Area:

The area meeting for the northern area was fixed for Monday, the 16th July, 1979, in the Courthouse, Wicklow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.



Western Area:

The area meeting for the western area was fixed for Tuesday, the 17th July, 1979, in the Downshire House Hotel, Blessington, commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Eastern Area:

The area meeting for the eastern area was fixed for Thursday, the 19th July, 1979, in the Courthouse, Wicklow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Southern area:

The area meeting for the southern area was fixed for Monday, the 23rd July, 1979, in the Courthouse, Wicklow, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The Chairman requested that a report on Small Water and Sewerage Schemes and Roadworks Schemes be available for the area meetings.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the members be informed at the area meetings of any works which the Council will have difficulty completing for which money has been allocated.

Councillor McManus requested that a progress report on Amenity Schemes be also submitted for the Area meetings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

DATE



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, THE 9TH JULY, 1979

**PRESENT:** Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman  
Councillors V. Blake, H. Cullen, P. Deering, J. Giff, F. Hynes, T. Keenan, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley, A. Murphy, R. Miley, N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, and G. Timmins, T.D.,

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Kavanagh, Weadick, Jones, Kinsella and Byrne.

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,  
Mr. A. Figeon, Acting County Secretary,  
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,  
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section.

**ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 21st June, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

**Item 13 - Appointment of Library Advisory Committee - Annual Meeting held on the 21st June, 1979**

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, dated 2nd July, 1979, indicating that Wicklow Urban District Council had nominated the following to be included on the County Wicklow Library Advisory Committee:-

Councillor M. Murphy, Greenhill Road, Wicklow  
Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara, 12, Leitrim Place, Wicklow

As all the places on this committee had been filled at the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council, it was agreed that the Urban Council be written to and informed of this.

In their letter, they also nominated the following to be placed on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara, 12, Leitrim Place, Wicklow  
Councillor Miss N. Fitzpatrick, Mallmount, The Mall, Wicklow

It was agreed that these names be included on the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee as this Committee fluctuates.

**ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF GROUND CONTAINING .219 ACRES AT "THE GREEN," KILCOOLE**

The Council was informed that at the Council Meeting held on the 31st July, 1978, it had been agreed to dispose of .16 acres of land at The Green, Kilcoole, to Mr. Herbert Hill for garage extension. It had now been realised that the amount of land involved was found to be more on actual measurement and it was proposed to dispose of .219 acres for the consideration of £300.00, to Mr. Hill. The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their attention.



It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and agreed that the terms of the Section 83 Notice be agreed to.

### ITEM 3 TO DISPOSE OF PLOT CONTAINING ONE ACRE AT CREOWEN, KILCOOLE

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. It was proposed to dispose of a one acre site approximately at Creowen, Kilcoole, to Habco Engineering Limited for the consideration of £13,000. The proposed development will consist of the erection of a factory and offices on the Kilcoole Industrial Estate. The project has been approved for grant assistance under the Small Industries Programme of the I.D.A.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that the terms of the Section 83 Notice be agreed to.

### ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79 OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was agreed that this item be adjourned to the next meeting and that it be re-circulated for that meeting.

### ITEM 5 HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1979

Details of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1979 were circulated to the members for their information. The main changes were set out in the covering letter attached to the scheme and explained by the Acting County Secretary.

In relation to income, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the Department be asked to leave the maximum rateable valuation of land at £60 instead of £50.

Councillor McManus requested information on the scheme e.g. how many people applied for grants in 1978.

A discussion also took place on what parts of the County should be included at the Higher rate under Clause 3 (a). Councillor Timmins enquired if a person living 15½ miles away from the school would be included. It was felt by Councillor A. Murphy that the areas of Bray and Greystones should also be included in the Higher rate. Councillor J. Miley enquired what the dead line for West Wicklow was and he felt that this should be included at the Higher rate as there was very little public transport in the area.

The Chairman stated that it will have to be ascertained if the 15 mile limit was a statutory limit or if it is flexible.

Councillor McManus stated that the Council should endeavour that anybody living in the County boundary of Wicklow should be eligible for the Higher rate.

It was indicated that this was the first year that the 15 mile limit has been mentioned by the Department. It was agreed that the areas of Bray, Greystones, Kilcoole and West Wicklow be taken up with the Department. It was also indicated that while the Higher Education Grants Scheme was administered by the Council it was now basically financed from state funds.

It was agreed that the Council go ahead and proceed with the operation of the scheme and that the queries mentioned above be taken up with the Department.

### ITEM 6 NATIONAL HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 1979 - HARROGATE

The Council was informed that notification had been received from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, London, indicating that the Council's 1979 National Conference and Exhibition will be held at Harrogate from the 9th to 11th October, both dates inclusive.

It was agreed that the same number of members as last year should attend the Conference - the names to be submitted to the Secretary.



Councillor McManus enquired if there was any proof that these conferences had proved beneficial to the members. The Chairman stated that the members have an opportunity of seeing new ideas and innovations and that this conference was indeed beneficial. Councillor A. Murphy stated that it gives a very good insight of how the British system works and that it is of great benefit to the Council. Councillor McManus then stated that it would be beneficial for the officials to attend but he could not see how it would benefit the members. Councillor K. Ryan then enquired if Councillor McManus was insinuating that the members knew nothing about housing and he stated that he was very interested in the type of housing to be provided. Councillor F. Hynes stated that if the Minister thought that there was nothing to be gained from Councillors attending such conferences, he would not allow it. Councillor A. Murphy stated that if Councillor McManus was involved with the Council for a number of years, he would recognise the benefit of such conferences. Mr. Brian Johnston, Deputy County Manager stated that he had attended this conference previously and that there were workshops, exhibitions and display. He also stated that it was a two way process in relation to ideas.

#### ITEM 7 TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS TO ARKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY AND TWO MEMBERS TO WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Councillor John Sweeney was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Giff to serve on the Arklow Harbour Authority.

Councillor M. Weadick was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor V. Blake to serve on the Arklow Harbour Authority.

There were no other nominations and Councillors Sweeney and Weadick were elected

The following were nominated to serve on the Wicklow Harbour Authority:-

Councillors F. Hynes, J. Giff and L. Kavanagh, T.D.,

A vote was then taken and Councillors Kavanagh and Hynes were elected.

#### ITEM 8 PURCHASE OF MRS. HEALY'S HOUSE AT OLD VILLAGE, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council purchase Mrs. Healy's house at Old Village, Rathnew, as the corner is deadly dangerous and a number of accidents have occurred there and it is in the Development Plan to be removed."

The Council was informed that no money had been allocated in the current year's Roadworks scheme to include the above. Councillor F. Hynes stated that this house was situated in a very dangerous place and he explained to the Council where this was. He said a number of accidents had occurred there and it was on a very dangerous corner. Councillor Hynes also indicated that Mrs. Healy's family were living in Bray and that she wished to go there. He, therefore, proposed that the Council remove this house. It was indicated from the County Engineer's report that the value of the house was approximately £11,000. It was agreed that the matter would be further investigated.

#### ITEM 9 REPAIRING OF ROAD AT SYLVAN LAWN, KILCOOLE

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair and maintain the road at the back of the houses at Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole."

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill, and agreed that the terms of the Section 87 Notice be agreed to.

#### ITEM 1 TO DISPOSE OF PLOT CONTAINING ONE ACRE AT CHURCH, KILCOOLE

The Section 87 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. It was proposed to dispose of a one acre site approximately at Church, Kilcoole, to Hanco Engineering Limited for the construction of a factory. The proposed development will consist of the erection of a factory and offices on the Kilcoole Industrial Estate. The project has been approved for grant assistance under the Small Industries Programme of the I.D.A.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill, and agreed that the terms of the Section 87 Notice be agreed to.

#### ITEM 2 ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79 OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was agreed that this item be adjourned to the next meeting and that it be re-circulated for that meeting.

#### ITEM 3 HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1978

Details of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1979 were circulated to the members for their information. The main changes were set out in the covering letter attached to the scheme and explained by the Acting County Secretary.

In relation to income, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the Department be asked to leave the maximum rateable valuation of land at £60 instead of £70.

Councillor McManus requested information on the scheme e.g. how many people applied for grants in 1978.

A discussion then took place on what parts of the County should be included at the higher rateable value (a). Councillor Timmins enquired if a person living 1/2 mile away from the school would be included. It was felt by Councillor A. Murphy that the areas of Bray and Greystones should also be included in the higher rate. Councillor J. Milley enquired that the deal line for West Wicklow was not that this should be included at the higher rate as there was very little public transport in the area.

The Chairman stated that it will have to be ascertained if the 1/2 mile limit was a statutory limit or if it is flexible.

Councillor McManus stated that the Council should endeavour that anybody living in the County boundary of Wicklow should be eligible for the higher rate.

It was indicated that this was the first year that the 1/2 mile limit has been mentioned by the Department. It was agreed that the areas of Bray, Greystones, Kilcoole and West Wicklow be taken up with the Department. It was also indicated that while the Higher Education Grants Scheme was administered by the Council it was now basically financed from state funds.

It was agreed that the Council go ahead and proceed with the operation of the scheme and that the queries mentioned should be taken up with the Department.

#### ITEM 6 NATIONAL HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 1979

The Council was informed that notification had been received from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, London, indicating that the Council's 1979 National Conference and Exhibition will be held at Harrogate from the 24th to 28th October, both dates inclusive.

It was agreed that the same number of members as last year should attend the Conference - the names to be submitted to the Secretary.



ITEM 10 REMOVAL OF BURNT OUT WRECK ON ROAD AT KILBRIDE, ARKLOW

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

"We request the County Engineer to remove the burnt out wreck which is on the road at Kilbride, Arklow."

It was indicated to the Council that the above had been removed but the person responsible was not known.

ITEM 11 SURFACE DRESSING OF LANE FROM JOHNSTOWN TO KILAHURLER

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

"That this Council surface dress Sleighduff land from Johnstown to Kilahurler."

It was indicated that Sleighduff lane was not in the charge of the County Council and accordingly, no work can be undertaken to surface dress it. Councillor Sweeney stated that it had been surfaced before by the Council. The County Engineer indicated that it may have been done under Local Improvement Schemes or agencies but that the road would have to be taken over by the Council before public money could be spent on it. It was, therefore, agreed that this road be taken over and surface dressed.

ITEM 12 REPAIRING OF KILCASHAL LANE, AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan and John Sweeney was considered:-

"I wish to propose that the Council repair and make safe the Kilcashal Lane, Avoca, which serves some Council houses."

It was indicated to the Council that Kilcashal lane was not in the charge of the County Council and accordingly, no work can be undertaken on the repair of it. Councillor Keenan stated that there was a number of Council houses on this road, and that, therefore, proper access should be provided to these houses. It was agreed that the road be taken over and repaired.

ITEM 13 PROVISION OF DRAIN AT THE MEETINGS, AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, R. Miley was considered:-

"I wish to propose that the Council provide a drain at the Meetings, Avoca, to eliminate flooding on the road."

The Council was informed that there was a drain already in existence but was broken during the laying of the new watermain, which is the cause of the flooding. The necessary repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

ITEM 14 REMOVAL OF BEND ON LEFT HAND SIDE OF MAIN ROAD LEADING FROM THE VILLAGE OF AVOCA AT THE MEETINGS OF THE WATERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. Keenan, J. Sweeney and R. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council remove the bend on the left hand side of the main road leading from the village of Avoca at the Meetings of the Waters. The soil removed can be dumped across the road at the side of the river to make a walk by the riverside."



The Council was informed that the above had been investigated and found that it would be necessary to remove this bend when the local proprietor provides a car park opposite his public house. This matter will be included in the Estimates for 1980. Regarding the dumping of the material at the side of the river, this would all be washed away during the winter and cause silting in the river in Arklow. Councillor Keenan stated that soil should be placed at the side of the river as a walk. It was agreed that a report be obtained from the Environmental Services Section to ascertain if money was available under Amenity Schemes for this work.

#### ITEM 15 FIRE STATION AT ARKLOW

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

"That the roof of the Fire Station at Arklow be repaired and made waterproof."

The Council was informed that the roof of the Fire Station was considered to be in need of repair. The estimated cost of repairs to the roof was £150.00. As well as the repairs to the roof, it was considered that it would be desirable to provide a permanent separation between the Fire Station and the area stores.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the members should not have to bring matters like this up at meetings and that there should be people inspecting these matters.

#### ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

##### Notice of Motion:

Councillor J. Miley stated that a Notice of Motion deferred from the May meeting had not appeared on the Agenda since. He indicated that he would inform the Secretary what this item was after the meeting, and it was agreed that it would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

##### Housing Scheme at Bray:

The Council was informed that sanction re telephone had been obtained from the Department for the building of the 75 House Scheme at Bray and that an initial allocation of £140,000.00 had been made available. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was delighted to hear this and he requested that the developer be asked to build the houses in blocks so as to facilitate early occupation of the houses.

##### Train Times Wicklow to Dublin:

The Deputy County Manager indicated that quite a number of representations had been received in relation to train connections Wicklow to Dublin. The main problem appeared to be with a gap in the service in the period 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. He wanted to know what the members views were on this and if they would be in a position to support a resolution to C.I.E. with a view to having a train at this time. Several members indicated that they had been approached in this matter and it was unanimously agreed to contact C.I.E. with a view to having the required service provided.

Councillor A. Murphy referred to the provision of a train halt at Kilcoole and he requested that C.I.E. be contacted in this regard.

Councillor McManus stated that the Council should set up a committee to review the whole transport situation in the county in view of the number of people residing in Wicklow and working in Dublin.

It was agreed that further consideration could be given to this proposal when the reply is available from C.I.E.



Bridge at Coolafinshogue, Tinahely:

The Council was informed that this bridge had been re-examined. It was intended to carry out some underpinning work to prop the centre pier which has silted due to foundation failure. Repairs to be undercut concrete of the other two piers will be made. The placing of the load limited signs on the approaches to the bridge was being arranged. The above works should delay for some years the necessity to provide a new bridge. Councillor V. Blake enquired when the work would start and the County Engineer indicated that it was proposed to start work soon.

Bray Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1973:

With reference to the traffic and parking controls for the town of Bray, the Council was informed that reference number 6 of the Third Schedule of parking restrictions should be deleted from the copy of these schedules, as this area had been designated as an authorised stopping place for omnibuses. Also reference number 6 refers to a one-hour parking restriction on the west side of Main Street from a point 20' south of Mill Lane southwards for a distance of 70'.

It was agreed that a copy of these Bye-Laws be circulated to the members for the northern area. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also requested a copy.

Church Road, Greystones:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if Abbeyhomesteads had obtained a licence to open Church Road, Greystones. She also indicated that there were no lights on the road at night indicating that works were taking place, and she stated that the footpaths on the road were being damaged. The County Engineer stated that Abbeyhomesteads had obtained permission to close the road subject to certain conditions and that if the roads and footpaths were damaged, Abbeyhomesteads would have to restore them. The point regarding the lights was noted.

Old Mining Shafts at Conary:

Councillor H. Cullen stated that he had received a deputation from people residing in the Conary area and they complained about the dangers attached to old mining shafts nearby. Councillor Cullen requested that the Council write to the Mining Company in Avoca and ask them to have this re-fenced in view of the possible danger to the children in the area. Agreed.

Houses at Rathdown Park, Greystones:

Councillor A. Murphy complained that the houses at Rathdown Park, Greystones, have been without a supply of water for some time and he requested that action be taken immediately to have it restored. The Chairman stated that there seemed to be a local fault in regard to this supply. It was indicated that the particular problem of this area had been taken up with Dublin Corporation some time ago and the matter was receiving attention.

Plot of land - hedging:

Councillor A. Murphy indicated that the hedging on a plot of land at Boghall Road which Mr. Nolan gave to the Council was obscuring the view along the road and he requested that it be removed.

Factory at Dunlavin:

Councillor J. Miley complained that there was a bad odour coming from the



factory at Dunlavin. He said that there had been previous representations in this regard but that the matter had not been resolved. After discussion, it was agreed that the matter be taken up with the County Development Officer in order to approach the owners in this matter.

Service of John Doyle who had retired:

Councillor J. Miley referred to a Mr. John Doyle who had retired from the employment of the Council and he stated that the pension offered to this man was not enough. He also stated that this man had service with the Civil Defence. The Deputy County Manager indicated that there was on-going correspondence in this regard and that the matter would be taken up again with the Department.

Land for sewerage treatment works at Barndarrig:

Councillor Giff referred to land at Barndarrig which it was proposed to obtain for sewerage treatment works and he requested that the Council proceed with buying this land as the landowner was under considerable pressure from residents in the area.

Advance Factory at Carnew:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about the provision of an Advance Factory at Carnew and was informed by the Deputy County Manager that the Council had been in touch with the I.D.A. and would renew the case again.

Kindlestown Park, Greystones:

Councillor McManus requested that a report be submitted on houses numbers 61 to 98 at Kindlestown Park, for the northern area meeting and also the eventual plans for that area. It was agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda for the area meeting.

In reply to query about the electricity, the County Engineer indicated that the bond had been paid to the E.S.B. and that it was a matter of the E.S.B. proceeding with the work.

Slaney bridge:

Councillor Timmins enquired if there was any report on Slaney Bridge and that he understood that money had been provided in the Estimates for same. The County Engineer indicated that no bridge had been designed. Councillor Timmins then advocated that work should proceed as soon as possible.

Meetings during the month of August:

Councillor Sweeney proposed that the Council hold no meetings during the month of August. Councillor K. Ryan then enquired if it would be in order to submit more than the allowed number of notices of motion for the September meetings. Agreed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

*[Signature]*

CHAIRMAN

*10/9/78*

DATE



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,  
Mr. J. Solan, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,  
Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,  
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services  
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the New Offices.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager, on the recent death of his sister in Scotland. The County Secretary associated himself on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council Staff. Councillors present associated themselves with the expression of sympathy. Mr. Hayes thanked the Chairman members and Council Staff for their expression of sympathy.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 2nd July, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 (a) NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT

The Council was informed that agreement had been reached on pay policy between Employer Organisations and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. It was noted that the first phase increase shall be applied to the basic rate of pay of adult employees from the date of expiry of Clause 3 (d) of the National Agreement 1978. This phase shall operate for a period of nine months and shall be for which ever of the following two amounts is the greater:-

- (i) 9 per cent of basic pay, or (ii) £5.50 per week.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that this increase be implemented.

ITEM 2 (b) SALARY REVISION GRADES IV to VII

The Council was informed that the proposals with regard to the salary revision grades IV to VII of the Clerical/Administrative Structure (Assistant Staff Officer - Administrative Officer inclusive and analogous grades) have been accepted by the Local Government and Public Services Union. These proposals were in line with increases granted in the scales for the Civil Service grades of Executive Officer and Higher Executive Officer and will result in the following adjustments in the salary scales:-

Wicklow County Council



4.5% effective from the 1st July, 1978

3.3% effective from 1st January, 1979

It was now necessary that approval be obtained from the Council. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and agreed that the increase be granted.

### ITEM 3 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS - CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Circular letter G. 3/79 International Conferences and Meetings was circulated to the members for their information. It was recommended in the circular that representation on any international conference or meetings should not exceed three members and if an officer also attends, two members.

Councillor McManus stated that this circular was long over due. He stated that the points made by the Minister were similar to those expressed by him at a Council meeting recently.

The County Manager indicated that this circular was basically similar to a previous circular and the Minister should consider its contents.

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that he had attended these conferences in the past and it was notable how far behind Ireland was in relation to Housing etc., and he felt that the Council should be sending more members, not less.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that it would appear from the circular that there was no cut back in the number of members going, only those that were being paid for by the Council.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he had participated in two of these conferences since he became a member of Wicklow County Council and he found them very useful.

Councillor J. McManus stated that he was <sup>not</sup> opposed to these conferences but to the number of Councillors attending. He suggested that members attending should report back on the conference to the Council. Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was impossible to attend all the sessions as there were usually more than one being held simultaneously.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that he was amazed at this circular as he felt that Councillors were very hard working and were the backbone of whatever political party they belonged to. When attending Council meetings they forfeited the required time from their work.

After discussion, it was agreed that in regard to National Housing and Town Planning Council Conference at Harrogate, this should stand as decided at meeting held on the 9th July, 1979, as members had already made arrangements to attend.

### ITEM 4 CREATION OF POST OF CHIEF ASSISTANT (PLANNING) AND ABOLITION OF POST OF CHIEF PLANNING ASSISTANT

The County Secretary outlined the position in regard to the above and stated that in the view of the County Engineer the creation of a post of Chief Assistant (Planning) would give more flexibility for recruitment. It was recommended to the Council that this post be filled as soon as possible.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired what the difference was between the post of Chief Assistant (Planning) and Chief Planning Assistant. The County Secretary then read the Qualifications for both of these posts.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Council should agree to this recommendation as it was very important that someone be appointed in charge of Planning. He then proposed that the post of Chief Assistant (Planning) be created. Councillor J. McManus seconded. Agreed.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he opposed the creation of this post as he said that there was a serious fall down in planning conditions on planning permission. He proposed that each area have its own Engineer.



1. 2% effective from the 1st July, 1978  
2. 3% effective from 1st January, 1979

It was now necessary that approval be obtained from the Council. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Ryan and agreed that the increase be granted.

#### ITEM 5 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS - CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Circular letter G. 579 International Conferences and Meetings was circulated to the members for their information. It was recommended in the circular that representation on any international conference or meeting should not exceed three members and if an officer also attended, two members.

Councillor McKenna stated that this circular was long overdue. He stated that the points made by the Minister were similar to those expressed by him at a Council meeting recently.

The County Manager indicated that this circular was basically similar to a previous circular and the Minister should consider its contents.

Councillor E. Kinsella stated that he had attended these conferences in the past and it was notable how far behind Ireland was in relation to housing etc. and he felt that the Council should be sending more members, not less.

Councillor J. Pearson stated that it would appear from the circular that there was a lack of back in the number of members going, only those that were being paid for by the Council.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he had participated in two of these conferences and became a member of Wicklow County Council and he found them very useful.

Councillor J. McKenna stated that he was opposed to these conferences but to the number of Councillors attending. He suggested that members attending should report back to the Council. Councillor E. Ryan stated that it was impossible to attend all the sessions as there were usually more than one being held simultaneously.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that he was amazed at this circular as he felt that Councillors were very hard working and were the backbone of whatever political party they belonged to. When attending Council meetings they forfeited the regular time from their work.

After discussion, it was agreed that in regard to National Housing and Town Planning Council Conference at Harrogate, this should stand as decided at meeting held on the 9th July, 1979 as members had already made arrangements to attend.

#### ITEM 6 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PLANNING) AND ABOLITION OF POST OF CHIEF PLANNING ASSISTANT

The County Secretary outlined the position in regard to the above and stated that in the view of the County Engineer, the creation of a post of Chief Assistant (Planning) would give more flexibility for recruitment. It was recommended to the Council that this post be filled as soon as possible.

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Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Council should agree to this recommendation as it was very important that someone be appointed in charge of Planning. He then proposed that the post of Chief Assistant (Planning) be created. Councillor J. McKenna seconded. Agreed.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he opposed the creation of this post as he said that there was a serious fall down in planning conditions on planning permission. He proposed that each area have its own Engineer.

Councillor K. Ryan stressed that the County Development Plan should be completed as soon as possible.

#### ITEM 5 RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000,000 FOR S.D.A. LOANS

The Council was informed that one million pounds in respect of loan number 21639 for S.D.A. loans and grants was sanctioned on the 23rd May, 1978. Instalments to the value of £800,000 have been requisitioned off this loan and it was now necessary that approval be obtained to the raising of a further loan.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that a loan of £1,000,000 be raised for S.D.A. loans.

#### ITEM 6 RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000,000 IN RESPECT OF DEVOLVED HOUSING

The Council was informed that loan number 22126 for £1,000,000 in respect of Devolved Housing Works was sanctioned on 13th June, 1979. To date £600,000 has been requisitioned off this loan. The Department indicated that it would be in the Council's interest to seek early approval to the raising of a further loan for Devolved Housing Works.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that a loan of £1,000,000 be raised for Devolved Housing.

#### ITEM 7 PRIORITY LIST FOR MAJOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

Documentation was circulated to the members in relation to Major Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated this had been discussed at the area meetings and he was now bringing it before the Council for consideration and if it was agreeable to the Council, the priority list would be forwarded to the Department. A further progress report would be submitted in Spring 1980.

The Council was informed that the following major schemes were in progress:-

- Kilcoole Water Supply Improvement Scheme
- North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 1
- Wicklow Regional Water Supply Augmentation Scheme Stage 2

In relation to Blessington Sewerage Scheme, Council J. Miley stated that documentation for approval was with the Department since 1977 and he stated that from contacts he had made with the Department, it was felt by them that there was a conflict between the Consultants and the Council re population growth etc., The County Engineer explained the position and indicated that there was no conflict between the Council and the Consultants. Councillor P. Deering enquired if there was any query from the Department and stated that it was very important that the Sewerage Scheme and Water Supply Scheme for the area get under way. Mr. L. Brennan stated that a query from the Department had been replied to in May, 1979. It was agreed that the Department be informed again of the urgency of these schemes.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired what the position was in relation to Carnew Sewerage Scheme. Mr. L. Brennan stated that a few preliminary studies have to be made before a Preliminary Report is submitted. He indicated that the Consultants were now preparing contract documents. Councillor K. Ryan stated that there was raw sewage lying around near the National School and Vocational School in Carnew, and that this was a disgrace. Councillor V. Blake supported Councillor Ryan. Councillor Kinsella also supported Councillors Ryan and Blake and stated that this had been going on for over eight years.

The County Engineer stated that the Consulting Engineer had been instructed to prepare plans and he would request him to expedite the matter.



Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if Stage 1 North-east Regional Water Supply Scheme was nearly finished and was informed by the County Engineer that the Contractor had promised to resume work in September.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired what criteria was used in making the priority list and pointed out that North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 2 was last on the priority list. He did not think that this should be so in view of the large population growth in that area. Mr. Brennan stated that in the light of developments over the year in particular areas, the priority list could be reviewed.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that all schemes should be prepared and sent to the Department and then it would only be a matter of waiting for the money.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the Council be informed when plans were being sent to the Department and when they return. Mr. Brennan stated that the Council will be informed when there was a change in any scheme.

#### ITEM 8 DRAFT SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A copy of the Draft Scheme of Assistance to Local Organisations was circulated to the Members for their information. This scheme shall be known as the Community Grants Scheme and a list of organisations which could obtain a grant under this heading were outlined.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired if Community Games would be included. Mr. L. Brennan stated that there was a legal difficulty as regards Community Games, as they provide a service rather than providing a facility.

Councillor McManus stated that money was being made available to clubs who have some facility and he proposed that this Council will favour development in areas where this Council considers to be most in need.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he would like to know what organisations were to be included. The County Manager stated that the scheme was deliberately broad in outline and did not foresee any difficulty with a notable worthwhile proposal.

The schemes which had requested assistance were also indicated in the documentation.

Councillor McManus stated that in his opinion Greystones Lawn Tennis Club should not be given assistance as he considered the fee charged to new members exorbitant. Councillor G. Jones stated that the fees were high because of increased facilities they had provided recently. The Chairman stated that he did not see anything wrong with asking new members to clubs to pay for services already provided.

Councillor F. Hynes mentioned Wicklow Rugby Club and stated that they had assisted G.A.A. and other clubs in the area.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that this was a very fine scheme and it was a pity that there was not more money allowed for it.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and agreed that this scheme be accepted and the other clubs/organisations mentioned be considered.

#### ITEM 9 APPLICATION OF ASSEMBLIES TRUST FUND NOEMOOD, SIDMONTON ROAD, BRAY, FOR LOAN FOR PROVISION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY

The Council was informed that under the terms of Circular BCL/79 of 1st February, 1979, the County Councils are authorised under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1966 to pay a loan to Societies approved by the Minister for the purpose of providing housing accommodation for elderly persons.

The Secretary read report of Mr. U. McCabe, in which it was stated that the above Society had made an application to the Council for loan assistance towards the cost of providing five single dwelling units and two double dwelling units by way of an extension to the existing structure which will then accommodate a total of twenty



elderly persons. The estimated all-in-cost of the work involved is £54,143 and the Council is empowered to advance a loan of 75 percent of this i.e. a loan of £40,600. The lands have been examined by the County Engineer and in addition the County Medical Officer had certified that the persons to be accommodated in the institution were likely to be persons who would have to be accommodated in Health Board institutions or would be potentially eligible for local authority housing or public institutional care.

It was recommended to the Council that a loan of £40,600 be advanced to the Society.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and agreed that a loan of £40,600 be advanced to this society.

#### ITEM 10 PROPOSED PRIVATE SITES AT BALLYWATZIM, BRAY

The Secretary read report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, in which 40 sites were to be provided originally. Based on the estimated cost of the works at that time including P.V.C. etc., the sites worked out at £2,800 each. This was for the provision of 49 sites, 42 of which were semi-detached and 7 detached, all two-storey. The members of the Council required the site layout to be altered to include 29 bungalow sites. This brought the estimated cost of the development to £137,480 or £4,740 per site which was considered excessive for persons in this category who are likely to be allocated these sites. It was also indicated that there were 46 applicants who had not been vetted but many of them appeared eminently suitable. It was recommended to the Council that the semi-detached houses be provided at the lower cost.

Councillor McManus stated that the whole question of private sites should be reviewed.

Following further discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the matter be further examined and brought back to the Council with a breakdown.

ITEMS 11 to 30 WERE ADJOURNED

#### ITEM 31 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

##### Road from Jack Whites to the Beehive:

Councillor J. Sweeney requested that a report be submitted for the Ordinary Meeting on Monday, the 10th September re re-surfacing of the National Primary Road from Jack Whites to the Beehive.

##### VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor P. Deering proposed that a vote of sympathy be sent to the British Ambassador on the death of Lord Mountbatten. Councillor F. Hynes seconded. The Chairman stated that this atrocious deed could not be condoned.

##### DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILMACULLAGH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

In reply to Councillor Hynes, the County Secretary gave details of proposal re car park and acquisition of right-of-way and additional land adjacent to Sewerage treatment plant at Newtownmountkenedy.

##### HOUSING SCHEME AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the ditch at the Housing Scheme at Merrymeeting, Rathnew was rat infested and he requested that the matter be investigated with a view to its early removal.



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Following further discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the matter be further examined and brought back to the Council with a

and from June, 1910, to the fall of 1911.

William J. Sweeney requested that a report be submitted for the Ordinary  
on Monday, the 10th September re-re-auditing of the National Primary  
School Jack Linton to the Executive.

Witnesses stated that this atrocious death could not be condoned. Counselor R. Hynes succeeded. The Counselor R. Hynes proposed that a vote of sympathy be sent to the British

Apply to Comptroller General, The Comptroller General's Office, Washington, D.C. 20548.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about houses at Carnew and Ratheast in which squatters were occupying. Mr. U. McCabe stated that a seven days notice had been served on the occupiers to quit. If that fails they will be brought before the Courts. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he was surprised at how promptly the D.S.B. connections were made to the houses.

Councillor J. Miley enquired if County Engineer was aware of the flooding at Donard. The County Engineer agreed to investigate the situation.

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired about the placing of loose shingle on the above road. The County Engineer agreed to investigate the matter and to contact him.

Councillor J. Giff enquired if the County Engineer was satisfied with the cutting and trimming of hedges and grass on the roads that had been done. The County Engineer stated that the important roads had been completed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chairman, Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. Councillor F. Hynes presided as Chairman.

In view of the urgency of the matter, Councillor J. Miley requested that item 45 on the Agenda in relation to odour from factory at Dunlavin, be dealt with at the meeting.

**ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 9th July, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

**ITEM 2 RE-SURFACING OF THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD FROM JACK WHITES TO THE BEEHIVE**

The County Engineer indicated that investigations were not yet completed but that there was no fault with the Engineers or workmen involved with the re-surfacing of this road. He stated that the standard practice was adhered to but that the type of weather was a major factor and also the problem of slowing down traffic who travel at particularly high speeds along this road.

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired if this was likely to happen again. The County Engineer stated that the only alternative would be to close the roads during re-surfacing, which would entail obtaining permission from the Garda Authorities.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired what the legal position was when people claimed money for the breaking of their windscreens in instances such as this. The County Secretary replied that the Council were covered by the Insurers, and it was a matter out of the Councils control. When claims are received they are referred to the Insurers and claims that have been received have been referred. It is also normal that there is no compensation paid for broken windscreens. On the basis of cases gone through in the past, if the Council take the necessary precautions of alerting the public, windscreen claims were not paid by the Insurance Company.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if a report would be sought from the I.I.R.S. The County Engineer indicated that An Foras Forbartha had been asked to submit a report. Councillor McManus enquired what size chippings were used. The County Engineer replied that the work was done in accordance with the correct specification.

Councillor McManus then enquired what action was necessary to prevent this happening in the future. The County Engineer outlined the difficulties in relation to resurfacing busy roads.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. suggested that when road re-surfacing was taking place, lights should be put up and notice given in the press and on the Radio.



Councillor J. Miley complimented the County Engineer on recent surface dressing that had taken place in West Wicklow.

Councillor J. Giff enquired if a roller had been used would it have helped. The County Engineer stated that the machinery used had built-in rollers.

Councillor McManus noted that it did not rain for three days after re-surfacing and he enquired if the materials were then at fault.

The County Manager stated that he travelled that road on the Thursday and no indication was available other than the job was satisfactory.

In reply to Councillor G. Jones re resurfacing on the Kilpedder road, the County Engineer indicated that a carpet was being laid on this road. Councillor Kavanagh indicated that the barrels were not lit.

After further discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration until the Foras Forbartha report was received.

**ITEM 3 CONFIRMING RESOLUTIONS - RE CONTRIBUTION OF £15,000 PER ANNUM TO WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS AND GUARANTEEING OF LOAN OF £130,000.**

The County Secretary recommended that this resolution be on the same lines as previously.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. **AND agreed:-**

- (1) "That Wicklow County Council confirm the resolution passed by the Council on the 21st June, 1979, to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by contributing a sum of £15,000 per annum towards the re-development of Wicklow Harbour. This contribution shall only be paid while an examination of their accounts on a year to year basis indicates that the payment continues to be necessary."
- (2) "That Wicklow County Council confirm the resolution passed by the Council on the 21st June, 1979, agreeing to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1977 by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £130,000 repayable over a period of 30 years intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, out of the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour, in the county of Wicklow, and also guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable thereon on the said principal of £130,000 at such rates or rate as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and interest that may become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee."

**ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79 OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Minutes of Committee Meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in Downshire Arms Hotel, Blessington, on the 23rd May, 1979, were circulated to the members for their information, also the Annual Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Mr. L. Brennan detailed the report to the Council and stated that what was contained was what was done during the 1978 period and the sites that were visited by the committee during that period. He described the committee basically as a "Watchdog Committee" for the Monuments in the County.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if any contact was made by the committee with the Bord of Works. Mr. Brennan stated that the Bord of Works always consult with the Council before they carry out any works.



Councillor E. Miley requested that the provision of toilets at Glendalough be expedited.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that a great deal of work was done by this Committee and he complimented the Committee and in particular, Councillor Hynes, Chairman of the Committee for this.

Councillor V. Blake requested that the Committee investigate the old ruins of a Church at Mullinacuffe.

Councillor L. Kavanagh referred to the Old Jail in Wicklow and expressed hope that the Committee of the Urban Council will receive every encouragement to see that the proposed work is brought about and that it would be ready for the next tourist season.

Councillor P. Deering stated that great work had been done to the courthouse in Dunlavin and he requested that the foundations be examined as they will be a problem in years to come.

After discussion, it was also agreed that Boden's Well, Three Castle's and the Old Church Yard at Rathnew would be investigated.

The Chairman, in summing up, stated that he was interested to see that old monuments be preserved and he agreed that all those mentioned would be investigated.

#### ITEM 5 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT MONTEITH PARK, KILCOOLE

#### ITEM 8 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD AT BACK OF HOUSE AT SYLVAN LAWN, KILCOOLE

The above items were taken together. A report from the County Engineer dated 9th May, 1979 setting details of the road and the cost of taking it over which would be £600 was read. A letter received from Mr. D.C. Young objecting to the Council taking over this road was also read, because it was used by him as an entrance to his farm.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the County Engineer would investigate the matter to find out if there was any means whereby Mr. Young and the tenants of Sylvan Lawn could both be accommodated.

#### ITEM 5a REVISED RATE OF PAY FOR CRAFTSMEN

The Council was informed that in letter dated 3rd September, 1979, from the Department of the Environment that a new wage scale was being offered for all craftsmen, conditional on a full resumption by craftsmen of normal working. The offer was the subject of a national ballot and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board has now been advised by the group of unions that the aggregate vote was in favour of acceptance. It was also indicated that, where a local authority so desires, the Minister's sanction may be assumed to the implementation as from 1st April, 1979, of the new wage scale as set out in the Appendix attached to the circular letter for those craftsmen working normally.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh and agreed that the revised rate of pay for craftsmen be implemented.

#### ITEM 6 REPORT ON PROPOSED WORKSHOPS AT KILCOOLE

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

"That a progress report be given on the proposed workshops at Kilcoole."

The County Secretary stated that this item had been adjourned from a previous meeting. The general tone of the discussion at that meeting was having regard to the fact that the Kilcoole Industrial Estate had got under way the proposed workshops should be sited at Blessington.



Mr. T. Broderick stated that the recommendation that came from the Development Team was that the workshops should be sited at Blessington instead of Kilcoole for the reasons stated. He stated that when it was proposed to erect the workshops at Kilcoole, there was an Industrial Estate there of 23 acres with nothing on it, but now this industrial estate was well occupied.

Councillor Miss M. O'Neill stated that these workshops should be provided at Kilcoole as it had been stated originally that they should go there and there were people in that area waiting for space to set up small industries.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it should not be Blessington or Kilcoole but that these workshops should be established on a county wide basis. Councillor McManus stated that there were many people in the northern area looking for suitable accommodation for small industries.

The vice-Chairman stated that in view of the increase in population there should be a new policy. Mr. T. Broderick stated that if the Council would like to have the scheme amplified then the County Development Team will have it discussed and brought back to the Council.

Councillor A. Murphy again stated that it should be policy to have them built all over the county and the team should bring back a definite firm proposal about money. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded and stated that the Land Commission should be approached about suitable land. It was agreed that this would be brought before the Council in three months.

#### ITEM 7 BUILDING OF WORKSHOPS AT BLESSINGTON

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"I or some member move for me, direct the officials of this Council get on with the building of the agreed workshops on site at Blessington that money has been provided for in 1978 Estimates."

Councillor J. Miley proposed that the erection of the workshops on the site at Blessington be proceeded with. Councillor P. Deering seconded.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that they be re-sited in the Bray area. Councillor McManus seconded.

Councillor Timmins stated that the policy should be to try and attract industry into an area where there is none at present. Councillor McManus stated that the highest rate of unemployment was in the Bray area.

A vote was then taken on Councillor J. Mileys proposal which was carried.

#### ITEM 9 REMOVAL OF BEND AT THE MEETINGS OF THE WATERS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. Keenan, J. Sweeney and R. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council remove the bend on the left hand side of the main road leading from the village of Avoca at the Meetings of the Waters. The soil removed can be dumped across the road at the side of the river to make a walk by the riverside."

This item was discussed at the Council meeting held on the 9th July, 1979 and it was agreed to ascertain if money could be made available for the provision of a riverside walk using the soil from the bend removal. The Council was informed that the area where funds for this type of work might be available was the Environmental Works scheme. It was not possible at that stage to indicate if such funds would become available.

It was agreed that the matter be kept under review and this project considered should finance be available.



ITEM 10 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MAIN STREET, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect public lighting at Main Street, Newtownmountkenedy,, as the present lighting system is inadequate."

The Council was informed that an inspection of the public lighting situation in Newtownmountkenedy has been carried out. It was recommended to the Council that six new lights be erected on existing poles. Quotations and advice was being sought from Messrs. E.S.B.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 11 FOOTPATHS AT MAIN STREET, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the footpaths at Main Street, Newtownmountkenedy, as they are in very bad condition."

The Council was informed that the Council were carrying out repairs to footpaths in Newtownmountkenedy and that these should be done before the end of the year.

ITEM 12 RE-INSTANTMENT OF FOOTPATHS AND ROADS IN RATHDRUM

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

"That Wicklow County Council instruct the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to re-instate the footpaths and roads in Rathdrum, which are in very bad condition following P. and T. work in the area."

The Council was informed that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had been instructed to re-instate the roads and footpaths. Councillor H. Cullen advocated that the main street in Rathdrum be considered for re-surfacing.

ITEM 13 ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenedy and that the Council will guarantee it."

Councillor F. Hynes proposed that this be done. Agreed.

ITEM 14 BY-PASS ROAD AT ARKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council ask the Minister of the Environment to give a statement of his intentions regarding the by-pass road for Arklow."

The County Engineer stated that no definite line had been picked for this road. Councillor D. Kinsella stated that the situation regarding traffic in Arklow was very bad and he requested that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Council and from Arklow Urban Council. Councillor G. Timmins seconded and this proposal was agreed.



ITEM 15 TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING - BY-PASS ROAD AT ARKLOW AND ARKLOW BRIDGE

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

"Will the County Engineer furnish a report on the following:-

- (i) traffic route lighting
- (ii) by-pass road at Arklow
- (iii) when will work commence on Arklow Bridge

- (i) Councillor Sweeney stated that this was the only area from Bray to Wexford boundary that had not got traffic route lighting. It was agreed that the County Engineer would take the matter up with the Department again and report back to the Council.
- (ii) Dealt with under item 14.
- (iii) It was proposed to start work on Arklow Bridge in about one week.

ITEM 16 NUCLEAR WASTE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and G. Jones was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council regards with dismay the suggestion that Wicklow County would be used as a dumping ground for nuclear waste and declares that its stated policy will be to fight at every level to ensure that this will not be the case. Also, that in the event of an announcement that a plant will be built that this Council will immediately investigate its implications on this county in the area of transport of nuclear materials and the possible dangers in the event of a radiation leak."

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the notice of motion was self-explanatory. He stated that in view of the proposal to site a nuclear plant at Carnsore and in view of what had happened in United States and elsewhere that the Councils concern be conveyed to the Minister. After discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transport and Power.

ITEM 17 GLENMALURE AREA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Hynes and K. Ryan was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council will prepare a report for the next Council meeting setting out what plans there are for the improvement of the Glenmalure area."

The Council was informed that the only plan at present was to surface dress the road from Greenane to Glenmalure Hotel which will be carried out in the near future.

Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that the whole area needed a face lift and he requested that a report be submitted on derelict sites.

ITEM 18 REFUSE COLLECTION AT WINDGATES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Leeson, A. Murphy, G. Jones and G. Timmins, T.D.: was considered:-

"That a proper collection point be provided for collection of refuse at Windgates road leading to Cliff House Hotel."

The Council was informed that the entrance to the road leading to the Cliff House



ITEMS 19 to 44 WERE DEFERRED

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

The County Secretary read report from Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer, in the matter in which it was stated that the Health Inspector for the area monitors the situation on a regular basis and the factory management has responded positively to all of his recommendations.

Councillor P. Deering complimented the people of Dunlavin who attended the meeting and stated that it was very important that the Council take immediate steps to have this smell eliminated. Councillor G. Timmins suggested that the County Manager and officials be asked to ensure that the various steps be taken to alleviate the problem. Councillor L. Kavanagh supported.

ITEM 46      CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION  
OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Council was informed that an application had been received for road closing from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for the Circuit of Wicklow Rally to be held on the 20th October, 1979. It was indicated that there was no objection to the closing of the roads as outlined in their letter but that the road from Tuckmill Crossroads to Ballyhook Crossroads to Grangecon Village was recently surface dressed and was in fact a fast road. It was considered that high speed could damage the new surface of this particular section. The attention of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club should be drawn to this and they should also be asked to indemnify the Council against all claims arising as a result of the Rally.

Furniture in Old County Council Offices:

Councillor J. Sweeney enquired what was happening to the furniture in the Old Offices and also asked that the clock in the Council Chamber be brought to the new Offices. The County Manager stated that the offices were going to be rented to the Vocational Education Committee and Eastern Health Board and the furniture would be rented or sold to them, but that the clock will be brought to the new offices.



Housing Scheme at Newcastle:

Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that shortage of materials was holding up work on the New Council Housing Scheme at Newcastle and he enquired why sufficient materials were not being sent to the site. The County Engineer stated that from his information, no work was being held up because of shortage of materials.

Councillors A. Murphy and L. Kavanagh requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting and a report submitted for the meeting dealing with all aspects.

Councillor McManus stated that it was important that there was a full report for the next meeting and that the issue of certain letters should cease in the interim.

Beechwood Park:

Councillor Miss M. O'Neill stated that resulting from the meeting with members from the Bray Electoral Area and a deputation from Beechwood Park Tenants Association only one item had been dealt with and she requested that the other items be attended to.

List of cottage repairs:

Councillor G. Timmins requested that the list of cottage repairs be sent out to the members. He also stated that he would like to see a procedure that when a person makes a complaint, they be informed of the outcome.

New Sewerage Scheme at Coolboy:

Councillor T. Keenan referred to the new sewerage scheme at Coolboy and stated that there were old people living there who would not be able to afford to make a connection to the scheme because of financial circumstances. The County Manager stated that there were grants available. It was agreed following further discussion, that the names be submitted to the Council and they would be looked at individually for consideration for loans.

Nuisance at Coolboy School:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if any correspondence had been received re nuisance at Coolboy School. It was indicated that the matter would hopefully be resolved shortly.

Coolboy Sewerage Scheme:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired when work would commence on Coolboy Sewerage Scheme and was informed that work had commenced.

Higher Education Grants:-

Councillor J. McManus enquired if there was any reply from Department in connection with the points made by Councillors re the Higher Education Grants Scheme and was informed that the points were forwarded to the Department.

Conference at Harrogate:

Councillor McManus enquired what basis were the delegates chosen to attend the Conference in Harrogate as he had not been consulted in this regard. The Chairman stated that they were selected as follows:- two from Fianna Fail, two from Fine Gael, one Labour and one Independent. Councillor McManus stated that he did not want to attend the Conference himself but felt that he should be consulted as to who was to attend.

Caretaker - New Offices:

Councillor J. Miley enquired about the appointment of a caretaker for the New Offices and was informed by the County Secretary of the position.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1979, IN THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer,  
Mr. J. Solan, B.E. Chief Assistant County Engineer,  
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section,  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 3rd September, 1979 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION MONTH:

The members were informed that October, 1979 has been formally designated as International Energy Conservation Month by the International Energy Agency. The conservation month has three objectives and these objectives were outlined to the members as being:-

- (1) To provide an international focus for national efforts to stimulate greater public awareness of the continuing and long-term need for energy conservation,
- (2) to underline the extent to which the industrial nations are co-operating to conserve energy,
- (3) to give member countries an opportunity to plan events which will culminate during the month or to use the month as a springboard for continuing programmes.

The members were informed that the reason this was brought before the members is that the Council will support this programme. The chairman then invited suggestions from the members.

Councillor K. Ryan suggested that the reduction in school buses and better coordination of the school bus service should be investigated. Councillor T. Keenan and J. Sweeney supported this suggestion, and Councillor J. Sweeney requested that when children were enrolled in schools, bus tickets should be issued.

Councillor F. Hynes suggested that all houses should be built with solid block cavity walls.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that most houses the back door opened into the yard, and that if some kind of porch with second door was provided on all housing, this would conserve considerable energy.

ITEM NO 3: NATIONAL WALK DAY:

The members were informed that a letter had been received from Cospoir indicating that the National Walk Day would be held on the 7th October, 1979. The members were informed that the Council would support the National Walk Day, and that with this being the Year of the Child, as many young people as possible should participate. Agreed.

ITEM NO4: HOUSING SCHEME AT NEWCASTLE:

The County Engineer informed the members that there had been difficulties with the

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Direct Labour Building Unit at this site, investigations were taking place and there had been discussion with the union representatives and men concerned. Councillor A. Murphy enquired if tradesmen had been removed from the site for any particular reason. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members of the position.

Councillor J. McManus enquired if there were some problems about the availability of materials on site. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that there was difficulties in requisitioning materials, but that this matter was being examined at present.

After considerable discussion on the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. McManus that a small sub-committee of the Council be set up consisting of 5-6 members to investigate the problems on the Newcastle Housing Site and report back subsequently to the members.

The following Members agreed to act on the sub-committee:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. Chairman.  
Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, K. Ryan, H. Cullen, J. McManus, P. Deering and N. O'Neill.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he would adjourn item No. 24 until this report was presented to the members.

ITEM NO 5: HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

Houses in Progress:

Greystones Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that 12 of the houses in Greystones would be completed in about two to three weeks.

Kilbride Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Kilbride would be completed this month.

Redcross Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Redcross would be completed in about a month.

Roundwood Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Roundwood would it was expected be completed in October, 1979.

Blessington Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Blessington would be completed in December, 1979. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that there were a number of defects in this housing scheme, and that details of these had been given to the contractor concerned, and had to be rectified before the Council could take the houses over. Councillor Miley enquired if the list of defects were reported to the Clerk of Works. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that the Clerk of Works had compiled the list with the engineer on site.

Aughrim Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Aughrim should be finished in March, 1980. Councillor Ryan indicated that there was a considerable delay in the completion date, and requested the Council to do everything in its power to speed up the completion date.

Rathnew Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe indicated to the members that the Rathnew Housing Scheme would be completed in two to three weeks. Councillor F. Hynes informed the Council that

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members of the position.  
Councillor J. McManus enquired if there were some problems about the availability of materials on site. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that there was difficulties in requisitioning materials, but that this matter was being examined at present.

After considerable discussion on the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. McManus that a small sub-committee of the Council be set up consisting of 5-6 members to investigate the problems on the Newcastle Housing Site and report back subsequently to the members.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 2nd September, 1979 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION MONTH:

The members were informed that October, 1979 has been formally designated as International Energy Conservation Month by the International Energy Agency. The conservation month has three objectives and these objectives were outlined to the members as follows:-

(1) To provide an international focus for national efforts to stimulate greater public awareness of the continuing and long-term need for energy conservation.

(2) To give member countries an opportunity to plan events which will culminate during the month or to use the month as a springboard for continuing programmes.

The members were informed that the reason this was brought before the members is that the Council will support this programme. The Chairman then invited suggestions from the members.

Councillor K. Ryan suggested that the reduction in school buses and better organisation of the school bus service should be investigated. Councillor T. Keenan suggested that the Council should support this suggestion, and Councillor J. Sweeney requested that the children were enrolled in schools, bus tickets should be issued.

Councillor F. Hynes suggested that all houses should be built with solid block cavity walls.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that the back door should be opened into the yard, and that if some kind of porch with second door was provided on all housing, this would conserve considerable energy.

ITEM NO 3: NATIONAL WALK DAY:

The members were informed that a letter had been received from Coasport indicating that the National Walk Day would be held on the 7th October, 1979. The members were informed that the Council would support the National Walk Day, and that with this being the Year of the Child, as many young people as possible should participate.

ITEM NO 4: HOUSING SCHEME AT NEWCASTLE:

The County Engineer informed the members that there had been difficulties with the



Mrs. O'Toole's house which is No. 17 of this scheme had lighting faults and requested the Council to take immediate steps to rectify this position. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that he had been on to the contractor concerned and informed him if the work was not completed in twenty four hours, the Council would instruct the E.S.B. to carry out this work, with the contractor responsible for the cost.

#### Rathdrum Housing Scheme:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that it was difficult to recruit staff and it was hoped to get the Rathdrum Scheme underway in the near future.

#### Rathdangan Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that the Rathdangan Housing Scheme should be completed in December, 1979.

#### Redcross Rural Cottage:

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired what was the position with regard to the rural cottage in Redcross, and when it was expected to have it completed. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that they were pressing the contractor and it was expected to be completed shortly.

#### Newtown Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that the Newtown Housing Scheme should be completed in December, 1979. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that this scheme was progressing satisfactorily.

#### Avoca Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe indicated to the members that the Avoca Housing Scheme should be completed in January, 1980.

#### Baltinglass Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe indicated to the members that the Baltinglass Housing Scheme should be completed in 1981.

#### TENDERS ACCEPTED:

##### Shillelagh:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that work had recently commenced on the Shillelagh Scheme.

##### Bray:

Councillor J. McManus informed the Council that a number of people had made representations to him regarding the boundary wall at Herbert Park and the new estate, and requested that the Council have the contractor erect a proper boundary wall. Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. stated that this matter will be taken up with the contractor.

##### Kirkee:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that while the contract had been signed work had not yet commenced, but should commence in the near future.

#### TENDERS RECEIVED AND UNDER EXAMINATION:

Mr. U. McCabe indicated that a tender had been received for 58 houses at Greystones, but that the price was excessive and that it was likely that the number of houses in the scheme would be increased to about 70. This would entail obtaining the approval of the Minister but would it was felt result in lower unit costs when tenders were obtained.

#### CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION:

Directly about Building Unit at this site, investigations were taking place and there had been discussion with the union representatives and non-union. Councillor J. McManus enquired if there were any problems about the availability of materials on site. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that there was difficulty in procuring materials, but that this matter was being examined at present.

After considerable discussion on the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. McManus, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. McManus, T.D., that a sub-committee of the Council be set up consisting of 2-3 members to investigate the problems on the Newcastle Housing Site and report back subsequently to the members.

The following members agreed to act on the sub-committee:

Councillor J. McManus, T.D., Chairman.  
Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, K. Ryan, H. Cullen, J. McManus, B. Keating and M. O'Neill.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he would adjourn item No. 24 until this report was presented to the members.

ITEM NO. 25: HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

Houses in Progress:

Greystones Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that 12 of the houses in Greystones would be completed in about two to three weeks.

Kilbride Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Kilbride would be completed in about a month.

Roundwood Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Roundwood would be completed in October, 1979.

Blessington Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Blessington would be completed in December, 1979. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that there were a number of defects in this housing scheme, and that details of these had been given to the contractor concerned, and had to be rectified before the Council would take the houses over. Councillor J. McManus enquired if the list of defects were reported to the Clerk of Works. Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. indicated that the Clerk of Works had compiled the list with the engineer on site.

Naughtin Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the Council that the houses in Naughtin should be finished in March, 1980. Councillor Ryan indicated that there was a considerable delay in the completion date, and requested the Council to do everything in its power to speed up the completion date.

Rathnew Housing Scheme:

Mr. U. McCabe indicated to the members that the Rathnew Housing Scheme would be completed in two to three weeks. Councillor F. Hynes informed the Council that



Barndarrig:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that the scheme is prepared for Barndarrig and that the sewage disposal problem had been settled.

Laragh:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that the scheme layout drawings have been prepared for Laragh.

Kiltegan:

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that the land exchange was nearing completion.

Kilcoole:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E.C.A.C.E. informed the members that tender documents for this scheme are ready.

Ballinaclesh:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that the tender documents for this scheme are ready.

Ashford:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that preparation of plans for the Ashford Scheme has not yet commenced.

Dunlavin:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that the Dunlavin Scheme has to have the contract documents prepared.

Carnew:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E. C.A.C.E. informed the members that preparation of plans for the Carnew Scheme have not yet commenced.

Rathdrum:

Mr. J. Solan, B.E.C.A.C.E., informed the members that the plans for additional houses at Rathdrum had been prepared.

Rural Cottages:

A Lengthy discussion took place on rural cottages and it was agreed that Mr. U. McCabe would submit an individual report on each case giving the present position.

ITEM NO 6: 18 HOUSES AT KILMAGIG UPPER, AVOCA - LANDSCAPING:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council have the area in front of the 18 houses at Kilmagig Upper, Avoca landscaped and trees sown on it."

The members were informed that it is recommended that a scheme should be drawn up for landscaping in this area and the necessary funds be provided to carry out this work.

The County Secretary informed the members that this would have to await the passing of the rate, but would be included in the next years estimates.

ITEM NO 7: PURCHASE OF VALLEYMOUNT OLD NATIONAL SCHOOL:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council purchase Valleymount Old National School for the purpose of providing living accommodation for old people living alone and in need of suitable housing."



The members were informed that the situation is being examined at present, and that the matter would be brought to the members attention when a report is available. Agreed.

**ITEM NO 8: REPAIRS TO DERELICT TIMBER FENCES AT THE RERE OF THE EAGER HOUSES IN O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:**

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the derelict timber fences at the rere of the Eager Houses in O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy and also cut the grass in the open spaces in the whole estate."

The members were informed that the fence at the back of houses nos. 10, 11 and 12 St. Joseph's Road, Newtownmountkennedy were beyond repair, and to replace the same type of fence 6' high post and close staggered boarding would cost approximately £20.00 per yard. Since this is very nearly the price of a 6 ft. high capped and plastered wall, it was recommended that the fence be removed and a wall built in its place. This wall would be maintenance free and give greater privacy to the backs of the houses which look onto the main access road, The estimated cost of this wall would be approximately £2,000.00.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the fence was not very satisfactory, and the solution as outlined would be the most suitable in the long run, and proposed that this fence be erected. Councillor F. Hynes seconded this proposal. Agreed.

**ITEM NO 9: WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT MILLFIELD ESTATE, ENNISKERRY:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, J. Leeson and G. Jones was considered:-

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

1. That all waste ground be top-soiled and grassed.
2. That a children's play-area be provided and adequately fenced.
3. That all trees planted be staked. Also the side boundary walls at trees be increased in height.
4. That the footpath outside numbers 10, 13, 22, 28 and 29 be repaired to prevent surface water from flooding the houses.
5. That the wall at the rere of numbers 10 to 20 be repaired or fencing provided."

The members were informed that this matter is currently being investigated and a report will be made available when investigations have been completed.

Councillor J. McManus enquired if permission was given to the Circus in Millfield Estate. The County Engineer stated that no permission had been given.

**ITEM NO 10: ACQUISITION OF LAND FROM WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO HOUSE APPLICANTS ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE WICKLOW U.D.C.**

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

"That Wicklow County Council acquire some land from the Wicklow Urban District Council to house applicants on the periphery of the Wicklow Urban District Council but living in the county area."

The members were informed that the Council has a considerable land bank at Rathnew, a village which is only two miles distance from Wicklow Town. In addition the Council has now an extensive land bank at Ashford. In both of these areas it is the Councils policy to provide a considerable number of houses in which persons living in the periphery of Wicklow town could be re-housed. The members were informed however, even if it was found necessary that some of the people living in the periphery of the town should be rehoused within the Councils Wicklow Urban District, the proper way of tackling the problem would be to enter into an arrangement with the Wicklow Urban District Council whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council would build a certain number of houses for this Council who would then allocate the tenancies thereof. The arrangement would not cost the Urban Council any money as this Council could continue to collect the rents and be responsible for the maintenance of such houses. This would be a better arrangement than acquiring land from Wicklow U.D.C. and building a separate scheme thereon.



The members were informed that this type of arrangement have been carried out in conjunction with Arklow Urban District Council on a number of occasions in the past.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he agreed with the second part of the report, and that the best method would be for the Urban District Council to build the house, and requested that the Council follow this matter up.

**ITEM NO 11: PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR MRS. O'BRIEN, BALLYMORRIS, AUGHIRM, CO. WICKLOW:**

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

"That this Council provide water and sewerage facilities for Mrs. O'Brien, Ballymorris, Aughrim."

The members were informed that this matter is being investigated at present, but that no money exists to provide the facilities. The County Secretary stated that this matter would be investigated and brought back before the members at the estimates.

**ITEM NO 12: WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES AT KILBALLYOWEN:**

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

"That this Council complete the water supply for the houses at Kilballyowen, Aughrim."

The members were informed that the pumps have now been delivered and the pumphouse is being constructed.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired what was the delay with this pump, and enquired why the pump was not ordered before the scheme was started. The County Engineer stated that there was a delay in delivering the pumps and also a delay with tenders.

**ITEM NO 13: WATER SUPPLY FOR FIVE HOUSES AT BALLINGLEN, TINAHELY:**

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

"That this Council provide a proper water supply for five houses at Ballinglen, Tinahely."

The members were informed that the pumps have been received and the pumphouse is in the course of construction.

Councillor D. Kinsella requested that arrangements be made in early 1980 to have a proper water supply available. Councillor V. Blake supported.

**ITEM NO 14: WASTE FROM COUNCIL SEPTIC TANK FLOWING ONTO OTHER PEOPLES PROPERTY AT BALLINACLASH:**

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

"That this Council carry out the necessary work to prevent the waste from the Council septic tank flowing onto other peoples property at Ballinaclash."

The members were informed that at present investigations were being carried out to provide new facilities for use in Ballinaclash, and it is hoped that a scheme may be started in a few months. Agreed.

**ITEM NO 15: PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE IN COUNCIL HOUSES WHEN THEY ARE BEING RE-ALLOCATED."**

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

"That this Council have water and sewerage provided in all Council houses when they are being re-allocated."



The members were informed that to provide facilities for all Council houses would be very expensive. It is felt that the tenants might find it disadvantageous as putting in these facilities would make the cost of vesting the cottage in the future more expensive than a cottage without facilities provided. With grants that are available the best course would be for the tenants involved to provide the facilities themselves.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that water and sewerage facilities should be in all Council houses before they are relet. Councillor Kavanagh supported, and indicated that there were some cases where these houses could be provided with water and sewerage facilities and relet to those persons on top of the priority list.

The County Manager informed the members that it was the Councils policy to look at individual cases, and if the person wished to do the work himself, the Council had no objection.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Wicklow County Council should not let a house unless there is a proper water and sewerage facilities available, unless the person concerned wishes to do the work himself.

**ITEM NO 16: PROPOSED HOUSE FOR J. CONNOLLY, BALLYNATTIN, ARKLOW:**

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

"That this Council build a house on the site of his old house from which he moved to a mobile home supplied by this Council for J. Connolly, Ballynattin, Arklow."

The members were informed that the mobile home was supplied some time ago to Mr. J. Connolly, Ballynattin, Arklow and was done on a temporary basis and as an addition to the existing accommodation which he has in the house which he occupies on the site. It was clearly understood at the time that Arklow Urban District Council would be rehousing Mr. Connolly within two years at the most, and consequently it is not considered necessary that the Council should build a house for him at present.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer informed the members that he had been in contact with Arklow Urban District Council and that he was informed that Mr. Connolly will be rehoused in a few weeks.

**ITEM NO 17: ALLOCATION OF SPARE GROUND AT THE RERE OF HOUSES 19 AND 15 SEAVIEW HEIGHTS, RATHNEW:**

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

"That Wicklow County Council allocate the spare ground at the rere of houses 19 and 15 Seaview Heights, Rathnew for back entrances to the houses."

The members were informed that this matter was currently being investigated, and a report would be available to the members shortly.

**ITEM NO 18: DEEDS OF HOUSE OWNED BY MR. KEVIN QUINN, 15, SEAVIEW HEIGHTS, RATHNEW:**

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

"That Wicklow County Council ensure that the deeds of the house owned by Mr. Ken Quinn, 15, Seaview Heights, Rathnew, be given to him immediately, as he has waited five years for them."

The members were informed that the transfer and relevant map in respect of all the houses sold in this scheme at Rathnew, including cottage owned by Mr. Kenneth Quinn had been forwarded to the Secretary, Land Registry on the 17th April, 1979 together with the necessary fee, and that the Council had consequently gone as far as it can in this matter. The Council will not, of course, be giving title deeds to Mr. Quinn as he will have to get a copy of the Folio from the Land Registry in due course. Agreed.



ITEM NO 19: BOUNDARY WALL AT THE SIDES OF NUMBERS 61 AND 62 KINDLESTOWN PARK, GREYSTONES:

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

"That a boundary wall be built at the sides of numbers 61 and 62 Kindlestown Park, Greystones."

The members were informed that this matter is being considered in conjunction with other fencing and drainage problems in the Kindlestown Park. Councillor J. McManus enquired if this item would be included in the next years estimates. The County Secretary informed the members that a report would be brought back to them at estimates time.

ITEM NO 20: DETAILS OF THE CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIES ON THE HOUSING LIST:

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

"That full details of the criteria for priorities on the housing list be provided for the Council members."

The members were informed that the criteria by which applicants for rehousing are placed in order of priority, was drawn up by the Elected Members of the Council. It was pointed out to the members that the present scheme of priorities was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on the 1st March, 1976. At that time it was specially revised to ensure that persons could not qualify for priority one rating by moving into caravans. The scheme provided that they had to reside in the caravan for a period of two years before qualifying as priority one.

Councillor J. McManus requested that details of the criteria for priorities for people on the housing list should be circulated to the members, and the County Secretary indicated that copies of these would be circulated to each member.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he considered that the County Medical Officer report was not necessary for compiling housing lists, and that with regard to private sites, it was outside the County Medical Officers jurisdiction, and that the whole system should be investigated. Councillor D. Kinsella supported, and outlined to the members an article which appeared in the paper changing the letting of housing priorities.

The County Manager informed the members that there had been a change recently in the Housing Act in relation to the necessity to consult the County Medical Officer, and stated that up to recently it was compulsory that the Council seek the Medical Officers report, but that it had now been revised. The position was at present being examined.

ITEM 21 AND 31: REFUSE SERVICE FOR CONARY, CRONBANE, AND KILMACOO:

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a domestic refuse service for the people of Conary."

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen was considered:-

"That as a matter of urgency this Council provide a domestic refuse collection service for the residents of Conary, Cronbane and Kilmacoo areas."

The members were informed that at present the refuse collection service is grossly overloaded, but that in the future when the Council stop providing a service for Bray Urban District Council it is intended that Conary should be one of the areas considered for inclusion in the revised refuse collection service. Noted.

ITEM NO 22: PROPOSED HOUSE FOR FLEMINGS AT FIVE CROSSROADS, COLBINSTOWN:

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

"That this Council build a house for the family of Flemings at Five Crossroads, Colbinstown and that we get a medical officers report on accommodation."



The County Secretary informed the members that one of the reasons for the delay in this case is that the cottage is being built for William Flemming but that the owner of the plot on which it is to be built, Mr. James Fleming, transferred the plot into the ownership of his son William instead of the Council and it now has to be re-transferred from William Flemming to the Council. The Secretary also informed the members that Mr. Fleming as in all cases had been advised beforehand to transfer the land to the Council, but unfortunately this procedure was not followed.

**ITEM NO 23: COLLECTION OF REFUSE FROM PEOPLE AT DUNBUR ROAD:**

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

"That Wicklow County Council collect domestic refuse from the undersigned people at Dunbur Road when the truck is going to the dumphead at Brittas from Wicklow Town."

Mrs. M. Bolger, Mrs. B. Bolger, Mrs. P. Doherty, Miss N. Earls, Mrs. G. McCall, Mrs. M. McCall, Mr. Donal Cullinane, Mrs. Evelyn Cullinane, Mr. Eddie Hanlon, Mrs. Dolores Hanlon, Mr. Sean Reilly, Mrs. Joan Reilly, Catherine Bowles, Miss Kathleen Morgan, Mrs. Keith Gray and Mrs. Eileen Gray.

Residents of Dunbur who all live on the road to the dump at Magheramore."

The members were informed that the above matter will be investigated and if it is possible the persons involved will be included in the service. Agreed.

**ITEM NO 24: REPORT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME:**

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

"That a comprehensive report be submitted to the Council on the possibility of expanding the direct labour scheme for house building in view of the very poor record of some private contractors and the difficulties encountered in getting them to complete the programme on schedule."

On the proposal of Councillor J. McManus this item was adjourned, as it had been previously dealt with in item number 4.

**ITEMS NUMBERS 25 TO 39 WERE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

**ITEM NO 40: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:**

**COLLISION OF SHIPS OFF THE WICKLOW COAST:**

Councillor J. McManus stated that there could have been a serious case of pollution owing to the two ships that collided off the Wicklow coast. He was informed of the available pollution co-ordinating arrangements.

**TELEPHONES - SOUTH WESTERN AREA:**

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the telephone connections and lines in the South Western area were deplorable, and requested that the Council write to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs and request that the new exchange in Arklow be commenced immediately. Councillor K. Ryan supported.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill also requested that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be informed of the poor service in Greystones and also the depreciation of the postal service, the latter being supported by several members.

**DUMP IN WEST WICKLOW:**

Councillor J. Miley stated that he was pleased to hear that the County Engineer had received a report from Dublin Corporation and that no pollution is being caused in the Blessington Lakes owing to the dump. Following further discussion it was agreed that this situation be further investigated.

**ROADS AT ARKLOW:**



## CHAIRMAN

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW AT 2.30 P.M.

SENT:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. Chairman.  
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, P. Deering, J. Giff,  
G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D., T. J. Keenan, J. Mc  
Manus, J. Miley, A. Murphy, N. O'Neill, K. Ryan,  
J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and M. Weadick.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, G.P. Section.

ITEM NO 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 10th September, 1979 be confirmed and signed.

Arising from the minutes, Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if the report was available on the resurfacing of the road at the Beehive, and also enquired why only one lane was opened. The County Engineer informed the members that the report was not yet fully completed and that a sample had been sent away, but no results were available as yet. He also stated that Roadstone Limited were repairing part of the road.

ITEM NO 2: RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

The County Secretary informed the members that the Council pass a resolution each year adopting this section of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, so as to allow the relief of rates on agricultural land to apply. It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed that this be adopted.

ITEM NO 3: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY:

The members were informed that the notice for the disposal of land at Ballywaltrim, Bray had already been circulated, and it was proposed by councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that this land be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the notice circulated.

ITEM NO 4: WICKLOW MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Wicklow Museum Committee Report was circulated to the members for their information. On the proposal of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. it was agreed to defer this item, due to the absence of Councillor F. Hynes who is very familiar with this subject. Agreed.

ITEM NO 5: CREATION OF POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER FOR STORES DEPARTMENT:

The County Secretary informed the members that creation of the post of Clerical Officer in the Stores Department had been examined and the Council was satisfied having regard to the volume of materials and work in the Stores Department that there was necessity for a Clerical Officer, to ensure full efficiency in the stores department.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he would not be in favour of the creation of the post of Clerical Officer in the Stores Department if this would in any way interfere with the present system, whereby persons appointed to the post of storekeeper or assistant storekeeper were always recruited.

The County Manager indicated that there would be no change in the present arrangement, and that the Clerical Officer would be to assist the storekeeper.

Following further discussion on the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy it was agreed to create the post of Clerical Officer in the Stores Department. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. abstained.



ITEM NO 6: GRANGE, NEWCASTLE KILCOOLE FLOODING:

The County Secretary informed the members that the question of Grange/Newcastle Kilcoole Flooding had been fully investigated, and that the legal situation was that this particular problem falls within the Arterial Drainage Acts, and therefore the required application should be made to the Commissioner of Public Works for attention.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired if the survey on the continued coastal erosion on the east coast was as yet available. The County Engineer informed the members that Consulting Engineers had been appointed to prepare preliminary reports for coast erosion and that this work was underway.

Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Council write to the Office of Public Works and ask them to give the requirements of this area priority. Councillors Timmins, Sweeney and Kavanagh supported.

Councillor N. O'Neill enquired if the Cliff Walk and Ballygannon would be included in the coast erosion survey being carried out. The County Engineer informed the members that this would be included in the survey.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the application would have to come from the Residents themselves to the Office of Public Works, and in the meantime the Council would inform the residents of the position, and write to the Office of Public Works supporting the residents claim.

ITEM NO 7: FLOODING AT DONARD:

The members were informed that the existing pipes and box culvert are of adequate size to take the surface water from the Donard streets and houses in the village. However, the system had become overloaded, due to land drainage activities in the surrounding land. As a result of this after heavy rainfall from a vast area there is excessive drainage of this surface water thus causing flooding. To alleviate the problem a main drainage system would have to be designed to prevent this drainage from the land getting onto the surface water drains which are provided to take the drainage from the streets in Donard. The members were informed that such a scheme would cost up to £12,000.00.

Councillor J. Miley stated that the people of Donard had suffered as a result of the flooding some weeks ago, and that this was a serious problem and money should be provided in the next years estimates to attend to this flooding. Councillor Timmins and Deering supported.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to defer this matter for consideration at the area meeting, and be placed on the agenda for next meeting following the area meeting, and also the Manager would consider this item when preparing the estimates.

ITEM NO 8: AUDITOR'S REPORT:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Giff it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting to give the members time to consider the report.

ITEM NO 9: FIXING OF DATES FOR AREA MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the Area Meetings would take place as follows:

Western Area Meeting: 22nd October, 1979 at 11.00 a.m. in the Downshire Hotel.

East Area Meeting: 15th October, 1979 at 11.00 a.m. in the New Council Chamber.

South Area Meeting: 24th October, 1979 at 3.00 p.m. in the New Council Chamber.

North Area Meeting: 15th October, 1979 at 3.30 p.m. in the New Council Chamber.

The County Secretary informed the members that the Library Committee Meeting had been fixed for Wednesday 17th October, 1979 in the New Council Chamber at 2.30 p.m.



ITEM NO 10: RE-SURFACING OF CROW-LANE (BALLYORNEY):

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Leeson, A. Murphy, G. Jones and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That Crow-Lane (Ballyorney) be re-surfaced."

The members were informed that this land is not in charge of Wicklow County Council. Councillor A. Murphy enquired if the Council could in fact take over this road. The Secretary informed the members that this matter can be re-examined and a further report would be available.

ITEM NO 11: REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE BALLINASTOE AREA:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Leeson, A. Murphy, G. Jones, and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the bin collection in the Ballinastoe area be changed to include the road that runs from Lower to Upper Calary to take collections from Mooneys, Mullens, Swords, Jeeves, Fortunes etc."

The members were informed that it is impossible to consider any extension of the refuse collection service in this area. It is felt, at present, that the present area hardly qualifies for inclusion in the refuse collection service due to the sparse population of the area.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that by doing a figure of eight, it would be possible to include the above in the collection service. The County Secretary stated that this aspect would be re-investigated.

ITEM NO 12: REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE - GLENCAP COMMONS:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Leeson, A. Murphy, G. Jones and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That a refuse collection be provided for Glencap Commons."

The members were informed that this area seems to be fairly well collected at present, and it is felt that due to the shortage of vehicles that no further extension of the service can take place in this area. There is a problem with ribbon development in this area.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired that when the new vehicles are available, will the Glencap Commons be included for a collection service. The County Engineer indicated that when the new vehicle is available there will be a review of the refuse collection service.

ITEM NO 13: GRANTING OF LONG TERM LOANS TO FARMERS TO IMPROVE LANE WAYS AND ROADS LEADING TO THEIR HOMES:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council consider the granting of long term loans to farmers and others who want to improve lane ways and roads leading to their own homes."

The County Secretary informed the members that the Council have no legal authority to grant loans of this nature. Councillor V. Blake enquired if there was nothing the Council could do to help farmers to improve their lane ways and roads, and requested that there should be some means of providing money to assist these people. Councillor Keenan and Sweeney supported.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that the Council write to the Department and ask them to increase the allocation made to the Council under the L.I.S. Scheme. Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer informed the members that a report was sent to the Department a few weeks ago setting out the position to them, and that the Department was aware of the position, as also annual returns are forwarded to the Department.

The County Secretary stated that a case would be made to the Department stating the members views on the matter.

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Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. requested that the Council contact the Committee of Agriculture to make representations also.

ITEM NO 14: ROAD WAY AT THE RERE OF THE NEW HOUSES AT TINAHELY:

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

"That this Council level the roadway at the rere of the new houses at Tinahely so that the tenants can bring fuel supplies to their homes."

The members were informed that it is not normal practice to provide rear carriageway access to the Council's Housing Schemes. No such access has been provided in any of the recent Council Housing Schemes. The provision of such an access in this particular scheme would present considerable difficulties as the houses are built on a very steep slope and a retaining wall would need to be provided along the roadside. The members were also informed that there is no money available in the current year estimates for doing the work. It will be also realised that if it is done in this scheme that access will have to be provided for every scheme throughout the county. It is suggested that consideration could be given to providing a pedestrian path, provided money was available for the carrying out of this work.

Councillor V. Blake stated that all the people wanted was a path to bring fuel into their houses, and they did not require this path to be tarmacaded just levelled.

It was agreed that this matter would be further examined and would be brought up at the area meeting. Agreed.

ITEM NO 15: PENSION RIGHTS OF THE LATE MR. D. BYRNE, GLENVIEW ROAD, WICKLOW:

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

"That Wicklow County Council check on the pension rights of the late Mr. D. Byrne, Glenview Road, Wicklow, as he had service in 1948 and 1949 which has not been taken into account."

The County Secretary informed the members that the position had been examined and the service mentioned have been taken into account and Mrs. Byrne would be hearing from the Council shortly.

Councillor P. Deering requested that the pension of Mr. Paddy Walsh, Tober, Dunlavin be examined. Agreed.

ITEM NO 16: PROGRESS ON FOOTBALL PITCHES FOR GREYSTONES:

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

"That Wicklow County Council give a report on the progress being made towards providing football pitches for Greystones."

The members were informed that a proposed scheme for 58 houses at Kindlestown Park (Dr. Ryan's Park) Greystones, has provision made for a playing field in its plans as part of this land is zoned for amenity purposes. It is also understood that the 19 acres at Killincarrig are reserved solely for housing purposes and that it is not envisaged that this land be used as playing pitches.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer informed the members that the dump at Seafront was being negotiated at present but that there were some difficulties.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he was not happy with the report and requested that the 19 acre site be examined and decide where the open space is going to be with a view to providing a playing pitch.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he totally rejected the idea that the 19 acres would solely be used for housing purposes, and strongly urged the Council to provide a playing facility in this area. Councillor J. Byrne supported, as did Councillor McManus and Jones.

The County Engineer informed the members that in the contract for the houses in



Kindlestown 8 acres had been provided for recreational facilities, and also an open space could be made available in the 19 acre site for recreational purposes.

The County Manager stated that the Council could not take it upon themselves to provide football or rugby pitches as these Organisations had finance available to provide pitches themselves, but that the Council should consider general recreational areas which they were in fact attempting, difficulties existed in relation to the availability of land, and its cost.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the matter would be further examined and a further report will be available.

**ITEM NO 17: ENGINEER TO OVERSEE ALL COUNCIL WORKS CARRIED OUT IN GREYSTONES:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones, G. Timmins, T.D. and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council provide an Engineer to oversee all Council works carried out in the Greystones area and that if possible this Engineer be asked to reside in the Town."

The County Secretary informed the members that this matter is being attended to under the re-organisation of the Engineering Staff.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that Greystones needed the services of a specific engineer dealing with all aspects of the Councils services. Councillor Jones supported. Councillor A. Murphy also requested that the Engineer be resident in Greystones.

The County Engineer informed the members that in the re-organisation of staff it is intended that an engineer will be assigned to Greystones, and that with the new Fire Station in Bray, provision was made for accommodation for this particular engineer.

In the absence of Councillor F. Hynes, Councillor C. Murphy T.D. Chairman, requested Councillor A. Murphy to chair the remainder of the meeting, as he had to leave the meeting. Agreed.

**ITEM NO 18 & 33: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH ISLAND AT CASTLE STREET, BRAY:**

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

"A pedestrian crossing with island be provided at Castle Street, Bray."

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That a pelican crossing be provided in Castle Street, Bray."

The members were informed that the last traffic count here indicated that a pedestrian crossing was not warranted. The Gardai also say a pedestrian crossing at Castle Street is not warranted.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that strong representations had been made to him for this pedestrian crossing and that the matter should be re-examined. Councillor J. Byrne supported and indicated that it was essential that this pelican crossing be provided. Councillor A. Murphy supported. It was agreed to re-examine the position.

**ITEM NO 19: IMPROVEMENT OF DANGEROUS BEND AT ENTRANCE TO JEROME DOYLES FARM AT RATHDUFFMORE, HACKETSTOWN, TO KILCARNEY ROAD:**

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

"That this Council improve very dangerous bend at entrance to Jerome Doyles farmyard at Rathduffmore, Hacketstown to Kilcarney road."

The members were informed that there is a slight bend at this point, with a deep gripe at the point of the bend due to the fact that there is a well there. It is adequately marked with matchsticks. The members were informed that there have been

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no reports of anybody getting into difficulty at this bend, and it would be very difficult to make any improvement without interfering with the well. It should be noted that Mr. Doyle is building a house at this location, and if he was to pipe the drain and set back his boundary it might be possible for the Council to complete the improvement by setting back the boundary ditch on the adjoining property. It is considered that the improvement of this bend would be a very low priority and in view of the difficulties involved it should not be considered for the present.

Councillor T. Keenan informed the Council that there has always been problems with this road, and proposed that a scheme to relieve the problem be available for consideration at next estimates meeting. Agreed.

ITEM NO 20: PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MILLTOWN, SOUTH RATHNEW:

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

"That this Council provide public lights at Milltown South, Rathnew, due to the large number of children and adults living there who have to go to the village one mile away to do their shopping and catch buses to Wicklow, Bray and Dublin."

The members were informed that an estimate has been received from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting in the sum of £840.00 for the erection of the four lights at Milltown Lane, Ashford. An official order has been sent to the E.S.B. for the provision of three lights for Milltown North. Agreed.

ITEM NO 21: MAINTENANCE WORK ON ROADS IN AND AROUND THE ASKINAGAP AREA:

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

"That this Council carry out the normal maintenance on roads in and around the Askinagap area."

The members were informed that the normal maintenance will be carried out if not already carried out in and around the Askinagap area. Councillor K. Ryan requested that the proper maintenance be arranged for the future.

ITEM NO 22: CAR PARK AT THE CHURCH AT ASKINAGAP:

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

"That this Council provide a car park at the Church at Askinagap."

The members were informed that there is a need for provision of some car parking at this location as it is very limited. Very considerable difficulty is encountered at funerals when cars park on both sides of a narrow road and there are sometimes difficulties on Sundays. There are two possible means of dealing with the problem:

1. By piping the side drains and gravelling the verges more room could be created along the side.
2. By acquiring sufficient land adjacent to the road to provide end-on parking.

The members were informed that the estimated cost are £1,500 for filling in the verge over 400 yards and £2,300 for providing 200 yards of end-on parking. Both would suffice for 80 cars.

The members were informed that it would be necessary to consider what fund this expenditure could be met from.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the Council carry out this work and that it be included in next years estimates. Councillor V. Blake supported. The County Secretary indicated that it could be considered fully when the estimates are being prepared.

ITEM NO 23: PROVISION OF ROAD SIGNS AT JUNCTION OF BALLYTEGUE, AUGHIRM NEAR JOHN BYRNES HOUSE:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council provide road signs at the junction of Ballyteigue, Aughrim, road



near John Byrnes house."

The members were informed that there is a finger post sign indicating Aughrim at the junction near John Byrne's house and would appear to be adequate.

ITEM NO 24: REDUCE THE ACCIDENT RATE AT TOUGHER CROSS NEAR TINAHELY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council take steps to reduce the accident rate at Tougher Cross near Tinahely."

The members were informed that this is a cross roads of Main Roads 201, 206, and 213 and County Road No. 204. There is very poor vision from the exit to the County Road as there is a building along the road edge on the right-hand side. This exit is at the bottom of a steep hill thus adding to the difficulty. The junction is heavily signposted and white lined and there is little further improvement possible by way of provision of signs. The members were informed that accordingly it would be necessary to realign the roads at this junction and have a survey carried out and estimate prepared of alternative layouts of the junction.

Councillor V. Blake stated that there are many fatal accidents on this road, and requested that an 'Accident Black Spot' sign be erected and Councillor K. Ryan supported and requested that the Council erect a Major Junction Ahead Sign.

The County Secretary indicated that the matter would be re-examined in view of the suggestions made.

ITEM NO 25: REMOVAL OF BEND AT ASKEAGH AND BALLINGLEN NEAR MORAN'S HOUSE:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council remove bad bend at Askeagh and Ballinglen near Moran's house."

The members were informed that the road through Askeagh is narrow and does not carry much traffic. The bend near Moran's house is not very severe, in fact there are a number of sharper bends on the road, and in view of the above it is not recommended that any action be taken in the matter. Agreed.

ITEM NO 26: CUTTING OF DITCHES AT BLACKDITCH, NEWCASTLE TO FIVE MILE POINT:

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

"That Wicklow County Council cut ditches on both sides of roadway leading from Blackditch, Newcastle to five mile point."

The members were informed that these ditches have been cut.

ITEM NO 27: TAKING OVER OF LANE FROM SLEIGHDUFF TO KILAHURLER AND MAINTENANCE OF SAME:

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

"That this Council take over the lane from Sleighduff to Kilahurler and maintain same."

The members were informed that the lane from Sleighduff to Kilahurler is 1 mile and 10' to 12' width between fences. The estimated cost to gravel, drain and double surface dress would be £5,400.00. Councillor Keenan proposed that this road be repaired and Councillor J. Sweeney seconded. The County Secretary indicated that this proposal will be included in the 1980 estimates.

ITEM NO 28: TAKING OVER AND REPAIRING KILCASHAL LANE:

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

"That this Council take over and repair Kilcashal Lane."

The members were informed that the length of Kilcashal Lane was 1 mile, and the work necessary would include gravel, drain and double surface dress. Reconstruct



retaining wall at junction with main road and improve junction. Provide crash barrier over 1/2 mile. Provide passing places, and providing drainage. Estimated cost £22,000.00 and the annual maintenance £300.00. The members were informed that this is a very steep road of inadequate width and substandard alignment and a very substandard junction with the main road and with difficult drainage problems. It is not recommended that this road be taken over, due to its steep gradient and altitude.

Councillor Keenan stated that he felt that it was necessary to take over this road. The County Secretary indicated that this will be taken into consideration for the Estimates for 1980.

**ITEM NO 29: CONSTRUCTION OF PATH AT ENTRANCE TO CHARNWOOD ESTATE, BRAY AND ORCHARD TERRACE, VEWAY ROAD, BRAY:**

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

"That a path be constructed between the entrance to Charnwood Estate, Bray and Orchard Terrace, Vevay Road, Bray."

The members were informed that money is allocated to do this work and it is hoped to carry out this work this year.

**ITEM NO 30: FULL PEADIATRIC FACILITIES BE GRANTED TO ST. COLMCILLES HOSPITAL:**

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

"That this Council make representations to Cohairle na nOispideal to have full peadiatric facilities granted to St. Colmcilles Hospital in view of the urgent need for such facilities and the increasing numbers of deliveries in the hospitals maternity unit."

Councillor J. McManus indicated that this matter was discussed at a number of Health Board Meetings, and that he feels full Peadiatric facilities should be provided in Loughlinstown Hospital and requested that strong representations should be forwarded to the Minister for Health and Social Welfare, by the Council putting the position to him. Councillor Keenan supported and stated that Loughlinstown was the most suitable choice for the Wicklow area and was the logical choice for the location of these facilities.

Councillor J. Sweeney supported and requested that the Council write to the C.E.O. Eastern Health Board to let him know this Council position on the matter. Councillor Weadick and Kavanagh supported this Notice of Motion and the members unanimously agreed that the Minister be informed.

**ITEM NO 31: OPEN STREAM IN FRONT OF THE BOGHALL COTTAGES, BOGHALL ROAD FROM NO 16 TO NO. 27 BE PIPED:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That the open stream in front of the Boghall Cottages, Boghall Road from number 16 to number 27 be piped."

The members were informed that there is no finance to carry out this work. It cannot be included in the Boghall Road Scheme because it is not shown on the approved plans as being necessary for the widening of Boghall Road, and also this would involve further land acquisition which is not necessary for the completion of Boghall Road.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it should be included in the Boghall Road Scheme and Councillor Byrne and J. McManus supported and requested that this matter be referred for further consideration and a further report.

**ITEM NO 32: JUNCTION BOX AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS BE PROVIDED AT ST. PETERS ROAD/ BRAY ROAD JUNCTION:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That a full size junction box plus a set of traffic lights be provided at St. Peters Road/Bray road junction."



The members were informed that this work will be carried out. Agreed.

ITEM NO 34: JUNCTION SIGNS BE ERECTED ON PUTLAND ROAD AT MEATH ROAD/EDWARD ROAD AND SIDMONTON ROAD/CUALA ROAD CROSS JUNCTIONS:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Jones, A. Murphy and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That junction signs be erected on Putland Road at Meath Road/Edward Road and Sidmonton Road/Cuala Road cross junctions."

The members were informed that this work will be done.

ITEM NO 35: SPEED LIMIT REPEATER SIGNS AND SCHOOL ENTRANCE SIGNS AT PUTLAND ROAD:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Leeson, A. Murphy and G. Jones was considered:-

"That speed limit repeater signs and school entrance signs be erected on Putland road, where appropriate."

The members were informed that this work will be done.

ITEM NO 36: TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT LUGNASKEA, VALLEYMOUNT:

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

"That this Council take over road at Lugnaskea, Valleymount now that the work was carried out and surface dressing to the satisfaction of the Inspector of the rural improvement scheme."

It was agreed to defer this item owing to the absence of Councillor J. Miley.

ITEM NO 37: TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT KNOCKRIGG AND MAINTAINED BY COUNCIL:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was deferred:-

"I or some member move for me at your Council meeting to have the road at Knockrigg taken over and maintained by the Council."

ITEM NO'S 38 & 39: ROADWAY IN FRONT OF HOUSES AT MONTEITH PARK, KILCOOLE:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That I or some member move for me that a road be laid in front of the houses on the north side and east side of Monteith Park, Kilcoole."

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Jones, A. Murphy and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That the County Engineer prepare a plan for the inclusion of a roadway to the front of houses at Monteith Park, Kilcoole, which are at the present not served by a roadway."

The members were informed that there are about 20 houses in different sections not served by roads. A layout of the estate is being prepared and an estimate of the cost for providing a road will be submitted in due course, for consideration in the 1980 estimates. Agreed.

ITEM NO 40: PROGRAMME TO ERASE THE GRAFFITTI ON WALLS AND OTHER PROPERTIES:

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

"That the Council initiate a programme to erase the graffiti on walls and other properties in the county."

The County Secretary indicated that the Council do this from time to time on an ongoing basis.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that this was a serious problem in the Greystones area and requested that the matter be attended to.



Councillor Jones requested that graffiti be removed in Killincarrig and Kilcoole and Barrys bridge. Councillor N. O'Neill requested that the graffiti be removed from the shelters at the seafront in Greystones.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. requested that the graffiti be removed on the wall adjacent to the Garda Station at Ashford.

ITEM NO 41: PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KILPEDDAR VILLAGE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect public lighting at Kilpeddar Village."

The members were informed that it is recommended that 3 lamps be erected on existing poles in Kilpeddar. One light would be on a pole at the Council houses, and two lights in the region of O'Tooles Shop and the Kilpeddar Inn. The members were informed that a quotation is being received from the E.S.B. for the provision of the above lighting. It must be noted that certain cases the recommendations of the E.S.B. might be at variance with the schemes as proposed by the Council. Because of this technical difficulties the E.S.B. might **not** always be in a position to provide a scheme exactly as the Council proposes.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that there is a great need for these lights and proposed that the Council go ahead with these lights as a matter of urgency.

ITEM NO 42: REMOVAL OF DITCH AT SEA VIEW HEIGHTS, MERRYMEETING:

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

"That this Council remove the ditch at the rear of the Council houses at Sea View Heights, Merrymeeting, this ditch is infested with rats."

The members were informed that work on the removing of the hedge and erection of fence at Sea View Heights, Merrymeeting at an estimated cost of £400.00 is at present being carried out.

ITEM NO 43: PROVISION OF WATER FOR SEVEN HOUSES AT GURTEEN, TINAHELY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council provide water for seven houses at Gurteen, Tinahely."

The members were informed that any proposal for a water supply in this area must be considered as part of the Tinahely Regional Water Supply Scheme, and that at present the Tinahely Scheme is inadequate to serve this area. However, water is available in Coolboy, and arrangements are being made to have a survey made to see if it is possible to supply this area from Coolboy. The members were informed that a report will be submitted in due course. Agreed.

ITEM NO 44: FOOTPATH AND CURBING IN THE MAIN STREET IN WICKLOW:

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

"That Wicklow County Council Engineer examine footpath and curbing in the Main Street of Wicklow and submit a report for meeting on 1st October, 1979."

The members were informed that this matter is being examined at present and a report will be submitted for the November meeting. Agreed.

ITEM NO 45: ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN ROCKFIELD PARK, KILMACANOGUE:

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

"That the roads and paths in Rockfield Park, Kilmacanogue, be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis."

The members were informed that the roads and footpaths will be cleaned and maintained.

Councillor J. McManus requested that this work be carried out on a regular basis. Agreed.

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ITEM NO 46: BOUNDARY FENCE BETWEEN HERBERT PARK AND THE COUNCIL PROPERTY AT KILBRIDE:

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

"That an effective boundary fence be erected between Herbert Park and the Council property at Kilbride prior to the development of the site."

The members were informed that this matter is being investigated at present by the Consulting Architect and his report is awaited, and he has been asked to submit same without delay.

ITEM NO 47 & 48: DRAINAGE AT MRS. MARY WHELAN'S HOUSE, CLONPADDEN, ARKLOW:

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

"That the County Engineer do whatever work is necessary to let away the water lying at the end of Mrs. Whelan's house at Clonpadden."

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

"That Wicklow County Council lay pipes and fill in open drainage at the rear of Mrs. Mary Whelan's house at Clonpadden, Arklow."

The members were informed that to pipe the open ditch around three sides of Mrs. Mary Whelan's cottage with 36" dia. pipes would cost about £10,000 approximately. It is not considered that the work is justified. The members were further informed that the site was inspected and the stream referred to crosses the National Primary Route through a 36 inch diameter culvert and goes in open cut around Mrs. Whelan's cottage plot where it enters a larger stream. Both streams were flowing clear and the culvert was free from any obstruction, and there was no smell from the septic tank in the plot.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that all the work necessary would be one hour with a J.C.B. and that there was no question of piping the drain. Councillor J. Giff stated that if it was cleaned it would only reoccur again, and that a permanent job should be done. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the real problem occurred due to road realignment, and that Mrs. Whelan gave some of her land to the Council for this purpose.

It was agreed to have the matter re-examined.

ITEM NO 49: FLOODING BETWEEN THE PIGGYBANK SUPERMARKET AND THE OLD COURT LICENSED PREMISES AT VEYAY ROAD, BRAY:

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

"That the Council take the necessary steps to rectify the permanent flooding (blocking of existing shores) between the Piggybank Supermarket and the Oldcourt Licensed premises at Vevay Road, Bray."

The members were informed that the matter will be investigated and rectified.

ITEM NO 50: ROADWAYS FROM GLASANARGET, RATHDRUM TO BARNDARRIG:

In the absence of Councillor H. Cullen it was agreed to defer the following Notice of Motion:-

"That the roadways from Glasanarget, Rathdrum to Barndarrig and the off roads from Ballee to Rockstown and from New Bawn to Rockstown be included in next years re-surfacing programme."

ITEM NO 51: THAT URGENT WORKS BE COMMENCED TO IMPROVE THE UPPER DARGLE ROAD BETWEEN RATHMORE TERRACE AND THE LIGHTS AT SUNNYBANK:

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

"That urgent works be commenced to improve the Upper Dargle Road between Rathmore Terrace and the lights at Sunnybank."

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The members were informed that it is hoped to improve the surface water drainage along the Upper Dargle Road before Christmas.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that the Notice of Motion did not refer to surface water, but referred to the bank and barrels on the road. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. supported and stated that the matter was urgent and the obstruction should be removed.

It was agreed that a report would be available for the area meeting.

ITEM NO 52: WORK AT JUNCTION OF BALLYMAN ROAD AND BARNASISKIN LANE:

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

"That the following works be carried out at the junction of the Ballyman Road and Barnasiskin lane:-

- (a) that the hedge be cut back to improve sight lines at the junction,
- (b) that the junction sign on the Enniskerry side be moved to improve its visibility,
- (c) that the road be marked with a slow sign on both sides at the junction and that the speed limit be extended down to beyond the County Brook."

The members were informed that the landowners concerned will be requested to have the hedges trimmed, and that arrangements will be made to have the signs moved. The members were informed that the matter regarding speed limit (extending) should be referred to the Gardai, and it is not considered that there is any need to have a Slow Signs painted on the road.

Councillor J. McManus stated that the above work was urgent.

ITEM NO 53: FLOODING AT HEMPSTOWN, BLESSINGTON; CO. WICKLOW:

It was agreed to defer the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Wicklow County Council take steps to relieve the flooding at Hempstown, Blessington, effecting four new houses under Main Dublin Blessington road."

ITEM NO 54: PIPE THE WATER OUTSIDE TOMPKINS HOUSE AT SLEMEEL, MOYNE:

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

"I wish to propose that the Council pipe the water outside Tompkins house at Slemeel, Moyne and fill in dangerous drain there."

The members were informed that the road is on the side of a hill and there is a deep drain alongside for a distance of 500 yards or more. The road is fairly wide for a County Road and does not carry much traffic. Accordingly, there is not much danger of a vehicle being forced into the drain. A number of matchstick markers would help to warn any persons who were not familiar with the road. The estimated cost of piping the drain would be £2,000.00 and that consideration could be given to including it in next years Roadworks Scheme.

Councillor T. Keenan stated that the road is narrow and certainly needs to be done. Councillor Sweeney supported.

ITEM NO 55: REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF P. & T. TO RE-INSTATE FOOTPATHS AND ROAD AT GILLESPIE'S CORNER, BALTINGLASS:

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

"That the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be asked to re-instate footpaths and road at Gillespie's corner, Baltinglass."

The members were informed that the area immediately in front of Gillespies is their own property, and the reinstatement work to be carried out there by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs would be a matter to be arranged between the two parties concerned. The reinstatement of the public road and footpath would generally be carried

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out by the Council on foot of an order from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs. Messrs Gillespies Limited were informed that it was not the Council's responsibility to carry out the reinstatement work.

Councillor G. Timmins agreed that this matter was the responsibility of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and requested that the Council write to the Department to request them to expedite this work. Agreed.

# ITEM NUMBERS 56 TO 63 DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

ITEM NO 64: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

## ROADS IN THE GREYSTONES AREA:

Councillor G. Jones enquired when it was intended to reinstate the roads in the Greystones area, as the majority of these roads were in a dreadful condition. It was agreed that a report would be available for the area meeting.

## BLACKLINE CROSS & CHURCH LANE:

Councillor J. McManus requested that a report be obtained on the condition of road at Blacklion and Church Lane.

## BALLINALEA HOUSING ESTATE:

Councillor Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if the Council intended repairing the road leading to the Council's Housing Scheme at Ballinalea Ashford, as this entrance was in a deplorable state. It was agreed that a comprehensive report would be available at the area meeting.

## MURRY'S HILL:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. requested that better signs be erected on the Wicklow side of Murry's Hill.

## VENDING MACHINE AND TELEPHONES FOR PUBLIC USE IN NEW COUNCIL OFFICES:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. requested that the Council consider the installation of public telephones and vending machines in the new offices for use by the public. The County Secretary stated that public telephones are installed at present, and the need for vending machines would be investigated.

## SPEED LIMIT COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was decided to fix a meeting of the above at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

## RESIGNATION - COUNCILLOR A. MURPHY:

Councillor A. Murphy indicated to the members that it was his intention to resign his post as County Councillor for personal reasons. He had encountered the situation whereby the demands of his career and public life could not be met at the same time, and he was not inclined to offer less than full service to either. He thanked the members including those with whom he had served with in the past, for their co-operation and sense of commitment, and also the staff from the County Manager downwards from whom he had received the greatest co-operation and assistance. Deputy G. Timmins and L. Kavanagh paid tribute to Councillor Murphy for his dedication and commitment during his service as a Councillor and expressed their sincer regret at his decision to leave public life. All members associated themselves with these sentiments as did the County Manager and County Secretary on behalf of the Staff.

## THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

*Chairman*  
CHAIRMAN  
DATE 12/11/79



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillors V. Blake, H. Cullen, P. Deering, J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D., T. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan and M. Weadick.

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager, Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. J. Solan, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer, Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services.

As the Chairman Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was not in attendance, Councillor F. Hynes vice-Chairman presided as Chairman.

**ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Councillor K. Ryan referred to item 2 International Energy Conservation month and stated that he was wrongly quoted in the minutes as having said that the reduction in school buses and better co-ordination of the school bus service should be investigated. What he had said was that there had been a reduction in the number of children carried by school buses. The minute should, therefore, read as follows:-

"Councillor K. Ryan stated that there had been a reduction in the number of children carried by school buses and that this and better co-ordination of the school bus service should be investigated."

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Giff, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing meeting held on the 1st October, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

**ITEM 2 ARBITRATION REPORT - CLERK/TYPISTS CLAIM**

The County Secretary indicated that this was a similar type of settlement as the Council had dealt with at the meeting on the 3rd September, 1979 for Grades IV to VII and it was part of an overall revision.

It was recommended that with effect from 1st October, 1978, the pay of the Clerk/Typist grade be revised upwards and that the incremental scale be shortened by two points on the scale to give the following scale:-

£2,630 x £94 (10) - £3,570

Assimilation to be on the basis of corresponding points.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that the above scheme as recommended be accepted.

**ITEM 3 ARBITRATION REPORT - COUNTY ENGINEERS**

The County Secretary informed the meeting that a review of the scheme had taken place and it was now recommended to the Council that the grade of



County Engineer receive the increases in salary suggested in the Assessors' Report, that is to say, the increase of 12% (already conceded) to take effect on the assumption of the position within the new structure; a further (non-cumulative) increase of 6% as and from 1st January, 1980, and a final (non-cumulative) increase of 5% to take effect as and from 1st September, 1980.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and agreed that the increase as recommended be implemented.

**ITEM 4 CIRCULAR LETTER EL.22/79 FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON REVISED WAGE SCALES FOR GRADES OF CHARGEHAND, ASSISTANT FOREMAN AND FOREMAN**

The Council was informed that in circular letter EL 22/79 dated 3rd October, 1979, it was indicated that recent central negotiations between a group of unions under the aegis of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board regarding a pay claim on behalf of craftsmen employed in local authorities and health boards and to say that following the acceptance by the trade union group of the new wage scale offered, the Minister has agreed, as indicated during the negotiations, that existing differentials for supervisory grades may be maintained. Accordingly, where a local authority so decides, the Minister's sanction may be assumed to the implementation of the new wage scales as set out in the Appendix to this circular letter for the grades of Chargehand, Assistant Foreman and Foreman.

It was agreed that the new wage scales as set out in the Appendix be implemented.

**ITEM 5 CIRCULAR LETTER EL 17/79 FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - REMUNERATION OF PART-TIME FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL**

The Council was informed that in circular letter EL 17/79 from the Department it was indicated that following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the group of unions representing part-time fire brigade personnel it was agreed that the claim should be dealt with on a relativity/productivity basis. The relativity aspect of the claim was the subject of Labour Court recommendation number 4854 A/L dated 10th October, 1978 and sanction to an interim relativity based pay increase was conveyed in the Department's Circular Letter EL 24/78 dated 5th December, 1978.

The following are the increases which have been agreed, following negotiations, from the 1st April, 1979:-

An increase of 3p per hour on the hourly rates, together with the following upward adjustment in the inclusive allowances:-

Station Officer	-	£36 per annum
Sub Officer	}	- £26 per annum
Driver/Mechanic		
Firemen	-	£20 per annum

It was further agreed that a "once-off" payment of £15 be made to each part-time fireman in lieu of calculation of arrears due in respect of drill fees and fire fees for the period 1st October, 1978 to 31st March, 1979. Payments were also agreed for the same period in respect of annual allowances.

It was, therefore, agreed on the proposal of Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill that the terms indicated be implemented.



ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER APPROVING TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME, 1979

Copies of the Tenant Purchase Scheme 1979 were circulated to the members. Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, explained the scheme to the meeting and stated that it was in accordance with the regulations put forward by the Department of the Environment. He suggested to the Council that they adopt the scheme as it would then come into operation almost immediately, and be valid until 31st December, 1979.

Councillor J. Leeson proposed that it be adopted. Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the validity date be until the 31st January, 1980, as the time was very short. Mr. McCabe informed the meeting that a new scheme would come into operation in January and, therefore, the 1979 scheme would have to end in December, 1979.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired if the affected tenants would be circulated with the required information. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that they would and also detailed information in relation to each individual.

Councillor McManus referred to the quality of some houses that were in the scheme and stated that these houses were a higher price than some more solid structured houses. Mr. U. McCabe replied that the Council were obliged to put the houses in good structural repair. Mr. McCabe also mentioned that the tenants rights were safeguarded via the procedure to the Minister and also in reply to query stated that structural repair mentioned generally meant the external fabric of the house.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to the lateness of the scheme coming before the Council. Mr. U. McCabe stated that this was due to pressure of work and also delays in the land Registry. Mr. McCabe also indicated that improvements were being made with regard to the number of people being registered for title to whom houses have been sold. In reply to query, Mr. McCabe indicated that the purchaser does not get a new folio number but that the Councils name is struck off the folio number, and a copy is sent out to all the tenants.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the housing scheme at Blessington. Mr. McCabe stated that it had not been finished but that the Council were doing everything they could.

Councillor Keenan and J. Miley referred to progress on rural cottages and it was agreed that comprehensive information would be available for the next meeting.

It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor J. Leeson, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and agreed that this scheme be approved.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF BYE-LAWS - INSPECTION OF MEAT

Copies of Draft Bye-Laws for the inspection of meat for human consumption were circulated to the members. The Council was informed that at meeting on the 19th June, 1978, the Council approved draft Bye Laws for the inspection of meat for human consumption. The Minister of Agriculture's provisional approval for these bye-laws had been received, and it was now necessary to have these bye-laws formally adopted. It was also indicated that these laws would strengthen the hand of the Veterinary Inspectorate service.

Councillor McManus referred to the disease of Brucellosis and emphasised that this should be classified as an "Industrial Disease" as people affected would then be able to claim compensation.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that these bye-laws be adopted.



# ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION OF ASSEMBLIES TRUST FUND,

Copies of the Tenant Purchase Scheme 1977 were circulated to the members of the Council. Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, explained the scheme to the meeting and stated that it was in accordance with the regulations set forth by the Department of the Environment. He suggested to the Council that they adopt the scheme as it would allow some time for consideration almost immediately, and he would bring back a report in December, 1979.

Councillor J. Leeson proposed that it be adopted. Councillor K. Ryan suggested that the validity date be until the 31st January, 1980, as the scheme was very new. Mr. McCabe indicated the matter that a new scheme would come into operation in January and, therefore, the 1979 scheme would have to be in December, 1979.

Councillor J. Leeson suggested if the scheme was adopted that the Council should be kept informed of the progress of the scheme in relation to each individual.

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It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor J. Leeson, seconded by Councillor J. Giff, and agreed that this scheme be approved.

# ITEM 9 PROVISION OF FIREPLACES OR SOLID FUEL BURNERS IN COUNCIL AND TENANT PURCHASE HOUSES

Copies of Draft By-Laws for the provision of fireplaces or solid fuel burners in Council and Tenant Purchase houses were circulated to the members of the Council. The Council was informed that on the 12th June, 1978, the Council approved the By-Laws for the provision of fireplaces or solid fuel burners in Council and Tenant Purchase houses. The Council was informed that on the 12th June, 1978, the Council approved the By-Laws for the provision of fireplaces or solid fuel burners in Council and Tenant Purchase houses.

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It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor J. Leeson, seconded by Councillor J. Giff, and agreed that this scheme be approved.

# ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION OF ASSEMBLIES TRUST FUND, NORWOOD, BRAY, FOR INCREASED LOAN FOR PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS

The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and it had been agreed to give a grant to Assemblies Trust Fund. This allocation was made on the basis of the contract price tendered in November, 1978 which was considered very reasonable value by the County Engineer and which with Architects fees and the value of the site and other allowable items less grants amounted to £53,000 (the loan allocated was 75% of this in accordance with the regulations). With increases in the price of materials and labour and minor modifications, the contract price has had to be updated with the result that the estimated expenditure on the project allowable for loan purposes is £65,330. The Society have, therefore, applied for an increased loan allocation and have indicated that work will commence immediately before further additional costs can occur. It was recommended to the Council that an increase allocation of £49,000 be made (i.e. an increase of £9,000 in loan to cover increase in price of £12,000).

Councillor Leeson proposed that this increased loan be sanctioned as from information he had obtained they were providing a very good service. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded. Agreed.

# ITEM 9 PROVISION OF FIREPLACES OR SOLID FUEL BURNERS IN COUNCIL AND TENANT PURCHASE HOUSES

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

"That the Council call on the Department of the Environment to provide funds to install fireplaces or solid fuel burners in Council and Tenant Purchase houses."

Report from U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, was read to the meeting. The only two schemes which this Council have built without fireplaces were parts of the Kilmacanogue and Kindlestown Park Housing Schemes but after the houses were constructed solid fuel heaters were installed in both of these schemes and plans for remaining schemes were amended to provide for fireplaces during the work of construction. All houses should now have fireplaces or solid fuel burners.

Councillor McManus stated that he was informed that a scheme of houses in Aughrim had no fireplaces and there were 26 houses in all without fireplaces. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that these houses had solid fuel stoves.

# ITEM 10 CLEAN UP AND CUTTING OF GRASS IN FRONT OF GLENEALY HOUSING ESTATE

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

"That Wicklow County Council clean up and cut grass in front of Glenealy Housing Estate and also remove old tree trunks."

Council was informed from report of County Engineer that the grass had been cut recently and that the tree stumps will be removed as soon as possible, under the Environmental Improvement Works.

# ITEM 11 SEWERAGE MANHOLE AT SYLVAN LANE AND MONTEITH PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-



"That I or some member move for me that the sewerage manhole at the junction of the housing estates at Sylvan Lawn and Monteith Park be inspected and improved to prevent the raw sewerage overflowing on to the road at least once a month."

The Council was informed from report of County Engineer that enquiries have been made in the locality about the overflow but nobody could be found who knew about the problem. It was then indicated that the Council should contact Mr. O'Keeffe, 17, Sylvan Lawn. It was agreed that a more detailed report would be submitted for the next meeting.

#### ITEM 12 FLOODING AT MR. FOY'S HOUSE AT BEECHWOOD, KILCOOLE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Jones, A. Murphy and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council rectify the cause of the flooding to Mr. S. Foy's house at 19, Beechwood, Kilcoole."

In report of County Engineer, it was recommended that the existing manhole be deepened so as to allow silt to lie in a sump and to prevent the outlet from being blocked. In addition it was recommended that a pipe be laid from this manhole to link with the foul sewer at the back of number 19. The estimated cost of carrying out the works recommended is £300.00.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill that the money be spent.

#### ITEM 13 PROVISION OF BOOSTER PUMP TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY AT CARNW ITEM 16 REPLACEMENT OF WATER STORAGE TANKS AT EMMET PLACE, CARNW

The following Notice of Motions were both taken together:-

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Sweeney:- "That this Council provide a booster pump to improve the water supply to 12 houses at Emmet Place, Carnw."

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D.:- "That this Council replace the water storage tanks at Emmet Place, Carnw."

It was indicated from County Engineer's report that tanks had been altered to fit the present circumstances, but due to the water shortage which exists in the village, problems will still continue to arise, until such time as the new Regional Water Supply Scheme is in operation.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that from information <sup>he</sup> had received the tanks were beginning to rust. It was agreed that the storage tanks would be examined.

#### ITEM 14 KILBRIDE CEMETERY (OLD) ARKLOW

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

"That this Council clean up Kilbride Cemetery (Old) Arklow and repair fencing."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that the necessary works involved would be cleaning out the brambles and weeds and repairs to wall and fencing which would cost £180.00.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and agreed that this be done.



ITEM 15 WATER SUPPLY AT THE STUMP, RATHDRUM

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen was considered:-

"That a report be submitted to this Council on the feasibility of extending the water supply system to the residents of the Stump, Rathdrum."

It was recommended to the Council that a Consulting Engineer be appointed to prepare detailed plans to supply the Brittas area based on using the Garryduff source. Agreed.

ITEM 17 WATER SUPPLY FOR SHILLELAGH

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

"That this Council provide a proper water supply for Shillelagh."

The meeting was informed that a Regional Scheme has been prepared to serve Tinahely, Shillelagh and Carnew and until such time as this scheme is commenced, problems will exist in Shillelagh.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was important that a water supply for Shillelagh be provided soon. He then stated that another well should be bored. Councillors Blake and Keenan supported Councillor Ryan. Councillor Ryan proposed that either a new well be bored or a piped supply provided. After discussion it was agreed that money be provided in next years estimates for a proper water supply for Shillelagh.

ITEM 18 SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR KNOCKROE AND PRIESTNEWTOWN AREAS, DELGANY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. O'Neill was considered:-

"That I or some member for me be given the up-to-date plans envisaged to provide sewerage facilities for the Knockroe and Priestnewtown areas, Delgany."

The Council was informed that drawings were at present being examined in connection with the above and a report will be submitted in the near future.

ITEM 19 SEWERAGE EXTENSION TO HOUSES IN KILACLOLAN, AUGHIRM

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

"I wish to propose that the Council complete the sewerage extension to the houses in Kilaclohan, Aughrim."

The Council was informed that plans were being prepared to complete the sewerage extension at Killaclohan and it was expected that a scheme would come before the Council for consideration under the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1980.

ITEM 20 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen, J. Leeson, G. Jones, G. Timmins, T.D., A. Murphy, P. Deering, V. Blake, M. Weadick, K. Ryan, L. Kavanagh, T.D. and J. Byrne:-

"That provision be made in the estimates (1980) for a greatly increased amount to be spent on the Community Grants Scheme."



The County Secretary stated that this will be taken into consideration in 1980. Councillor J. Leeson felt that if people were willing to provide the necessary facilities for themselves, the Council should encourage them. Councillor H. Cullen supported.

Mr. L. Brennan indicated that the scheme had been amended and the Councillors requirements included and that it would be circulated at the meeting on the 12th November, 1979. Councillor D. Kinsella requested that a list of all applicants be circulated, when list of those recommended for grant was being considered by Council.

In reply to Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. the County Manager stated that there was no indication as to the permitted increase in the rate for 1980. Councillor Leeson stated that Wicklow had substantial increase in the population and felt that they should be allocated money accordingly. Councillor McManus supported and stated that Wicklow had a substantial growth of population, and therefore, needed the services and the Department should be asked to allocate the necessary resources.

The County Manager indicated that new statutory dates had been brought in this year for the preparing of the estimates and these were from 15th February, 1979 to the 31st March, 1979.

#### ITEM 21 FLOODING AT ROUNDWOOD

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

"That steps be taken to prevent the flooding at the new cemetery at Roundwood on to lands used by T. Healy."

The Council was informed from report of County Engineer that the estimated cost of the proposed works was £400.

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Cullen seconded that the work be done and emphasised that this work should proceed as a matter of urgency.

#### ITEM 22 SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

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

"That the amount of money being provided for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes be increased considerably in the 1980 Estimates."

#### ITEM 23 WATER SUPPLY AT TEMPLECARRIG, DELGANY

#### ITEM 26 WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT WINDGATES

The following Notices of Motion (23 and 26) were taken together:-

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and J. Byrne was considered:- "That Wicklow County Council take steps to ensure a permanent water supply to Templecarrig, Delgany, as the water was turned off there for four days from 23rd to 27th August and local residents had no alternative supply."

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. O'Neill:- "That I or someone for me proposes that an investigation be carried out immediately on the lack of a water supply to the houses at Windgates Upper i.e. McGinn, "Hillcrest," Cliff Road."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that a proposal is at present in hand to augment the water supply scheme. Tenders for pumps were at present being investigated but some difficulties were being experienced with regard to the E.S.B. supply.



In reply to query, the County Engineer stated the Templecarrig scheme was part of the main Greystones scheme and it was hoped that this would be completed before next summer.

ITEM 24 WATER SCHEME FROM BLAINROE CROSS ROADS TO BALLATESKEN CROSS ROADS

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

"That the Wicklow County Council extend the water scheme from Blainroe Cross roads to Ballatesken Cross roads."

The Council was informed that this was being investigated and a report will be available for the next meeting. Councillor J. Giff stated that there was fifteen or sixteen houses on this road.

ITEM 25 REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FROM THE MEETINGS, AVOCA TO CATHY'S CORNER, TINAKILLY

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the refuse collection service from The Meetings, Avoca, to Cathy's corner, Tinakilly, to serve the 14 houses on the road."

The Council was informed that it was not possible to extend the Refuse Collection Service to this area but that this could be a suitable area for skips if the Council decided that they would be introduced in the future.

The County Engineer also stated that the demand in the county now exceeded the services being provided. Councillor Ryan enquired what fund this service was provided out of and the County Engineer indicated that it was from Environmental Services.

Councillor McManus advocated that if a skip was being provided it should have a lid. After discussion, Councillor K. Ryan proposed that a service for these people be provided and Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded.

Councillor J. Miley referred to dump at Dussborough which was being used by a Dublin firm and stated that the Council should be allowed use it and not have to travel to Aughrim. It was then agreed that further information would be made available for the meeting on the 12th November, 1979.

ITEM 27 WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES ON ROAD TO AUGHRIM FROM BALLINACLASH

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

"That the Council include providing a water supply for houses on the road to Aughrim from Ballinacash (Bahanawhaley) in 1980."

The Council was informed that in order to supply these houses with water it would be necessary to pump water from Ballinacash. The cost of this scheme would be approximately £12,000. Councillor Keenan stated that there was a stream at Whaleyabbey entrance that could be used. It was agreed that this stream be investigated.

ITEM 28 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO DICKINSON'S OF KEATINGSTOWN

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



"That Wicklow County Council extend the refuse collection service to Dickenson's of Keatingstown, as that gate is used for turning the truck at the moment, but does not qualify for collection."

It was indicated that it was possible to collect the refuse as far as Dickensons and arrangements had been made to have this done. Agreed.

ITEM 29 COMBINING OF PROPOSED LEMONSTOWN-CREHELP WATER SCHEME WITH THE GORMANSTOWN/DUNLAVIN SCHEME

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

"That Wicklow County Council agrees to combine the proposed Lemonstown-Crehelp water scheme with the Gormanstown/Dunlavin scheme."

The Council was informed from report of County Engineer that it was possible that this scheme could be included in the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1980. It was recommended, however, that Gormanstown Group Water Supply Scheme obtain their water from Kildare County Council at Brannockstown where there is a 27" diameter main and where Kildare County Council had indicated that this would be available to the Group Scheme. It may be possible eventually to give some water from Dunlavin where it is improved to areas such as Brewel and Usk, Co Kildare.

The County Secretary indicated that Mr. Maxwell had been advised that obtaining a source from Kildare County Council would be the most economical.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that it be recorded that the Wicklow County Council were having nothing further to do with that scheme.

ITEM 30 SINKING OF WELL AT HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS. DOWLING, TOMDARRAGH, ROUNDWOOD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council sink a well at the house occupied by Mrs. Dowling, Tomdarragh, Roundwood, as she has to carry water from a well two miles away."

The County Manager stated that he understood this to be a private house but that there were grants available for that kind of work.

ITEM 31 NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY

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

"I or some member of this Council move for me that the National Building Agency's Annual report be placed on the agenda at the next housing meeting together with a report from the County Engineer on the suggestion that the National Building Agency be considered for future large Wicklow County Council schemes."

Councillor Miley indicated that the National Building Agency could be of help to the Council having regard to the fact that a suitable tender had not been obtained when the 75 house scheme at Greystones were advertised. The Agency had a bad name in this county because of their association with the low cost housing project in the schemes at Oldcourt, Kilmacangue and Kindlestown Park, but it was felt that the performance of the Agency should be judged on a national level, and on their performance since ceasing of the low cost housing programme.



Councillor J. Miley stated that from seeing their report in the last year, he believed the Council should consider them in the future the same as every other county had. He said that there had been no complaints with the houses built at Blessington. Councillor J. McManus stated that possibly the Agency could be integrated with the Council's Direct Labour Scheme for building houses.

The County Manager stated that with the Councils permission he would discuss the building of housing schemes with the National Building Agency and report back. Agreed.

#### ITEM 32 HOUSING SCHEME AT TINAHELY

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

"That this Council build a further housing scheme at Tinahely to meet the needs of the families to be re-housed."

The County Secretary read report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, in which it was stated that a further housing scheme should be built at Tinahely. With this in mind the Council have, for some time past, been endeavouring to arrange an exchange of land with Mrs. O'Keefe of Lugduff Tinahely. It is expected that the matter will be settled one way or another in the near future and then if the exchange does not proceed as anticipated other arrangements will have to be made to acquire a site. Noted.

#### ITEM 33 ERECTION OF COTTAGE FOR W. FLEMING, COLBINSTOWN

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

"That Wicklow County Council build a Council cottage for Mr. William Fleming, Five Cross Roads, Colbinstown, Co Wicklow, as Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and their seven children are living in terrible conditions in a caravan."

The meeting was informed from report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer that the Council had already taken a decision to provide a rural cottage for William Fleming on a site to be transferred from him to the Council for a nominal sum. The present position is that the Council's Law Agent is awaiting Mr. Fleming to call to execute the necessary documents and in the event of Mr. Fleming calling in the near future, the County Engineer has been asked to begin the work of preparation of tender documents as a matter of urgency.

After discussion it was agreed that if the Law Agent was in the Dunlavin area, some arrangements would be made to have Mr. Fleming attend there as it would be more convenient for him than coming to Wicklow.

#### ITEM 34 GREYSTONES HOUSING SCHEME

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

"That Wicklow County Council have a report on the Greystones housing scheme prepared and that the report will include an accurate completion date."

The County Engineer stated that tenders had been received for this scheme but were considered to be excessive. It was proposed to advertise the scheme again in the near future.



Councillor J. Hiley stated that from reading their report in the year, he believed the Council should consider them in the future as an every other county had. He said that there had been no consultation with the houses built at Binnahugh. Councillor J. Hiley stated that possibly the Agency could be interested with the Council's direct labour scheme for building houses.

The County Manager stated that with the Council's permission he would discuss the building of housing schemes with the National Building Agency and report back.

#### ITEM 32 HOUSING SCHEME AT TIMMINS

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

"That this Council build a further housing scheme at Timmins to meet the needs of the families to be rehoused."

The County Secretary read report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer in which it was stated that a further housing scheme should be built at Timmins. He said that the Council have for some time past been endeavouring to arrange an exchange of land with Mr. O'Reilly of Binnahugh. It is expected that the matter will be settled one way or another in the near future and then if the exchange does not proceed as envisaged other arrangements will have to be made to acquire a site.

#### ITEM 33 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT KILTEGAN

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

"That Wicklow County Council build a Council cottage for Mr. William Fleming, 10, Kildare Road, Kildare, Co. Kildare, as Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and their seven children are living in terrible conditions in a tenement."

The meeting was informed from report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer that the Council had already taken a decision to provide a house for Mr. William Fleming on a site to be transferred from him to the Council for a nominal sum. The Council's decision is that the Council will provide the house on the site of Mr. Fleming's tenement in the near future. The County Engineer has been asked to begin the work of preparation of tender documents as a matter of urgency.

After discussion it was agreed that if the law agent was in the Dublin area, some arrangements would be made to have Mr. Fleming attend there as it would be more convenient for him than coming to Kildare.

#### ITEM 34 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT KILTEGAN

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

"That Wicklow County Council have a report on the proposed housing scheme prepared and that the report will be made to the Council as soon as possible."

The County Engineer stated that tenders had been received for this scheme and were considered to be excessive. It was proposed to advertise the scheme again in the near future.

Councillor McManus enquired why the houses cannot be built by direct labour. The County Engineer replied that the scheme was too large. Proposals regarding N.B.A. were referred to, as discussed earlier.

#### ITEM 35 EXTENSION TO HOUSE OF J. MURPHY, AUGHRIM

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

"That Wicklow County Council build a bathroom and toilet on the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, and also repair the windows and frames in the existing house."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that the estimated cost of providing a new bathroom and toilet and repairs to windows and frames of existing house is £3,500.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and agreed that this work be done.

#### ITEM 36 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT CARNEW

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

"That this Council provide a public convenience at Carnew."

The meeting was informed that it was agreed that a public convenience was desirable at Carnew. The estimated cost would be £18,000 and the annual cost of maintenance would be £600. The members were asked if they could suggest a suitable location. Councillor Ryan stated that a location had already been suggested.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that a public convenience be provided.

#### ITEM 37 SMALL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

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

"That the Council increase substantially the amount provided in the Estimates for 1980 for Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes."

#### ITEM 38 WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT KILTEGAN

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend water supply to six houses at Killalesh Kiltegan."

The meeting was informed that a scheme had been prepared under the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes to serve Killalesh from Kiltegan and it was hoped that this scheme can commence after Christmas.

#### ITEM 39 TIP-HEAD AT BALLYMAN

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

That the Council be informed as to whether the proposal of Dublin County Council to establish a tip-head at Ballyman has finally been abandoned by them, arising from reports by specialists on the non-suitability of the location for a tip-head."



The Council was informed that investigations were still being carried out and a report will be made available when they are concluded. Dublin County Council have not informed Wicklow County Council that the proposal has been abandoned.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that he was personally involved and would, therefore, not participate in any Council discussions on the matter.

#### ITEM 40: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

##### Car Rally at Aughavannagh

The Council approved of closing of roads at Aughavannagh from 12 noon to 5.00 p.m. on the 25th November, 1979, in connection with the holding of a Car Rally by the Kildare Motor Club, subject to the usual conditions.

##### Newcastle Housing Scheme:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to the Sub Committee set up to discuss problems with the Newcastle Housing Scheme and mentioned that there had been development with personnel since the Councils decision to set up the Sub Committee and he felt this should not have happened. Councillor G. Jones and J. McManus referred to the sacking which had taken place and the re-direction of staff and were disappointed at the handling of the matter. It was felt that the Sub-committee should have met prior to the taking of any action in relation to personnel at the site.

The County Manager emphasised that it was his understanding that the Sub Committee was in the nature of a fact finding mission into matters which had occurred in relation to general progress on the site. Control and direction of staff was the prerogative of the County Manager and it would not be advisable for the Councillors to become involved.

After further discussion it was decided that a meeting of the Sub Committee should take place in the Council Chamber on Monday the 12th November, 1979 at 12 noon.

##### Water Supply at Tooman:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked if the water supply could be restored to four houses at Tooman area of the Downs where the water had been disconnected last month.

##### Water Supply at Knockananna

Councillor V. Blake indicated that there was no water at Knockananna since last Thursday and the pump was out of order. He felt that there should be at least one stand-by pump available in order that the problem would not reoccur.

##### Fire Station at Tinahely:

Councillor Blake mentioned that the equipment at the Fire Station at Tinahely should be restored. In relation to the delay in the provision of the new Fire Station, the County Engineer indicated that it had to be re-designed to comply with the Department standards.

##### Dump at Blessington:

Councillor J. Miley referred to the illegal dump at Blessington and was informed that investigations were being carried out to ascertain ownership, type of usage etc., and a further report would be submitted.



The Council was informed that investigations were still being carried out and a report will be made available when they are completed. Public Council have not informed Wicklow County Council that the proposal has been abandoned.

Mr. J. L. Lannon stated that he was personally involved and would therefore not participate in any Council discussions on the matter.

#### ITEM 10. COUNCILMANSHIP AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

##### Car Rally at Aughranagh

The Council approved of closing of roads at Aughranagh from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. on the 27th November, 1979, in connection with the holding of a Car Rally by the Kildare Motor Club, subject to the usual conditions.

##### Newcastle Housing Scheme

Councillor J. Lannon, T.D., referred to the Sub-Committee set up to discuss problems with the Newcastle Housing Scheme and mentioned that there had been development with personnel since the Council's decision to set up the Sub-Committee and he felt this should not have happened. Councillor G. Jones and J. McManus referred to the asking which had taken place and the re-direction of staff and were disappointed at the handling of the matter. It was felt that the Sub-Committee should have met prior to the taking of any action in relation to personnel at the site.

The County Manager emphasised that it was his understanding that the Sub-Committee was in the nature of a fact finding mission into matters which had occurred in relation to general progress on the site. Control and direction of staff was the prerogative of the County Manager and it would not be advisable for the Council to become involved.

After a short discussion it was decided that a meeting of the Sub-Committee should take place in the Council Chamber on Monday the 12th November, 1979, at 12 noon.

##### Water Supply at Loughmoe

Councillor J. Lannon, T.D., asked if the water supply could be restored to four houses in Loughmoe area of the Boreen where the water had been disconnected last month.

##### Water Supply at Knockanure

Councillor V. Harte mentioned that there was no water at Knockanure since last Thursday and the pump was out of order. He felt that there should be at least one pump available in order that the problem would not recur.

##### Fire Station at Tinskeilly

Councillor Harte mentioned that the pump at the Fire Station at Tinskeilly should be restored. In relation to the delay in the provision of the new Fire Station, the County Engineer indicated that it had to be transferred to comply with the Department standards.

##### Dump at Biscanstown

Councillor J. Lannon referred to the illegal dump at Biscanstown and was informed that investigations were being carried out to ascertain type of waste etc., and a further report would be submitted.

#### Housing Conference at Harrogate:

Councillor McManus enquired when the written report would be available from Councillors who attended the Housing Seminar at Harrogate. Councillor Hynes mentioned that he had a written report available. He was particularly concerned in relation to a water pump on sale in the State which was defective and had been withdrawn by the suppliers in England and Northern Ireland. He had informed the organisers of the Housing Conference at Harrogate of the matter previously and again this year. He had also informed the Department of the Environment of the danger.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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*Liam Murphy*  
CHAIRMAN

*3 December 79*  
DATE



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE  
12TH NOVEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL  
OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,  
Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,  
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,  
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services.

**ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12th November, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

**ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY TO ENERGY SERVICES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

Notice was previously circulated to the members in this connection. At the meeting on the 8th October, 1979, a resolution was passed approving of the disposal of 3.92 acres to Energy Services International Limited. In the meantime and at the request of the Company it had provided necessary to make a slight adjustment in the boundary of the site which has resulted in an increase of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre in the area of the site being sold together with a pro-rata increase in the selling price. The revised area is 4.17 acres and the consideration is £41,700.

Councillor McManus stated that the price charged by the Council for the land was very low for this area. The County Secretary stated that this was the general figure the Council had been operating on in this particular area, bearing in mind a number of factors. The County Manager further stated that the Council intend buying land in this area from a neighbouring landowner and if they charged a high price, they would then be expected to pay an equally high price for land. He also stated that this land had been acquired for a lesser figure some years ago.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded by Councillor G. Jones that the Council dispose of site of 4.17 acres to Energy Services Limited.

Councillors Ryan, McManus, and F. Hynes voted against this disposal of the land. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. abstained.

It was, therefore, agreed to dispose of 4.17 acres at Ballywaltrim, Bray to Energy Services International Limited, in accordance with the statutory notice circulated.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed Energy Services International Limited to the County and wished them well.



**ITEM 3 TO APPROVE RAISING LOAN IN RESPECT OF 75 HOUSE SCHEME AT KILBRIDE, BRAY**

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that the Council raise loan of £1,500,000 in respect of the erection of the 75 House Scheme at Kilbride, Bray.

**ITEM 4(a) ARBITRATION AWARD - SOCIAL WORKERS**

The meeting was informed that agreement had been reached between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board with regard to pay increases for Social Workers. The increases proposed are in line with those granted in the scales of para-medical grades employed by health boards as a result of Arbitration Report (033), dated 22nd March, 1979. This result is an adjustment of 5% plus £308 at each point of the scale with effect from 1st September, 1978.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this increase be implemented.

**ITEM 4(b) REMUNERATION REVISION - COUNTY SECRETARY**

The Council was informed that agreement had been reached between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board with regard to interim pay increase for County Secretaries. The increase is 8½% from a date not earlier than 26th June, 1978.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this increase be implemented.

**ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FROM ARKLOW AND WICKLOW URBAN COUNCILS FOR LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The County Secretary indicated that at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 21st June, 1979, the members had nominated personnel for the Library Advisory Committee. Since then both Wicklow Urban District Council and Arklow Urban District Council had submitted nominations from their Councils to act on this committee, and had expressed disappointment on not being included on the committee. Wicklow Urban Council had nominated Councillors M. Murphy and P. McNamara. Arklow Urban Council had nominated Councillor Patrick Wadden and Councillor Billy Briggs.

Members felt that these Urban Councils should have been represented. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that the personnel nominated above could attend meetings of Library Advisory Committee as observers on a Voluntary basis.

**ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER THE NAMING OF THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICES**

The County Manager stated that it was proposed that the Council members should decide on a name for the new offices. After discussion, it was decided to leave this matter until the December meeting.

**ITEM 7 PROVISION OF SITE FOR NEW LIBRARY BUILDING AT CARNOW**

The County Secretary stated that following this matter having been raised by Councillor Ryan, it had been referred to the County Librarian and County Engineer. The report of the County Librarian was read for the information



# ITEM 7 TO APPROVE RAISING LOAN IN RESPECT OF 75 HOUSE SCHEME AT KILBRIDE, WICKLOW

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that the Council raise a loan of £1,500,000 in respect of the erection of the 75 House Scheme at Kilbride, Wicklow.

# ITEM 8 (a) VENTILATION WARD - SOCIAL WORKERS

The meeting was informed that agreement had been reached between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board with regard to pay increases for Social Workers. The increases proposed are in line with those granted in the scales of para-medical grades employed by health boards as a result of Arbitration Report (077) dated 22nd March, 1979. This result is an adjustment of the plus £308 at each point of the scale with effect from 1st September, 1978.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill and agreed that this increase be implemented.

# ITEM 8 (b) VENTILATION DIVISION - COUNTY SECRETARY

The Council was informed that agreement had been reached between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board with regard to interim pay increases for County Secretaries. The increase is 8% from a date not earlier than 1st June, 1978.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill and agreed that this increase be implemented.

# ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FROM ARIAN AND WICKLOW URBAN COUNCILS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The County Secretary indicated that at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 21st June, 1979, the members had nominated personnel for the Library Advisory Committee. Since then both Wicklow Urban District Council and Arklow Urban District Council had submitted nominations from their Councils to act on this committee, and had expressed disappointment on not being included on the committee. Wicklow Urban Council had nominated Councillors M. Murphy and E. McNamee. Arklow Urban Council had nominated Councillor Patrick Madden and Councillor Miss Briggs.

Members felt that those Urban Councils should have been represented. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that the personnel nominated above could attend meetings of Library Advisory Committee as observers on a voluntary basis.

# ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER THE NAME OF THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICES

The County Manager stated that he had proposed that the Council members should decide on a name for the new offices. After discussion, it was decided to leave this matter until the December meeting.

# ITEM 11 PROVISION OF SITE FOR NEW LIBRARY BUILDING AT CARNEW

The County Secretary stated that following this matter having been raised by Councillor Ryan, it had been referred to the County Library and County Engineer. The report of the County Engineer was read for the information

of the meeting. It was stated that it had been agreed at the meeting of the Library Advisory Committee that a prefabricated building be provided in Carnew for Library purposes and that a possible suitable site may be obtained from the Vocational Education Committee near school.

Councillor Ryan indicated that from his information a suitable site might be agreed upon. It was then agreed to defer this matter.

# ITEM 8 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - 1979

Details of the Community Grants Scheme were circulated to the members for their information. Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that the Council will be informed before any monies are paid to any particular group.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that this scheme be accepted.

# ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE THAT A COMPULSORY SUMMER DIPPING PERIOD BE RE-INTRODUCED IN COUNTY WICKLOW IN 1980

Mr. R. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, informed the meeting that at a meeting of the Special Sheep Dipping Committee held in October, 1979, a resolution was passed to introduce a compulsory Summer Sheep Dipping period.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that this matter had been discussed at a meeting of the Committee of Agriculture and also at the Sheep Dipping Committee and he fully supported this resolution as there had been a considerable increase in sheep scab. Councillors J. Miley, T. Keenan, J. Leeson, and V. Blake also supported. In reply to Councillor Leeson, Mr. Roberts read letter from the Department in which it was stated that in accordance with the regulations, the Council may introduce a Compulsory Summer Sheep Dipping Period if it is considered necessary in the area under their jurisdiction. Councillor Blake stated that neighbouring counties should be asked to co-operate and if possible introduce similar schemes simultaneously.

After further discussion, the Council approved of the Resolution submitted by the Sheep Dipping Committee that a Compulsory Summer Dipping period be re-introduced in County Wicklow in 1980 to run from the 1st June, 1980 to 31st July, 1980.

# ITEM 10 TO FIX DATE FOR MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SPEED LIMITS

The County secretary stated that it was now necessary to fix a date for the holding of a meeting of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits and it was also necessary to select a new Committee. For the information of the members he read the list of the out-going committee which was as follows:-

Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Keegan, V. Blake, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne, J. Miley and P. Deering.

Councillor L. Kavanagh asked that Councillor Hynes replace him on the committee.

After discussion it was agreed that the following would constitute the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

Councillors J. Sweeney, G. Jones, V. Blake, Miss N. O'Neill, F. Hynes, D. Kinsella, J. Byrne, J. Miley and P. Deering.



The Secretary indicated that the Chairman is an ex officio member of the Committee as well.

It was agreed to fix a date for a meeting at the end of the Council meeting.

**ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF POST OF COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER AND ABOLITION OF POST OF COUNTY ACCOUNTANT**

The County Secretary informed the meeting that there was a national move in progress for to consider the creation of Post of County Finance Officer and the abolition of the Post of County Accountant. In regard to the filling of these posts, it was stated that this would be done by the Local Appointments Commission. The purpose was to inform the members at this stage and the matter would be brought before them again as it progressed to a stage that required their consideration - Noted.

**ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF POST OF SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (GRADE VI) IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Secretary read report of County Development Officer outlining the reasons why the post of Senior Staff Officer (Grade VI) in the office of County Development Officer should be created. It was stated that the volume of work being handled by this section of Wicklow County Council had increased to such an extent that in order to continue fulfill satisfactorily the duties assigned to the office of County Development Officer the appointment of an assistant in that section was necessary. Because of the nature and responsibility of the proposed position and the fact that the appointee will be dealing with industrialists and others at senior management level it was recommended that sanction be sought to the creation of a post of Grade VI.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this post be created.

Councillor J. Miley enquired about meetings of the County Development team and was informed that the team had been meeting informally but that a formal meeting will be held shortly.

Councillor K. Egan enquired about the forwarding to the members of six-monthly reports. It was agreed that these reports should be made available.

Councillor F. Hynes raised the question of the appointment of a Horticulturist. After discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Hynes place this matter on the Agenda again.

**ITEM 13 WICKLOW MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The meeting was informed that the Wicklow Museum Committee were very anxious that a Museum should be set up. This Museum should be a County Museum established by the County Council with the Urbans contributing to the expenditure incurred. Locations suggested were the Old Jail or present Council Offices adjacent to new Library building.

Councillor F. Hynes felt it would be more economical to build a new building than try to restore a building like the old Jail. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. felt that the Old Jail would be very suitable in view of its history.

Councillor J. Giff stated that the committee had did a lot of work in this regard and had travelled up to Kilmainham to look at the museum there.



Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that he had written to the Office of Public Works but had not received a written report as yet. It was agreed that the O.P.W. would be contacted in this regard and that the matter will come before the Council again in the near future.

The Chairman on behalf of the members paid tribute to the Museum Committee for their work.

#### ITEM 14 FLOODING AT DONARD

The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and also at the area meeting for the western area where it had been agreed to contact Mr. Frank Moynihan to ascertain if an alternative solution could be found.

After discussion, it was agreed to have this matter placed on the Agenda again.

#### ITEM 15 AUDITORS REPORT FOR 9 MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1974 AND 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1975 AND 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1976

Copies of the above Audits had been circulated to the members. It was agreed to defer consideration of the Audit for year ending 1976 until next meeting. The Audits for the other periods were considered and queries raised were answered by County Manager and County Secretary.

Councillor McManus enquired about the provision of finance for the building of the new offices and was informed of the position.

#### ITEM 16 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT LUGNASKEA, VALLEYMOUNT

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

"That this Council take over road at Lugnaskea, Valleymount, now that the work was carried out and surface dressing to the satisfaction of the inspector of the rural improvement scheme."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and agreed that this road be taken over by the Council. The necessary funds to be provided for in the 1980 Estimates.

#### ITEM 17 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT KNOCKRIGG

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

"I or some member move for me at your Council Meeting to have road at Knockrigg taken over and maintained by this Council."

The Council was informed from report of County Engineer that to grade, gravel and surface dress this road would cost approximately £3,600 at existing prices. Annual maintenance based on current prices would be approximately £350.00 per annum. The County Engineer also indicated that the people living on this road had been informed that if the necessary money was paid they would have been high on the priority list to have the road maintained.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. it was agreed that the matter be re-considered.

It was also agreed on request to have the priority list for local Improvement Schemes circulated to the members.



ITEM 18 FOOTPATHS AND CURBING IN THE MAIN STREET OF WICKLOW

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

"That Wicklow County Council's Engineer examine footpath and curbing in the main street of Wicklow and submit a report for meeting on 1st October, 1979."

The County Engineer stated that the footpaths had been damaged by works done by the E.S.B. and Department of Posts and Telegraphs. After discussion, it was agreed that the County Engineer would take the matter up again with them and if they were agreeable, the Council would do the necessary work on the footpaths and recoup the money from the E.S.B. and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

It was also requested that the Mall, Wicklow, be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 19 RE-SURFACING OF ROADS AT GLASNARGET, RATHDRUM TO BARRIDARRIG ALSO ROADS FROM BALLECE TO ROCKSTOWN AND FROM NEW BAWN TO ROCKSTOWN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen was considered:-

"That the roadways from Glassnarget, Rathdrum to Barndarrig and the off roads from Ballece to Rockstown and from New Bawn to Rockstown be included in next years re-surfacing programme."

It was agreed that the above proposals be included in the Roadworks Scheme for 1980.

ITEM 20 FLOODING AT HEMPSTOWN, BLESSINGTON

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council take steps to relieve the flooding at Hempstown, Blessington, affecting four new houses under main Dublin Blessington road."

The Council was informed that during road widening operations on National Secondary route in the vicinity of the new houses referred to at Hempstown, it was intended to lay a new drain under the road. Provision of an additional drain during the road excavation works should eliminate all flooding in future. The County Engineer stated that if money was made available this work will be done next year. It was agreed to consider the matter at the annual Estimates.

ITEM 21 FOOTPATHS AT SHILLELAGH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council surface dress the footpath at Shillelagh from kiosk to Barracks."

The Council was informed that money had been provided for this work in the Roadworks scheme and it was intended to commence work shortly.

ITEM 22 INCLUSION OF GREYSTONES IN RAIL SYSTEM

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



"That Wicklow County Council notes with concern the proposal of C.I.E. to limit the rapid rail system under stage 1 to Dublin/Bray and exclude Greystones and calls on the Minister for Tourism and Transport and the Board of C.I.E. to include Greystones in Stage 1."

The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at meeting with C.I.E. on the 28th April, 1978. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that representations should be made to C.I.E. to have the rapid rail system extended as far as Greystones. After discussion on the matter it was agreed to contact C.I.E. in this matter and inform them of the views of the Council.

#### ITEM 23

#### PROVISION OF TRAFFIC BARRIER OUTSIDE THE HOME OF MRS. GRANT BARNDARRIG

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

"That in view of the number of accidents on the spot, this Council provide a traffic barrier outside the home of Mrs. Grant, Barndarrig, Kilbride, Wicklow, as a matter of urgency."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that it was not considered that barriers were warranted. It was also stated that if they were put at this location, it could be argued that they should be placed along most of the National Primary road.

Councillor H. Cullen outlined the difficulties in this case and stated that this was a case where a barrier was urgently needed. After discussion, the County Engineer agreed to examine this again.

#### ITEM 24

#### INDUSTRIAL SITE AT THE MURROUGH, WICKLOW

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

"That the County Development Officer give a full report on the reasons for the delay in developing the Industrial site at the Murrough, Wicklow."

The County Engineer stated that it was hoped to commence building a road six metres wide at the end of the year. Councillor L. Kavanagh, stated that when he was Chairman the Council had met C.I.E. to acquire a site. He further stated that Wicklow was an expanding town and had a young population and it was necessary that employment be provided in the town. He stated that because this road had not been provided there was loss of potential industry. The County Manager stated that this was a long drawn out process but it was hoped that it was now solved and that the road would be built by next May.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the Agenda for the meeting in February, 1980.

#### ITEM 25

#### ROCKMANOR ESTATE, KILCOOLE

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

"That Rockmanor Estate, Kilcoole, be taken in charge by the Council."

The Council were informed from report of County Engineer that this was a new estate and it will be necessary to have it inspected before making a decision to have it taken over. A report will be submitted in due course. After discussion it was agreed that this item will be repeated on the Agenda for the December meeting.

#### ITEM 26

#### PROVISION OF FOOTPATH AT BALLYNATTEN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Weadick was considered:-



"That this Council provide a new footpath at Ballynatten as a matter of urgency."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that it was not clear whether the above matter refers to the National Primary road as it could also be the County road from the Kish Cross roads. Councillor Sweeney stated that this stretch of road is from the urban boundary to the Kish Bridge and it was the national primary road. Councillor Kinsella stated that money had been provided last year for this work and that it should be attended to. Agreed.

ITEM 27 PROVISION OF LIGHT AT JOHNSTOWN, SEA ROAD, ARKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Weadick, was considered:-

"That this Council provide a public light at the houses at Johnstown, Sea Road, Arklow. There are eleven houses in a cluster here and a public light is urgently required about at Steadmans."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that this proposal was agreed and the E.S.B. were being asked to submit a quotation for same. It was proposed by Councillor Weadick, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 28 PROVISION OF TELEPHONE AT BALLYCOOGUE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Weadick was considered:-

"That this Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone at Ballycoogue. There is no public phone and one should be provided as a matter of urgency."

After discussion, it was agreed that an up-to-date report on telephone kiosks be circulated to the members and that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 29 PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT KILLISKEY CROSS ROADS

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

"That the Wicklow County Council instruct the E.S.B. to erect lights to service houses at Killiskey Cross roads."

It was recommended to the Council that four lights be erected along this road from the cross to serve these houses. The E.S.B. has been asked to submit a quotation for the provision of these lights. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Giff that this be done.

ITEM 30 PROVISION OF LIGHT AT FAIR GREEN IN TINAHELY

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

"That the Council advise the E.S.B. to provide a light on the entrance to the Fair Green in Tinahely where there is an old age pensioner living."

The Council was informed that this was not a public road and it would, therefore, not be possible to erect a public light. It was also stated that there was a light at the entrance to the Fair Green adjacent to the Garda Barracks. Councillor T. Keenan stated that he understood that there was a second light to be placed there.

"That Wicklow County Council notice with concern the proposed of C.I.E. to limit the rapid rail system under stage 1 to Dublin/Arklow and exclude Greystones and calls on the Minister for Transport and the Board of C.I.E. to include Greystones in Stage 1."

The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at meeting with C.I.E. on the 28th April, 1978. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that representations should be made to C.I.E. to have the rapid rail system extended as far as Greystones. After discussion on the matter it was agreed to contact C.I.E. in this matter and inform them of the views of the Council.

PROVISION OF LIGHTING OUTSIDE THE HOME OF MRS. GRANT

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Gullen and C. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That in view of the number of accidents on the spot, this Council provide a public light outside the home of Mrs. Grant, Bannahugh, Kildare, Wicklow as a matter of urgency."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that it was not considered that barriers were warranted. It was also stated that if they were put at this location, it could be argued that they should be placed along most of the National Primary road.

Councillor H. Gullen outlined the difficulties in this case and stated that this was a case where a barrier was urgently needed. After discussion, the County Engineer agreed to examine this again.

INDUSTRIAL SITE AT THE MURRUGH, WICKLOW

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

"That the County Development Officer give a full report on the reasons for the delay in developing the industrial site at the Murrugh, Wicklow."

The County Engineer stated that it was hoped to commence building a road six metres wide at the end of the year. Councillor L. Kavanagh, stated that when he was Chairman the Council had met C.I.E. to secure a site. He further stated that Arklow was an expanding town and had a young population and it was necessary that employment be provided in the town. He stated that because this road had not been provided there was loss of potential industry. The County Engineer stated that this was a long drawn out process but it was hoped that it was now solved and that the road would be built by next May.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the Agenda for the meeting in February, 1980.

PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT BALLYNATTEN

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

"That Councillor Kinsella, Kildare, be taken in charge by the Council."

The Council were informed from report of County Engineer that this was a new estate and it will be necessary to have it completed before making a decision to have it taken over. A report will be submitted in due course. After discussion it was agreed that this will be repeated on the Agenda for the December meeting.

PROVISION OF FOOTPATH AT BALLYNATTEN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Weadick was considered:-



**ITEM 31 PLAYING PITCHES IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY**

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

"That this Council give a report on land for playing pitches in Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council was informed that the Council had been in touch with Mr. Watson and he was not willing to sell the land unless the Parish sell him the existing football pitch which he maintains will be redundant when the new enlarged pitch is in operation. The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at an area meeting previously.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that there was about thirteen clubs in the area and they presently had to go down to Kilcoole to play games. He proposed that a compulsory purchase order be placed on this land. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded. Agreed.

**ITEMS 32 to 65 WERE ADJOURNED TO THE NEXT MEETING****ITEM 66 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN****Entrance to Christian Brothers School, Greystones**

Councillor G. Jones requested that some kind of barrier be erected at the entrance to the Christian Brothers School at Church Lane, Greystones and also that a warning sign be erected. It was agreed that the matter would be looked into.

Councillor Jones also referred to sewerage at Sylvan Lawn and asked that a report be submitted.

**Supply of milk in the Glenmalure Area:**

Councillor T. Keenan stated that the milk delivery service to the Glenmalure area had ceased about six weeks ago. He requested that the Council contact Premier Dairies in the matter as the residents of the area have to travel six miles in order to obtain milk.

**Road from Templerrainey Church to Ferrybank:**

Councillor J. Sweeney referred to flooding on the above road. The County Engineer stated that when work on the footpaths was taking place, the flooding problem would be dealt with.

**Release of gaseous substances**

Councillor J. Giff referred to a recent report in a Sunday newspaper in connection with the release of some gaseous substances by British Ministry of Defence off the East Coast. It was agreed to write to the Department of the Environment requesting them to raise the matter with the British Authorities re objection and concern to this type of activity.

**Schemes at Carrigacurra etc.,**

Councillor J. Miley expressed dissatisfaction at the way work had not commenced at Carrigacurra and also the delay in providing pumps for Blessington Sewerage system. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. J. Molony, B.E. and Mr. C. Egan, B.E., would attend the area meeting on 26th November, 1979 and discuss these problems.



Dump at Russborough

Councillor J. Miley asked if there was any progress regarding the dump at Russborough. Mr. L. Brennan stated that investigations had taken place and it had been found to be in accordance with the planning permission given.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he was not satisfied with this report and stated that the Council should appoint a sub-committee of the Council to investigate and report back on that matter. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be inspected on the day of the Planning meeting.

Group Scheme in West Wicklow (Mr. Maxwell)

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the Group Water Supply and requested that a meeting be held in West Wicklow with representatives from Kildare County Council, Wicklow County Council and also the interested parties dealing with the scheme. The County Secretary stated that it was more economical for the Group to avail of the scheme from Kildare County Council which had been offered to them. Councillor J. Miley seconded that a meeting be held. Agreed.

Woodside Scheme:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired as to the action to be taken against the developers of the Woodside scheme for non-compliance with the conditions of the planning permission. Councillor Hynes indicated that stopcocks, public lighting and roads etc., required attention. It was agreed that Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, would inform the residents as to the present position.

Factory in Dunlavin:

Councillor P. Deering referred to the bad smell from the factory in Dunlavin and arising from the spreading of effluent on farmers lands. The County Development Officer indicated that improvements suggested were going ahead and the contractor had been asked not to spread the effluent on land in future.

Provision of traffic lights at Kilmacanogue

Councillor John Byrne asked that the question of the provision of traffic lights at Kilmacanogue be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council. Noted.

By-pass road at Arklow:

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired in relation to the by-pass road at Arklow and the receipt of a deputation in connection with the matter by the Minister for the Environment. It was agreed that this matter would be followed up.

Telephone kiosk at Aughrim:

Councillor M. Weadick asked that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to move the telephone kiosk at Aughrim from its present position to a new position in front of the Garda Barracks, so as to protect it from vandalism. Agreed.



Rear entrance to houses at Tinahely:

Councillor V. Blake asked if a J.C.B. could be provided for one day for providing a rear entrance for houses at Tinahely in order to enable fuel supplies etc., to be brought in. It was agreed that the position would be examined and a report would be forwarded to the Councillors for the Arklow Electoral area.

Rate Collectors:

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary informed the Council of the present position in relation to the Rate Collectors in West Wicklow.

Provision of public light between Glenview and Kilpeddar:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if public lighting could be provided between Glenview and Kilpeddar.

Developers of site at Rathnew:

Some members indicated that the developers of the site at Rathnew opposite the cemetery had not provided car parking facilities as required under the planning permission and requested that this matter would be followed up with them. The County Secretary outlined the position.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Woodside Scheme:

Councillor J. Brennan, T.D., enquired as to the action to be taken against the developers of the Woodside scheme for non-compliance with the conditions of the planning permission. Councillor J. Miley indicated that proposals for public lighting and roads etc., required attention. It was agreed that Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, would inform the residents as to the present position.

Factory in Donlevin:

Councillor J. Miley referred to the bad smell from the factory in Donlevin and stated that the spreading of effluent on farmers' lands. The County Development Officer indicated that improvements suggested were going ahead and the contractor had been asked not to spread the effluent on land in the area.

Provision of traffic lights at Kilmacomb:

Councillor John Byrne asked that the question of the provision of traffic lights at Kilmacomb be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

By-pass road at Arklow:

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired in relation to the by-pass road at Arklow and the receipt of a petition in connection with the matter by the Minister for the Environment. It was agreed that this matter would be followed up.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW  
COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B. E., County Engineer  
Mr. J. Solan, B. E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,  
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 5th November, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CREOWEN, KILCOOLE

Notice was circulated to the members in this connection. It was proposed to dispose of one acre approximately to Octabis Limited at Creowen, Kilcoole for consideration of £18,000. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and agreed that the Council dispose of this land in accordance with the statutory notice circulated.

ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE RAISING OF LOAN OF £49,000 FOR HOUSING  
ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY - APPLICATION FROM ASSEMBLIES  
TRUST FUND, NORWOOD, BRAY

The Council had approved of a loan on the 5th November, 1979 for £49,000. The Council was informed that the Department had requested that the Council submit a formal application for this loan as soon as possible, and it was now necessary that a resolution authorising the borrowing for the purpose of making the loan be passed by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy T. D., seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill and agreed that authorisation to the borrowing be given.

ITEM 4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - REVIEW

Documentation in relation to a review of Environmental Improvement Schemes was circulated to the members for their information. Included was the present system of allocation, drawbacks to existing system, and suggested alternatives.

It was suggested to the members that the Council continue to allocate a portion to the three urbans, and also agree to the sub-division to the four electoral areas. When this had been done, the Area Meetings should endeavour to confine their considerations to one or two relatively important projects each year.



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 1979, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 8.30 P.M.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,  
Mr. T. J. Donovan, E. E., County Engineer,  
Mr. J. Bolan, E. E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. E. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,  
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

## ITEM 1 CONTINUATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 5th November, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

## ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CREVEN, KILCOOLE

It was circulated to the members in this connection. It was proposed to dispose of one acre approximately to Octavia Limited at a price of £18,000. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Jones and agreed that the Council dispose of this land in accordance with the statutory notice circulated.

## ITEM 3 TO REPEAL THE RAISING OF LOAN OF £40,000 FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY - APPLICATION FROM ASSEMBLY TRUST FUND, NORWICH, ENGLAND

The Council had approved of a loan on the 5th November, 1979 for £40,000. The Council was informed that the Department had requested that the Council submit a formal application for this loan as soon as possible, and it was necessary that a resolution authorising the borrowing for the purpose of making the loan be passed by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Murphy, T. D., seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill and agreed that authority to the borrowing be given.

## ITEM 4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - REVIEW

Documentation in relation to a review of Environmental Improvement Schemes was circulated to the members for their information. Included was the present system of allocation, drawbacks to existing system and suggested alternatives.

It was suggested to the members that the Council continue to allocate a portion to the three urban areas, and also agree to the sub-division of the four electoral areas. When this had been done, the Area Meetings should endeavour to confine their considerations to one or two relatively important projects each year.

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Councillor Sweeney supported and stated that there was too much time lost supervising a lot of schemes. He, therefore, proposed the adoption of these proposals. Councillor Jones seconded. Councillor A. Murphy stated that it would give a greater amount of employment. Councillor Leeson stated that he would like the Minister to direct the counties that if they cannot get people under twenty-five years of age that they get people under thirty.

The County Secretary stated that the points that the Councillors indicated should give greater stability for employment.

The Chairman stated that he was happy to see the wishes of the members included in the scheme and he complimented the relevant officers for the constructive report.

## ITEM 5 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME, 1979 - PAYMENTS OF GRANTS

Documentation in relation to the Community Grants Scheme, 1979 was circulated to the members for their information. It was stated that ten applications were received for the payment of grants and after the necessary examination it was proposed to allocate grants as follows:-

Donard Youth Club	£600
Greystones Ridge Angling Club	£300
Baltinglass Boys and Girls Club	£300
Greystones Lawn Tennis Club	£500
Wicklow Rugby Football Club	£700
Avondale G.A.A. Club	£1,000
St. Kevins School Committee	£100
Glendalough	£100
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£4,000 - total allocation	

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that this was in accordance with the scheme adopted early in the year. He also indicated that the amounts of grants allocated is the maximum for any group. There is £3,000 unexpended.

Councillor J. Leeson asked that the application of Enniskerry G.A. A. Club be considered and he enquired if the Council had received a late application from them.

Councillor K. Ryan objected to the scheme as it did not include any applications from the south of the County. Councillor Timmins enquired what was the position in regard to Rathdangan Hall Committee and Baltinglass Pitch and Putt Club.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired what the criteria was in allocating money. Councillor J. McManus stated that the social criteria should be a major element when deciding to allocate money. He suggested that the £3,000 be left over until next year. He also stated that the Council should take a much more active role in allocating this money and should seek out schemes of the greatest necessity.

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Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer stated that from his information a formal application had not been received from Enniskerry G.A.A. club but if one was received it could be considered. He also stated that the total number of applications received were ten and that they had all been dealt with. As regards involvement, he stated that he would be glad to assist people in more isolated rural areas.



In regard to Rathdangan Hall Committee, he stated that there was a grant of £1,500 allocated out of last years fund. He stated that no application had been received from Baltinglass Pitch and Putt club. Referring to the lateness of the scheme he stated that the scheme had only been adopted in September and it had then been necessary to communicate with the people involved. In regard to the Community Games, he stated that they don't come within the framework of the scheme and the Council are, therefore, not legally entitled to allocate them money. He stated that the allocation for Knockananna Community Centre would be based on what work they do next year.

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Councillor Hynes proposed that the Council carry forward the remaining money and investigate the clubs mentioned by the members. Councillor Jones and Councillor Leeson proposed that the money be spent this year. Councillor Keenan supported Councillor Hynes that the money be left over for to include the other schemes mentioned. The Chairman proposed that the Council go ahead with those already allocated and that cognisance be taken of Enniskerry G.A.A. clubs, Baltinglass Pitch and Putt and Dunlavin Pitch and Putt.

In relation to criteria for allocating money, Mr. L. Brennan stated that consideration is given to the amount of grant available, amount of grant available from other sources, and to the indebtedness of the club.

It was proposed by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes that the proposals be adopted.

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Housing progress report as at the 30th November, 1979 was circulated to the members. Councillor A. Murphy asked that contractors - Durkin Brothers be requested to cease unloading materials on the road at Kilbride where they are building the housing scheme as it is blocking the road.

In regard to Greystones, it was stated that the Council were doing all in their power to get the contractor to hand over the 20 house scheme. Councillor Jones enquired if the scheme would be ready by the 31st December. Mr. J. Solan, B. E., Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that pressure was being put on the contractor to have the scheme completed.

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Mr. J. Solan indicated that there was quite a bit of work going on at the Newcastle Scheme and he hoped that the completion date will be adhered to.

In regard to Special Committee meeting about the Newcastle houses, the County Secretary stated that it had been agreed at the previous meeting that the next meeting would be held on the 3rd December, 1979 at 11.00 a.m. After discussion it was agreed to convene a further meeting.

It was indicated that the Roundwood scheme was very close to completion and that the whole scheme should be completed within a month. Mr. U. McCabe stated that every effort will be made to allocate the houses that are ready by Christmas.

Councillor Sweeney supported and stated that there was too much time lost supervising a lot of schemes. He, therefore, proposed the adoption of these proposals. Councillor Jones seconded. Councillor Murphy stated that it would give a greater amount of employment. Councillor Leeson stated that he would like the Minister to direct the committee that if they cannot get people under twenty-five years of age that they get people under thirty.

The County Secretary stated that the points that the Councillors indicated should give greater stability to employment.

The Chairman stated that he was happy to see the wishes of the members included in the scheme and he complimented the relevant officers for the constructive report.

#### ITEM 5 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME, 1979 - PAYMENTS OF GRANTS

Documentation in relation to the Community Grants Scheme, 1979 was circulated to the members for their information. It was stated that an application was received for the payment of grants and after the necessary examination it was proposed to allocate grants as follows:-

Donard Youth Club	£600
Greystones Ridge Angling Club	£300
Baltinglass Boys and Girls Club	£800
Greystones Lawn Tennis Club	£500
Wicklow Rugby Football Club	£700
Avondale G.A.A. Club	£1,000
St. Kevin's School Committee	£100
Glenbalaugh	
<b>£1,000 - Total Allocation</b>	

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that this was in accordance with the scheme adopted early in the year. He also stated that the amount of grants allocated is the maximum for the year. There is £3,000 unexpended.

Councillor J. Leeson asked that the application of Enniskerry G.A.A. be considered and he enquired if the Council had received a response from them.

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Mr. J. Solan, B. E., stated that the housing scheme in Blessington was very well advanced and that there were 12 nearly finished. In reply to question about allocation, Mr. McCabe stated that the tenants would be drawn from the twelve most needy cases.

It was indicated that the housing scheme at Aghrim was progressing favourably. Councillor T. Keenan stated that one section was much more advanced than the rest and he enquired if that section could be handed over when completed as there was some people in the area in dire need of housing. Councillor Ryan supported.

In relation to scheme at Rathdrum, Councillor H. Cullen stated that he would like to see the Direct Labour work speeded up on this scheme.

It was stated that the Rathdangan scheme was virtually completed and that four houses had been taken over. Mr. McCabe indicated that this scheme had been advertised, and four had been allocated.

In relation to scheme at Redcross, Mr. J. Solan, B. E., indicated that there had been trouble with the Contractor, Councillor D. Kinsella stated the contractor was owed some money. After discussion on the matter it was agreed to place this matter on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 10th December, 1979.

In relation to scheme at Newtownmountkennedy it was stated that it was hoped that six houses would be ready by Christmas.

In regard to Avoca Scheme it was stated that it was hoped that the completion date of 31st March, 1980 will be met.

It was stated that the Housing schemes at Shillelagh and Baltinglass were progressing well. Councillor Ryan stated that he was very happy with the progress on the scheme at Shillelagh.

The expected date for the completion of the four houses at Kirikee was given as the 31st May, 1980.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. J. Solan B. E., and the Housing Staff for considerable progress on the housing scheme.

The meeting was informed that a tender for the 58 scheme at Greystones had been received but was considered to be excessive. Councillor Jones stated that there was a new school being built in this area and it was important the necessary water and sewerage facilities be in the area. The County Engineer stated that he had discussed the matter with the Architect of the sewerage scheme and explained the position.

Councillor McManus advocated that the Council build this scheme by direct labour as this appeared to be the most expeditious way of getting houses completed. Councillor Timmins, seconded. Councillor A. Murphy stated that where a reasonable tender can not be obtained, direct labour should be considered. The County Engineer outlined the difficulties in this regard and the County Manager referred to the meeting arranged with the National Building Agency.

#### Contract documents in preparation:

Councillor H. Cullen stated that he was dissatisfied with progress on the proposed scheme at Barndarrig. It was indicated that it was hoped to advertise this scheme in the next week.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that there was a demand for houses in Donard. In regard to Kiltegan it was stated that the Law Agent had been instructed to proceed with the exchange of lands.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, outlined the rural cottages for which plans were being prepared. He said that it was likely that some of these will be ready together and they can then be advertised in block.



Development of Private Sites and Private Housing:-

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. stated that there was people in Baltinglass anxious to have their own houses and that these private sites should be made available. He stated that the facilities were available and the people would in the long term come on the Councils housing list. Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, agreed to have the matter reassessed.

Acquisition of Land:

The proposals for acquisition were outlined in the report.

Councillor T. Keenan stated that there was a suitable site at Ballyconnell. He disagreed with houses not being built at Coolkenno.

It was indicated that lands at Ballycoog were in the course of being transferred.

Councillor J. Miley stressed that a decision be arrived at in regard to acquisition of land at Valleymount. Mr. U. McCabe stated that he would try and finalise the matter as soon as possible. It was indicated that the acquisition of land at Glenealy was being investigated at present.

It was indicated that a site had been acquired at Rathdrum and it was hoped that it will be available soon.

It was indicated that land at Dunlavin had been acquired some time ago for housing purposes. In relation to acquisition of land at Coolbey, Councillor Ryan stated this was a Council plot and the necessary land should be acquired elsewhere.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF WATER TO PATRICK KEARNS COTTAGE, WOOLEN MILLS, AVOCA

The following notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. Keenan was considered:-

"I wish to propose that this Council provide water to Patrick Kearns cottage near the Woollen Mills in Avoca".

It was indicated from report of County Engineer that a connection could be made off the public water mains to serve this cottage. It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 7a SMALL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

The report of County Engineer was read for the information of the meeting. It was recommended that proper schemes be constructed and the policy of sinking individual wells be discontinued where possible. Due to the oil crises there has been a large increase in the price of pipes. It was stated that it was important that the wishes of the members of the Council be made known early so that plans can be sent to the Department of the Environment in order to avoid costs being made in the monies sanctioned.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that the reason he put down the motion was because there was a considerable amount of work being placed on the Council and not enough money to do it and if people were encouraged to do work themselves through group schemes it would alleviate a lot of work. He dissagreed with the recommendation about not providing pumps because some of the people that these pumps were provided for were badly in need. He asked that the Councillors increase the amount of money in the estimates for this particular work. He stated that this was especially necessary for people in rural



areas. He stressed that the Council involve themselves more in Group Schemes, and increase the amount of money that is available for this, and also have a look at how it is spent. He stated that other counties have quite a number of group schemes. He asked that a report be available on the suggestions he had made.

Councillor P. Deering stated that this should off-set a lot of expense that the Council go through directly. Councillor J. Miley advocated that the Council should not do away with the provision of pumps but should try and get as many group schemes as possible going. Councillor F. Hynes advocated that the Council should try and get more money from the Department for these schemes.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that the Council should consider the active promotion of Group Schemes. He also stated that the Council don't make any grants available directly for Group Schemes. He said in his view that pumps should only be provided where the Council cannot get a scheme going but that the aim should be for piped supply in houses.

The County Engineer stated that the Council could not handle Group Schemes because of staff problems. Councillor Timmins stated that it should be Council policy. He also stated that the provision of water to people in rural parts of this county should be the primary objective of this motion. He suggested that the County Manager, County Engineer, County Secretary and Mr. L. Brennan get together and submit a report. Agreed.

The Chairman stated that the Council should activate and promote group schemes. Councillor McManus requested that a report be submitted on what staff is necessary to implement the necessary work. Agreed.

### ITEM 3 LAND FOR HOUSING PURPOSES AT LARAGH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley and J. Giff was considered:-

"That the Council try and get more land for Council houses near the village of Laragh as they are very badly needed."

The Council was informed from report of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, that he had been negotiating with a land owner in Laragh to acquire 2.45 acres additional lands for housing and as he was unwilling to sell, it was intended to make a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land. In the meantime the land was sold to another party and negotiations were now being renewed for the purchase of the lands. The Council have a site in Laragh at present sufficient to take a small scheme which is at planning stage.

### ITEM 9 GIVING OF LAND AT REAR OF HOUSES AT BALLYFREE TO TENANTS

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

"That this Council give the ground at the rear of the Council houses at Ballyfree to the tenants of the houses."

A report from Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, was read and in which it was stated that he would be inclined to agree with the Notice of Motion that the lands be given to the tenants in question as it would be of no use to the Council (being landlocked) and in any event it would only apply to about four tenants. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and agreed that this be done.



ITEM 10 PIPING OF PART OF WATER COURSE AT END OF BALLINGATE LANE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council pipe part of the water course at the end of Ballingate lane."

The report of County Engineer was read for the information of the meeting. It was stated that the watercourse is 260 yards long and the estimated cost of piping it is £910. For such a lightly trafficked lane this level of expenditure would hardly be justified. It could be considered for the 1980 Roadworks Scheme but there was already a proposal to improve corners on this lane which would account for any available funds.

It was stated that parts of this lane were only 10 feet wide.

ITEM 11 EXTENSION OF MAINS WATER SUPPLY IN CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM AREA

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

"That the mains water supply be extended in the Corballis, Rathdrum area to complete the service in the area."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that this was considered a desirable project but it would have to form part of a Regional Water Supply Scheme. If the Garryduff Scheme is undertaken a large main would be necessary in this area.

ITEM 12 COMPLETION OF HOUSING SCHEME AT RATHDRUM

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

"That immediate steps be taken to complete the housing scheme at Rathdrum".

It was stated from report of County Engineer that this scheme was recommenced some three weeks ago and every effort was being made to complete it as soon as possible.

ITEM 13 CIRCULATION OF TENDER FOR COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES TO MEMBERS

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

"That tenders submitted for Council Housing Schemes be circulated to all Councillors."

Councillor McManus advocated that the above Notice of Motion be implemented. The County Manager advised against this and stated that if Contractors tenders were made public it could deter them from tendering. Councillor McManus indicated that Dublin Corporation circulated details of tenders received and he felt that the Council should have this information available to them. The Chairman mentioned that it was not the function of the Council to accept tenders and the procedure was that they were opened at Council meetings and dealt with by the County Manager subsequently. After further discussion a vote was taken which resulted in six Councillors voting in favour and 12 voting against the Notice of Motion. The Motion was, therefore, defeated.



ITEMS 14 TO 23 WERE DEFERRED

ITEM 24 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Flooding on Baltinglass/Kiltegan Road:

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Councillor Jones referred to the slowness of the re-surfacing of the dual carriageway at the Glen O'Downs. He indicated that there appeared to be plenty of machinery in use but work was very slow. The County Engineer indicated that 200-300 tons of macadam were being laid daily and work was progressing as quickly as possible.

Water at Killacoran, Aughrim:

Councillor K. Ryan requested information in relation to the supply of water at Killacoran, Aughrim which was going on for a number of years.

Motor Taxation Office:

Councillor J. Giff indicated that he felt more staff should be employed in the Motor Taxation Section as he felt the position was worse than in the former offices in the Courthouse. Councillor H. Cullen also referred to the delay and the lack of adequate accommodation. The County Secretary indicated that he would arrange to have further windows opened in order to expedite matters.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CONFIRMED AT MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH JANUARY, 1980.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH DECEMBER 1979 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.  
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.  
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B. E., County Engineer.  
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,  
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer.  
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer.  
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor H. Cullen, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 12th November, 1979 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILMACULLAGH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The Council was informed that it was proposed to dispose of 0.4 acre approximately at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy to Metal Spinners (Ireland) Limited for £3,930. This figure is based on a market valuation of £7,500 which Lisney & Son, Auctioneers and Valuers placed on the total site of 0.765 acre. It was also indicated that the Council granted planning permission for the new factory on the 10th August, 1979 and the factory will be built by the I.D.A. for Metal Spinners and a total of 50 new jobs is projected by the Company. In reply to Councillor Hynes, Mr. T. Broderick stated that the Council were selling possessory title. Councillor Hynes stated that in his experience this would cause delays.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh T. D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed that this land be disposed in accordance with the statutory notice circulated.

ITEM 3 TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

The County Secretary stated that it was usual procedure that approval for overdraft Accommodation be obtained from the Council at this time of year. The amount was £500,000. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that this approval be granted.

ITEM 4 ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1978

The County Secretary stated that the Abstract of Accounts for 1978 had been completed and this would make the audit of accounts in subsequent years more meaningful and beneficial to members. The County Secretary gave additional information to the members and stated that the Abstract was now being forwarded to the Department. Councillor L. Kavanagh T. D.



requested that a copy be circulated to the members. Councillor H. Cullen seconded. Agreed.

#### ITEM 5 AUDITORS REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1976

The Auditors report for twelve months ended 31st December, 1976 was circulated to the members for their information. The County Secretary replied to questions arising and also stated that the creation of the post of Finance Officer would strengthen the financing system of Wicklow County Council and that other accounting matters raised by the report were being attended to.

#### ITEM 6 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT BRUNSWICK ROW, CAHNEW

The County Secretary stated that the normal notice in this regard was published. He then read letter from residents on this road objecting to the Council taking over same. Councillor Sweeney stated that he also received a letter from residents objecting, as the residents felt that their privacy would be interfered with. Councillor Ryan stated that the residents were disappointed because they had not received a map from the Council.

After discussion on the matter, it was agreed that it be deferred, and that discussions take place with the officers of the Council and the residents of this road.

#### ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER THE NAMING OF THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICES

The meeting was informed that a notice had been received from Councillors G. Timmins, T. D., John Byrne, V. Blake, H. Cullen, M. Wadick, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, G. Jones and K. Kinsella and L. Kavanagh, T.D., stating that the name and address of the new Council offices should be "the County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow."

The County Manager felt that the name "Whitegates" should be omitted, as it was not the name of the townland.

After discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the name should be the County Buildings, Wicklow, in both the English and Irish version.

#### ITEM 8 TO FIX DATE FOR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SPEED LIMITS

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to fix a date for a meeting for the Technical Committee on Speed Limits. The Meeting was fixed for Monday the 17th December, 1979 at 11.00 a.m.

#### ITEM 9 FLOODING AT DONARD

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed at the recent Area meetings for the western area. Councillor Miley stated that it had been agreed that an extra pipe be layed to help relieve the flooding. The County Engineer stated that the laying of a pipe would not be sufficient as while it might relieve flooding at one point it would create it elsewhere.

After discussion it was agreed that money be provided in the estimates for the laying of this pipe. Councillor G. Timmins, proposed and Councillor P. Deering seconded.

#### ITEM 10 THE MALL, WICKLOW

Councillor F. Hynes stated that a plan had been drawn up for the Mall, Wicklow, some years ago, but nothing had happened since. He then proposed that members of the County Council and Urban Council meet the Minister in this regard with a view to having money allocated for this work.



The Chairman stated that there was people who also wanted the Mall preserved and he felt that there was no firm proposal. Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D., stated that the lower part of the Mall was not big enough to allow lorries to pass. He suggested that a small car park be made out of the old Library ground. The County Engineer outlined problems in regard to housing property being required for a major job.

Councillor J. Giff requested that the plans mentioned be forwarded to the Urban Council for discussion. Agreed.

#### ITEM 11 TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROCKMANOR ESTATE, KILCOOLE

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

"That Rockmanor Estate, Kilcoole, be taken in charge by the Council."

The County Secretary stated that this had been discussed at meeting on the 12th November, 1979. It was stated that a lot of work needed to be done before the Council could take over this estate. Councillor Jones referred to the removal of a ditch.

Councillors A. Murphy and G. Jones supported this resolution.

Councillor McManus requested that a report be submitted from Building Control Officer for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that a report be made available for the next meeting.

#### ITEM 12 PROVISION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT KILMACANOGUE

The County Secretary stated that a school warden was in operation at Kilmacanogue at the moment. The County Engineer stated that a traffic count had been done. Councillor A. Murphy enquired when the Council would be in a position to place this proposal before the Department. He also enquired when there will be lights in the area. Councillor McManus referred to the anxiety of the parents in the area.

The County Engineer stated that it would be February or March, 1980 before a detailed scheme could be submitted to the Department.

#### ITEM 13 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KILPEDDER VILLAGE

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect public lighting at Kilpedder Village."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that a quotation had not been received from the E.S.B. for the installation of 3 number lamps on three existing poles in Kilpedder. The E.S.B. had recommended that consideration be given to the provision of a Major Lighting Scheme on the National Primary Route rather than the provision of the three lights proposed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that he would like the scheme to extend to both sides of the dual carriageway. Councillor O'Neill stated that she had enquired about lights at Glenview Park and Kilpedder and not Glenview as was stated in the Minutes.

It was agreed that Old village be considered for public lighting.



ITEM 14 PURCHASE OF A SLURRY TANKER

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

"That provision be made in the 1980 Estimates for the purchase of a slurry tanker so that the Council can more easily deal with sewage problems."

Councillor J. Leeson stated that the fees the Council were paying Contractors to do this type of work was high and he advocated that the Council buy their own slurry tanker. He also stated that a slurry tanker drawn by a tractor would be cheaper than a mobile lorry but would not have the same mobility. In view of the number of housing schemes in the Bray area, the Council would get good value in having such a machine.

Councillor A. Murphy supported but felt that the lorry would be the better form. Councillor Blake advocated that the lorry be used for the whole county.

The County Engineer stated that the proposal would represent a large capital expenditure but that it would be investigated.

ITEM 15. PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICE FOR BRAY

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

"That a report be given on the progress in providing a full-time fire service for Bray and district."

It was agreed that this matter be listed for the January Meeting.

ITEM 16 REPAIRING OF SEAT AT THE GREEN IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the seat at the Green in Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council was informed that the seat referred to will be removed and replaced with a seat in good repair. For the moment it will be sufficient to move another seat nearby that was not in use to the location at the Green.

ITEM 17 PROVISION OF HEADED NOTEBOOK FOR COUNCILLORS.

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

"That this Council ask the County Manager to provide Councillors with headed notepaper with Council name and space for Councillors to have his/her name printed thereon, as is done by other local authorities."

The County Manager suggested that the members bring this Notice of Motion before the General Council of County Councils. The County Secretary outlined the difficulties regarding the franking of envelopes for members and indicated that this was not feasible. Members were informed that new paper would be designed and printed following naming of new offices.

ITEM 18 TAKING OVER OF GLENCAP COMMONS ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-



"That this Council take over and maintain Glencap Commons Road."

The meeting was informed that arrangements will be made to have this road surveyed and a report will be submitted.

#### ITEM 19 REPAIRS TO ROAD AT WHITEBRIDGE, AVOCA

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

"That this Council carry out urgent repairs to the road near the Whitebridge, Avoca, where the County Council damaged the road while collecting filling for road works to eliminate flooding."

The meeting was informed from report of County Engineer that there was no filling taken along this portion of road by the County Council. Repairs to the road have been carried out in recent weeks. Councillor T. Keenan stated that the road was left in a bad state of repair. It was agreed that this would be looked into.

#### ITEM 20. ERECTION OF KIOSK AND TELEPHONE AT BALLYNERRIN UPPER

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

"That the Wicklow County Council ask Post Office to erect a kiosk and telephone at Ballynerrin Upper, as there is no telephone in this area for emergencies."

In report of County Engineer it was requested that the location for the proposed public telephone be given to enable the matter to receive attention.

The County Secretary stated that a full report on telephone kiosks would be submitted for the January meeting.

#### ITEM 21 REMOVAL OF BEND AT ANNACURRA VILLAGE

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

"That this Council remove a dangerous bend north west of Annacurra village."

It was requested from report of County Engineer that further information be given regarding this bend north of Annacurra village as there are a number of bends in the area referred to. It was agreed that Councillor Ryan would explain to the County Secretary where this was.

#### ITEM 22 PROVISION OF SHELTER AT BALLISLAND

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

"That the Council provide some sort of shelter at Ballisland for school children waiting for school bus."

The Council was informed that this matter will be taken up with C.I.E.

#### ITEM 23 REMOVAL OF BENDS AT UPPER TOWN LANE, BALLINGATE, CARNEW

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

"That this Council remove two dangerous bends at Upper Town Lane, Ballingate, Carnew."



The Council was informed that this could be included for consideration in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. The estimated cost of carrying out improvements is £1400. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Blake that this be done.

#### ITEM 24 PROVISION OF TARMACADAMED FOOTPATH AT NEWTOWN

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a tarmacadamed footpath from below Brady's shop, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy to Springfield Heights."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that arrangements will be made to have this work carried out in the near future.

#### ITEM 25 REPAIRING OF FOOTPATH FROM BEECHWOOD PARK, GREYSTONES TO BLACKLION

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the footpath from Beechwood Park, Greystones, to Blacklion and cut back the ditches to leave room for pedestrians to walk on the path."

It was indicated from report of County Engineer that it was considered that there was not sufficient room to provide a proper path at this location.

Councillor J. Byrne stated that there had been a path there. He requested that the briars and hedge be cut back. It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

#### ITEM 26 FILLING IN POT-HOLES ON ROAD FROM BEECHBROOK PARK TO BLACKLION

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

"That Wicklow County Council fill in the pot-holes on the road from Beechbrook Park to Blacklion where surface water washed out the previous fillings and that the Council replace the broken manhole cover on the same road."

It was indicated from report of County Engineer that this work will be carried out.

#### ITEM 27 ERECTION OF WALL BESIDE MRS. MCNABB'S PROPERTY AT LATHNEW

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect a wall beside Mrs. McNabb's property at Woodside, Lathnew."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that the boundary fence referred to was along the main road and in the circumstances the Council have no responsibility to remove it and replace it with a wall or fence. It is the landowners responsibility to maintain the boundary fence.

Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that the Council Car Park was beside this property. It was agreed that the matter would be re-examined having regard to the land ownership.



ITEM 28 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT MUCKLAGE, BALLINGLEN.

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

"That this Council take over the remainder of the road at Mucklagh, Ballinglen, leading to Shannons and repair."

It was indicated that the estimated cost of carrying out this work would be approximately £1,000. It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 29 CLEANING OF ROAD AT THE MEETINGS, AVOCA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council clean up the road from the Meetings, Avoca. (The road which goes in the direction of Castle Howard.)" It was indicated that the cleaning up of this road will be carried out in accordance with the usual maintenance programme.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that overhanging trees on this road be examined.

ITEM 30 DRAINAGE SITUATION AT KILLADREENAN.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to improve the drainage situation at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy outside Mrs. Burke's house."

The Council was informed that at the start of last summer, drainage problems a short distance from Mrs. Burke's were rectified. It was hoped to start work on the footpath outside Mrs. Burke's before the end of the year. Any surface water problems which remain after this will be sorted out later. Concrete has been laid on the road outside the kerb at Mrs. Burke's gateway. This will have to be removed as it is a danger to road users and also interferes with the drainage at the side of the road.

ITEM 31 BLACKLION/KILLINCARRIG ROAD BETWEEN CHURCH LANE AND BLACKLION JUNCTION

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

"That urgent work be carried out on the Blacklion/Killincarrig road between Church Lane and Blacklion junction to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians."

It was indicated that there was no money in the current year to carry out this work. Councillor McManus proposed that money be included in next years estimates for this work. Agreed.

ITEM 32 NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE - SLANG TO SUNNYBANK

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

"That work commence on the National Primary route from the Slang to the traffic lights at Sunnybank."

It was indicated that some work had been done on the footpaths near the Blind Lane and it was hoped to complete the three other jobs between



this location and Sunnybank before Christmas. It was also hoped to start work on the Bridge at Upper Dargle Road as soon as the various problems have been sorted out.

Councillor McManus enquired if there was any proposals to do anything about land slide at Sunnybank. He proposed that money be included in the 1930 Estimates for same.

#### ITEM 33 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT GREYSTONES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council provide pedestrian crossings (pelican) (2) on Church Road, Greystones, i.e. from the Allied Irish Bank to the Railway Station and in the area of Stanley House, Church Road to La Touche Place."

It was indicated from report of County Engineer that a recent traffic count had indicated that a pedestrian crossing at this point was not warranted. Councillor O'Neill requested it be one like that in Shankill. The County Engineer stated that there was certain criteria laid down for the provision of pedestrian crossings and this location did not meet them.

#### ITEM 34 DIRECTION OF "WOSSLARE" SIGN AT SUNNYBANK, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council erect a forward direction "Wosslare" (large) sign at Sunnybank, Bray, to direct heavy traffic towards the main Wexford road via Upper Dargle Road."

The meeting was informed that new signs which were designed by the Department of the Environment will be erected in the near future. These include a large sign which indicates "Wexford" and the National Primary route number.

#### ITEM 35 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE VEWAY ROAD AT CHARNWOOD ESTATE, BRAY

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

"That the Council provide a pedestrian crossing on the Vevay road at Charnwood Estate, Bray."

It was indicated that work was in progress on the provision of this pedestrian crossing. In reply to Councillor J. Byrne, the County Engineer stated that it was hoped it would be completed this year.

#### ITEM 36 RE-SURFACING OF FOOTPATHS IN BEECHWOOD PARK, KILCOOLE

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

"That the Council provide out of next year's estimates the necessary money to re-surface the footpaths in Beechwood Park, Kilcoole."

It was recommended from report of County Engineer that money be provided out of next year's estimates to carry out the above work. Agreed.

#### ITEM 37 REMOVAL OF BED AT CROMAKEARY, ASHFORD.

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



"That Wicklow County Council remove the bad bend at Cronakeary, Ashford, which is a serious hazard, the owner of the land at the corner is willing to give it to the Council if they remove the bend and make the road safer."

It was recommended that the above work be included in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. Councillor F. Hynes proposed. Agreed.

#### ITEM 38 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN AND AROUND KILLINCARRIG VILLAGE

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

"That this Council carry out normal and regular maintenance on roads in and around Killincarrig Village."

In report of County Engineer it was stated that this work had been done. Councillor Jones stated that this work had not been done and he asked that the report be updated. The Chairman asked that a report be submitted on normal and regular maintenance in the area.

#### ITEM 39 FIRE STATION AT TINAHELY

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

"That this Council build a Fire Station in Tinahely."

It was indicated that negotiations were continuing between the Council and the Department. Councillor K. Ryan expressed annoyance at the way machinery had been left out in the open. He therefore, advocated that the Council get on with the building of this fire station.

#### ITEM 40 ERECTION OF ADVANCE FACTORY IN CARNEW

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

"That this Council build an Advance Factory in Carnew."

It was stated from report of County Development Officer that the matter had been discussed with the Regional Manager of the I.D.A. The provision of an advance factory at Carnew under the next I.D.A. Advance Factory Programme was being actively considered and a decision can be expected early in the new year.

#### ITEM 41 MATTERS ARISING FROM NOTICES OF MOTION

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

"That Wicklow County Council establish procedure for informing Councillors on matters arising from Notices of Motion, giving progress reports on work agreed to in the motions and repeating motions on the following agenda when they have not been reached or are postponed at the current meeting."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that notices of motion were being put down by members and often repeated by other members because members did not know what was happening to them, and it was because of this that he had put down the notice of motion.

The County Secretary stated that if a notice of motion is not reached or is deferred, it is always listed for the next meeting. When notices of motion have been dealt with at meetings, they are then referred to the individual appropriate officers for attention.



Councillor McManus stated that since the Council have not got a system where matters arising from Minutes are discussed there should be a means whereby the Council are kept informed.

It was agreed that the system be looked at again in January or February with a view to having a sub-committee set up.

#### ITEM 42 TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROAD AT RIVERSIDE, ENNISKERRY

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

"That the County Council proceed with the taking-in-charge of the roadway at Riverside, Enniskerry, which is deteriorating."

Details of the taking over of this road was given in the report of County Engineer. Cost of repairing the road would be approximately £2,000 and maintenance charge would be £50.00. It was agreed that this would be included in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

#### ITEM 43 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT NORTH BEACH, GREYSTONES.

The necessary notices in this regard had been inserted in newspaper. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill and agreed that the Council take over this road.

#### ITEM 44 IMPROVING OF MONASTERY JUNCTION TO ENNISKERRY VILLAGE.

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

"That the County Council be given a report on possible proposals to make the Monastery junction to Enniskerry village more safe in view of the very many accidents which continually occur."

The meeting was informed that County road number 7 will be included in the estimates for surface dressing next year. A survey can be carried out and an estimate prepared of the cost of local widening on the narrower sections of the road.

#### ITEM 45 ROADSIDE SPRING AT COUNTY BROOK, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That the roadside spring at County Brook, Enniskerry, be immediately attended to as flooding is occurring."

The meeting was informed that arrangements were being made in an effort to alleviate the problem at above location.

#### ITEM 46 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT BALLYMORRIS.

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

"That the County Council review the proposed functions and development of the Community Centre at Ballymorris, formerly the Healy family home."

Mr. L. Brennan stated that a room had been allocated to the Weights and Measures Office and to the Community Council. The room being used by the Weights and Measures is the one intended for the Community Council. The other room is being re-decorated.



Councillor A. Murphy stated that the people in the area were promised proper facilities. He also stated that this area had a big increase in population.

ITEM 47 COUNCIL SITE AT VICTORIA ROAD, GREYSTONES.

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

"That a progress report be given to the Council regarding the change of zoning on the Council site at Victoria Road, Greystones and its subsequent sale to the E.H.B. for the much needed Health Centre for the district."

The County Secretary stated that examination of this site was taking place.

ITEM 48 TAKING OVER OF ROADWAY AT KNOCKRAHEEN, BOUNDWOOD.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen was considered:-

"That this Council proceed to legally take over a roadway at Knockraheen, Boundwood, serving four families."

It was stated from report of County Engineer that it was not understood what road was referred to. It was agreed that Councillor H. Cullen give details of this road to the Council.

ITEM 49 FOOTPATHS AT RATHDRUM.

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

"That this Council make provision to repair the footpaths leading from main street Rathdrum to and including Gilberts Row, Rathdrum."

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

ITEM 50 REPAIR OF WALL OPPOSITE MILL, RATHDRUM

ITEM 72 REPAIRS TO WALL ON THE AVONMORE.

Notices of Motion numbers 50 and 72 were taken together.

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.: "That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to repair the bridge wall opposite the Mill, Rathdrum as it has been in a very dangerous condition for nearly a year now."

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.: "That repairs to the damaged retaining wall on the Avonmore at the road (Glasenarget, Rathdrum) be effected immediately."

Councillor H. Cullen stated that this was very serious situation and some action should be taken. The County Engineer stated that there was a question of responsibility between the Council and the Board of Works, but discussions had taken place with the Board of Works and the landowner. Councillor G. Timmins advocated that the Council do the work and then charge as required when responsibility is established. The County Engineer replied that the spending of public funds is subject to audit, and therefore, public money could not be spent if the Council were not entitled to do so. After discussion, it was agreed that these repairs be followed up as a matter of urgency and provision be made in the estimates for 1980 in respect of same.



ITEMS 51 TO 79 WERE DEFERRED.

ITEM 80 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Re-surfacing of National Primary Road:

Councillor Jones enquired in relation to the completion of re-surfacing of the National Primary road at Kilpedder and the County Engineer indicated that this would be finalised within the near future.

Road at Ballyteige:

Councillor H. Cullen enquired as to progress on the road at Ballyteige, Rathdrum and the County Manager indicated that a meeting had recently taken place and it was hoped that difficulties which had arisen in relation to this road would be resolved in the near future.

Drainage outside of house of Mrs. Whelan, Clonpadden:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired in relation to the drainage problem outside the premises of Mrs. Mary Whelan, Clonpadden and he requested that the necessary remedial works be put in hands.

Light at Church in Ashford:

Councillor Hynes indicated that a light outside the Church in Ashford was not working and that the necessary repairs be arranged.

Telephone at Crossbridge:

Councillor V. Blake requested that the position in relation to the telephone at Crossbridge, Tinahely, be examined which had been on a particular site but apparently had been removed subsequently.

Flooding on the Baltinglass/Kiltegan Road:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the flooding on the Baltinglass/Kiltegan road be attended to.

Signs at Dual Carriageway:

Councillor J. Leeson referred to the necessity for better signs at the end of the dual carriageway.

Itinerants at Kilpedder:

Councillor J. Leeson requested that the question of itinerants at the Kilpedder and Newtown areas be placed on the Agenda for the January meeting.

Roadworks in the western area:

Councillor J. Miley requested that money not spent on roadworks in the western area be spent on other schemes in the area before the end of the current financial year.

Water supply at Kilballyowen:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired in relation to the water supply to the Kilballyowen area of Aughrim and requested that a letter be sent to him outlining the present position.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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*Seamus Murphy*  
CHAIRMAN.  
Date 14/1/80