

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th January, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

In the absence of the County Manager due to illness Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, attended.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, J. P. Caffrey, W. J. Maher and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA:

1. To consider Resolution proposed in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, in regard to grant of permission under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. James D. Shortt, "Serrigny," Glencormac, Bray, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glencormac, (Copy of notice circulated to each Member).
2. Town and Regional Planning Acts:—
 1. Application of Mr. Heatley, Glencormac, for approval to use of sites at Glencormac for housing."
 2. Application of Mr. Michael J. Devereux, Killincarrig, for approval to erection of dwellinghouse at Killincarrig.
3. To consider Provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority for year to 31st March, 1965.
4. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of new dwellinghouse at Tinnahinch, Avoca.
5. Correspondence regarding vesting of cottage at Knockanrahan Lower, Arklow.
6. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Rathshanmore.
7. Application of Mr. J. Nolan, Raheengreany, for provision of cottage.
8. Schemes for erection of cottages.
9. Purchase and development of sites for sale to persons wishing to build their own houses.
10. Vesting of cottages—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley.

11. Rathnew Water and Sewerage Scheme
12. To arrange date for Meeting of Committee appointed by Council with representatives of C.I.E. re coast protection work at Ballygannon.
13. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of December, 1963, and cottages to be repaired during month of January, 1964.
14. Acknowledgements of Resolutions of Sympathy.

Welcome to Member.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, on behalf of the Members, welcomed Councillor A. H. Hadden on his return to the Council after his convalescence following an accident. Councillor Hadden expressed thanks for the welcome and for the good wishes conveyed to him by the Members.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The Council passed Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and family of the late Mr. Michael Tully, Blessington, Agricultural Instructor under the County Committee of Agriculture, and with the widow and family of the late Mr. Ben Farrell, formerly of Baltinglass, and a former Member of the Council.

Item No. 1.—To consider Resolution Proposed in Pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in regard to Grant of Permission Under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. James D. Shortt, "Serrigny," Glencormac, Bray, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glencormac.

In accordance with Notice which had been given to the Members of the Council

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple.

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. James D. Shortt, "Serrigny," Glencormac, Bray, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glencormac.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Application of Mr. Heatley, Glencormac for Approval to Use of Sites at Glencormac for Housing.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the application in this instance had been refused because it would lead to a type of urban development in a rural area and that such a proposal would have to be related to a comprehensive Development Plan for the district. It was considered that the number of septic tanks in the area could not be allowed to increase indefinitely. Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the size of the sites for the houses in this case and stated there was ample room for septic tanks on the sites without causing any danger to public health. He considered that provided the density was not too great, permission should be allowed. The Council asked that this matter be reconsidered.

Application of Mr. Michael J. Devereux, Killincarrig, for Approval to Erection of Dwellinghouse at Killincarrig

The Deputy County Manager stated that a person who was the owner of the lands at Killincarrig in relation to which Mr. Devereux's proposal had been received had indicated that he wished to erect one house on these lands and it was being indicated to him that there was no objection in principle to such proposal. The proposal submitted by Mr. Devereux, it appeared, did not relate to lands in his ownership. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 3.—Provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority for Year to 31st March, 1965.

The County Secretary stated that the Provisional Estimate received from the Dublin Health Authority in respect of Mental Hospitals showed an increase of £12,319 over the amount demanded in the current financial year. The Estimate for 1963/64 amounted to £262,124. Of the increase of £12,319 approximately £5,000 related to an increase in the actual expenditure for 1963/64 as compared with the estimated expenditure for that year. The increase in the estimate for 1964/65 otherwise accounted for about £7,000. The items in the Estimate showing increases were salaries, superannuation, medicines, heating and lighting, and general expenses. It was mentioned in the Report of the Dublin Health Authority on the Estimates that the cost of medicines had increased by nearly 93 per cent. since 1960/61. It was mentioned also that over the past ten years admission and discharges of patients in Mental Hospitals in Dublin had more than doubled and attendances at Clinics had increased tenfold.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of the Provisional Estimate of Expenses and Draft Demand in respect of the financial year 1964/65 received from the Dublin Health Authority.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—Application for Supplementary Grant in Respect of New Dwellinghouse at Tinnahineh, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. William J. Moran, Tinnahineh, Avoca, for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of erecting a new dwellinghouse. Mr. Moran's income was within the limit specified under the Act and he would appear to be eligible for a Grant of £300 being a similar amount to the Grant provided by the Department of Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple.

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. William J. Moran, Tinnahineh, Avoca, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Supplementary Grant for Erection of New Dwellinghouse at Park, Clonegal, Ferns.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Frederick Fennell, Park, Clonegal, Ferns, for a Sup-

plementary Grant towards the cost of erecting a new dwellinghouse. It appeared, however, that Mr. Fennell had been the owner of a farm of valuation £97 5s. 0d. up to the previous year when he sold it to his sister, a Mrs. Kidd. He was still employed on the farm. Under the Council's Scheme a single person without dependents was not eligible for a Supplementary Grant and consequently a Supplementary Grant was not payable in this instance. Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that the matter be re-examined and stated that Mr. Fennell had not owned the farm and that dependents of his did reside with him.

Item No. 5.—Correspondence Regarding Vesting of Cottage at Knockanrahan Lower, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. James Barnes had been appointed tenant of a cottage at Knockanrahan Lower, Arklow, on the 24th May, 1961, and applied to have the cottage vested in him on the 8th November, 1961. The cottage was vested in Mr. Barnes with effect from 1st June, 1962. This cottage was situated within the Urban District of Arklow as it had been built by the former Rural District Council prior to the formation of the Arklow Urban District. The site contained 2 roods and 10 perches. It appeared that Mr. Barnes never resided in the cottage from the date he was appointed to the tenancy, but had resided in another Council cottage which was vested in his late father and which was situated in the same district as the cottage vested in him. Mr. Barnes' father died some while ago and Mr. Barnes had decided to continue to live with his mother in his late father's cottage. When the Council found that Mr. Barnes was not residing in the cottage legal advice was obtained as to the possibility of regaining possession, but it was found that the Council could not recover possession in these circumstances. As no use had been made of the plot on the 17th October last the attention of Arklow Urban District Council had been drawn to the suitability of the plot to be used as a building site and it had been suggested that the Urban District Council might be prepared to acquire part of the plot for housing urban applicants either by agreement or compulsorily. The County Council had now received an application on behalf of Mr. Barnes for the consent of the Council to dispose of his interests in the cottage to a Mr. James McDonald stated to be residing in Arklow and to be a motor mechanic by trade. The purchase price was mentioned as £200. The Council noted the position in the matter and noted that the Council could not reasonably withhold consent to the proposed sale of the cottage and accordingly indicated that they agreed to consent being given.

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

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mrs. Mary Flynn, Rathshanmore Hacketstown, for the consent of the Council to the sale of Cottage No. 58/10 at Rathshanmore to Mr. John Lambert, Ardnaboy, Hacketstown. Mr. Lambert is a builder's labourer and it was stated he was getting married early in the New Year. The tenant/purchaser had alternative housing accommodation with a sister in Dublin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Mrs. Mary Flynn, Rathshanmore, Hacketstown, to dispose of her interest in Cot-

tage No. 58/10 at Rathshanmore, to John Lambert, Ardnaboy, Hacketstown.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed Sale by John Phelan of his Interest in Cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting on the 7th October, 1963, the Council had approved of consent being given to the sale by Mr. John Phelan, tenant/purchaser of cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, of his interest in the cottage to Mr. James Steadman, Ballinvalley Upper, Avoca, for the sum of £50, subject to certain conditions, one of them being that Mr. Phelan would furnish an undertaking that he would not at any time in the future apply to Wicklow County Council for housing accommodation. On the 23rd December, 1963, a firm of Solicitors had submitted a Deed of Transfer in this case for endorsement with the Council's consent and also had forwarded an undertaking signed by Mr. Phelan indicating that he had suitable alternative housing accommodation and that he would not in the future apply to Wicklow County Council for housing accommodation. On the 4th January, 1964, however, Mr. Phelan called to the Council's Offices at Wicklow and inquired if the Council would erect a cottage for him on land which he had acquired at Ballard, Kilbride. It appeared that the Mr. Phelan who had called to the Council's Offices was the same person as Mr. John Phelan who was disposing of his interest in the vested cottage. The Council agreed that the Deed of Transfer in this case should not be completed if it be confirmed that Mr. Phelan had again approached the Council for the provision of a cottage for him.

Item No. 7.—Application of Mr. J. Nolan, Raheengreany for Provision of Cottage.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the County Medical Officer in regard to an application of Mr. John Nolan, Raheengreany, for the provision of a cottage had been received and was available for the Meeting of the Council. The County Medical Officer had reported that the house in which Mr. Nolan was living was unfit and that he was eligible for re-housing. The Council noted that the provision of a house for Mr. Nolan would be included in the Scheme being prepared.

Item No. 8.—Schemes for Erection of Cottages

The County Secretary stated that he had been in touch with the contractor in regard to the Housing Scheme for Carnew and the contractor had indicated that he had difficulty in arranging for the completion of the necessary Bond. The contractor had been informed that the Council would be prepared to consider accepting satisfactory sureties instead of a Bond and he had been asked to submit the names of the sureties. It was understood that the contractor was prepared to proceed with the Scheme as soon as this matter was settled.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to arrange for the borrowing required for the Carnew Housing Scheme and stated that the cost of the Scheme was estimated at £9,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £9,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a

period of fifty years, with interest at 6 %, for the purpose of defraying the cost of erection of five houses at Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the Scheme at Blessington Mr. Maher, Assistant County Engineer, informed the Council that he had spoken to the contractor on that day and had been informed that the work could not be commenced until about the end of February.

The County Secretary stated that the cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown were proceeding and that cottages for the following had also been approved:—

- Two cottages at Bawnogue, Baltinglass
- One cottage at Moylisha for Mrs. Byrne.
- One cottage at Redcross for Mrs. E. Kinsella.
- One cottage at Stratford for Mr. John Barrett.
- One cottage at Ballard, Kilbride, for Richard Greene.
- One cottage at Raheengreany for Mr. John Nolan.

In all these cases the sites were regarded as suitable though a Report was still required in regard to the site at Raheengreany. Subject to that being in order the Council could proceed with these cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of cottages for approved applicants on sites as set out hereunder and direct that Plans and Specifications and contract documents be prepared for the purpose of invitation of tenders:—

1. Cottage at Eadestown for Mr. O'Neill.
2. Cottage at Johnstown for Mr. Ward.
3. Two cottages at Bawnogue, Baltinglass for Messrs. Fogarty and another.
4. Cottage at Moylisha for Mrs. Byrne.
5. Cottage at Redcross for Mrs. E. Kinsella.
6. Cottage at Stratford for John Barrett.
7. Cottage at Ballard, Kilbride, for Richard Greene.
8. Cottage at Raheengreany for John Nolan.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that a site at Snugboro', Dunlavin, had also been approved for a Mr. P. J. Keogh and this should be included.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That site at Snugboro' for P. J. Keogh be included in list of sites for erection of cottages.

Passed unanimously.

Housing at Rathdrum.

Councillor J. D. Haughton stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended that houses be provided at Rathdrum some years ago and asked that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

Houses at Aughrim and Avoca.

Councillor J. Quigley stated that the Council had agreed in principle to the erection of four houses at Aughrim and four at Avoca. In reply to inquiry from the Chairman, Councillor Quigley stated that he would hand in the names of persons requiring houses.

Housing at Grattan Park, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that plans had been prepared for the erection of nine houses at Grattan Park, Bray, and it was proposed to invite tenders for them. There would be accommodation at Grattan Park for a further twelve houses, if required. The County Architect had prepared a plan indicating sites at Grattan Park which could be made available for private housing. It was agreed that the matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next local Meeting.

Site at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that there was a building site available also at Kilcoole and it was agreed that the matter of providing houses on this site be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Site at Hollybrook.

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge who referred to a site available at Glencormac, the County Secretary stated that it appeared that this site might be affected by road improvements at the corner and the matter was being re-examined.

Item No. 9.—Purchase and Development of Sites for Sale to Persons Wishing to Build Their Own Houses.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that there was a demand for sites in various parts of the County for persons who wished to build their own houses. He suggested that the Council might consider purchasing and developing sites in certain areas and selling or leasing the sites to persons wishing to erect houses for themselves. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that this proposal be considered by the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area at their next local Meeting.

Item No. 10.—Vesting of Cottages—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley that the following cottages be vested in the tenants:—

- John Keogh, Ballinroan, Kiltegan.
- John Cullen, Ballinclea, Donard.
- Mrs. Winders, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
- Mrs. Moran, Ballinacrow, Baltinglass.
- Thomas Lawlor, Ballysize, Hollywood.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary maps to enable purchase to be completed in these cases had not yet been received, but it was understood they would be ready at an early date. Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that the mapping of cottages for vesting should be carried out on a priority basis in relation to the date of application. It was agreed that each Local Committee of the Council be furnished with a list in chronological order of outstanding applications to purchase. The County Secretary stated that a total of 1,517 cottages had now been vested in the tenants, but there were still about 900 applications for vesting on hands. There were thirty-one Vesting Orders being submitted for sealing by the Council on that date.

Item No. 11.—Rathnew Water and Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that it was expected that work would commence fairly soon on the Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme for Rathnew. The Council had agreed to extend the water and sewerage mains and the tenants had indicated that they would arrange themselves for making connections and providing the fittings in their houses. The tenants had not been prepared to pay the contribution of 1s. 9d. per week for water and 1s. 9d. per week for sewerage services. If any of the tenants wished to reconsider the position and agreed to the payment of the increase of 3s. 6d. per week in respect of the provision of water supply and sewerage arrangements could be made to have the work carried out by the contractor in the course of the work. The revised tender accepted amounted to £6,082 9s. 6d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of McMahon and Regan Ltd., in the adjusted figure of £6,082 9s. 6d. for the extension of water and sewerage mains at Rathnew and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £6,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, with interest at 6 % to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12.—To Arrange Date for Meeting of Committee Appointed by Council with Representatives of C.I.E. Re Coast Protection Work at Ballygannon.

The Council agreed that the Meeting of the Committee consisting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the three Deputies for the County and the Chairman with the representatives of C.I.E. regarding the proposal of C.I.E. in relation to coast protection work at Ballygannon be held on Thursday, 23rd January, 1964, at the Council Chamber, Wicklow.

Item No. 13.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During Month of December, 1963, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of January, 1964.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages and of those to be carried out during the month of January, 1964.

Item No. 14.—Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.

The County Secretary submitted acknowledgment received from the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs. McCloskey expressing appreciation for the Resolution passed by the County Council expressing their sympathy on the death of the late John Fitz-

gerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.

The County Secretary also submitted letter of 30th December, 1963, from Mrs. Helena Norton, expressing her appreciation for the Resolution passed by the County Council expressing their sympathy with her and the other members of her family on the death of her husband, Deputy James Norton.

Rathdrum Water Supply.

Councillor J. D. Haughton referred to the shortage of water in the Ballygannon area in Rathdrum and stated that many people had been left without any water. The following Report from the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Arklow,
7th January, 1964.

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
County Council Offices,
RATHDRUM,
Co. Wicklow.

Re: Water Supply—Ballygannon Cottages.

Dear Sir,

The water supply to Ballygannon cottages is taken from a 2" gun barrel pipe from the main to Rathdrum. This 2" pipe runs across the site to the cottages on the Greenane Road, 1" connections being taken for each house. Recently we took up the first section of this pipe and found it very badly corroded and replaced it with a 2" plastic pipe. It was thought that the corrosion was just in the first length of pipe and that the new connection would help to improve the supply. It is now found that the position hasn't improved and it is most likely that all of this 2" gun barrel pipe is corroded. We could clean it with difficulty and probably at a cost of about £100 but the position would be as bad as ever within a couple of years. Gun barrel piping corrodes much faster after cleaning than cast iron pipes. The total distance of pipe is about 630 yards, and I would recommend renewing it with 2" plastic pipe at a cost of about £450. We have not yet finished the cleaning of the water main from the intake at Ballinderry to the service tank on Hatton's bank, but have cleaned about three-quarters of it and already there has been a great improvement to the water supply to the town. With the renewal of the pipeline to the Ballygannon cottages we should have no further complaints about the water supply to Rathdrum.

Yours faithfully

J. P. CAFFREY.

JPC/PD.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of re-laying 630 yards of piping to serve cottages at Ballygannon at cost of £450 and authorise the necessary expenditure.

Passed unanimously.

Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply.

The County Secretary, in reply to inquiry from Councillor A. H. Hadden stated that the Consulting Engineer had reported on the proposal that provision be made in the Scheme for laying additional mains to serve as many houses as possible in the area. The Council agreed that the matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their next local Meeting.

Water Supply for Cottages at Ballybawn.

Councillor J. O'Toole stated that the water supply to cottages at Ballybawn from the pump was unsatisfactory and that some tenants had been without water since Christmas. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be investigated.

Glenealy Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the person who had submitted the lowest tender for this Scheme had indicated that he was not prepared to proceed with the Contract and sanction to the acceptance of the next lowest tender had been applied for.

Flooding at Greystones.

Councillor E. Byrne referred to complaints received by him concerning flooding of the road at Greystones near the Harbour. The County Secretary stated that the flooding had been caused by a choked drain which was on private property and the Council had served the necessary notice to enable this drain to be cleared.

Blessington Dispensary.

Councillor Miley stated that proceeding with the erection of the Dispensary at Blessington had been deferred in order that plans for a Public Library could also be included in the proposed building. Having regard to the delay which had occurred in the matter he asked that arrangements be made to proceed with the erection of the Dispensary on the basis of the original plans.

Dumping Facilities at Delgany.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the closing of the dump at Delgany and stated that at a recent Meeting at Newtownmountkennedy complaints had been made that refuse was being dumped in the graveyard and along the side of the roads. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the contractor who was carrying out the Refuse Collection Service in Greystones had indicated that he would be prepared to provide a Refuse Collection Service for the Kilquade area, being the area to cover Kilquade Church and adjoining it, for the sum of £260 per annum. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that this matter be considered.

Patients at Peamount Sanatorium.

Councillor Hipwell referred to the removal of patients to Peamount Sanatorium on the closing of the Sanatorium at Newcastle and stated he had received complaints that patients had to provide, at their own expense, a hot-water bottle, clinical thermometer, and mug or cup, and that also patients were housed in wooden chalets which were unfit. He asked that the matter be investigated.

Consultative Health Committee.

Councillor P. Brennan referred to the period which had elapsed without any Meeting of the Consultative Health Committee and stated that he felt that Members were not in possession of up-to-date information regarding developments under the Health Services. He referred to the arrangements for the supply of hearing-aids to persons in the lower income group on a repayment basis. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed that this service could only be made available to those who held medical cards, but that he would inquire on the matter from the Department of Health.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden, the Council passed a Resolution conveying the congratulations of the Members to Mr. James Mulhall, Crossbridge, Tinahely, who had won the award for "Young Farmer of the Year."

Lectures on Town Planning.

The County Secretary stated that a special course of Lectures in connection with the new Planning and Development Act had been arranged by the Department of Local Government for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week and would be opened by the Minister for Local Government at 3.00 p.m. on Monday the 20th January, 1964. In the circumstances he asked if the Council would agree to defer their Meeting to Monday, the 27th of January. The Council agreed to defer the Meeting of the Council to the 27th January, 1964.

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley - That the Council instruct the County Engineer to examine the drainage on Aughrim/Moneygreen Road between the residence of Mr. Patrick James Salsgreen, Lower, and Sheehamara road junction at there is a water defect.

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley - That the Council provide a Car Park in the vicinity of Catholic Church, Aughrim.

Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Quigley, P. Brennan, and Miss M. Walsh - That a Report be submitted to the possibility of improving Sheehamara-Cashel Road as it leads to Churches and Schools.

Letter from Department of Local Government regarding proposed purchase of fourteen Lorries.

Snow Clearance - Letter from Dublin County Council re arrangements for snow clearance.

Letter from Department of Local Government suggesting an order to purchase of equipment for snow clearance, etc.

To the Board of Council to Mortgage in respect of loan of £2,250 for purchase of four Loading Shovels.

Application from persons at Kilnash, Aughrim, for the taking over by the Council and maintaining of Kilnash Lane from Campbell Road to Bunsbark at the proposed and maintenance of old lane from Campbell Road to Bunsbark.

Correspondence with Blessington Building Club re closing of road at Blessington in connection with Open House Meeting on May 1st and 2nd, 1964.

Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposed Quarries, etc.

13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That a new light be erected opposite garage at Ashford leading to Post Office.
14. Report requested by Councillor Miss M. Walsh regarding occasional flooding at cottages at Coolross, Tinahely.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council allocate money for the purpose of improving Baltinglass Cemetery.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—That scavenging collection be arranged for the Avondale Park, Ballywaltrim and Boghall areas in the Bray area.
17. Domestic Scavenging at Rathnew—Report of County Engineer.
18. To authorise borrowing of £1,580 for purchase of forestry fire pumps and equipment.
19. Water supply for village of Redcross.
20. Glenealy Water Supply Scheme—To authorise borrowing of £6,500 to defray the cost of extension to Glenealy Water Supply Scheme.
21. Letter from Dublin Health Authority enclosing Supplementary Report re Estimate for year to 31st March, 1965.
22. Capitation rates for patients in Voluntary Hospitals.
23. Consultative Health Committees — Letter from Department of Health.
24. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March, 1963.
25. Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1963.
26. Revision of remuneration of Assistance Officers.
27. Revised salary scale for Clerical Officers.
28. Revision of salary scale for Health Inspectors.
29. Retirement of County Engineer.
30. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council as follows:

"That in view of the alarming rise in the cost of public administration by Local Authorities, we call on the Minister for Local Government to engage the services of efficiency experts to examine and report and issue their recommendations in relation to the applied methods of expenditure of a cross section of local bodies, it is suggested that the survey extend to six County Councils and their Elective Bodies, that any recommendations by these experts as to the methods that should be applied for greater efficiency and the lowering of costs for the services supplied by Local Authorities should be adopted and applied to the State as a whole. That the costs of such survey be a charge on the entire rating system of the State. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies, requesting their support."
31. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council as follows:

"So as to assure that the Taxpayers' money is expended to the best advantage on all major road schemes, we call on the Minister for Local Government to make regulations fixing a

ceiling of expenditure on any specified road scheme after which the Council would be obliged to invite tenders, the cost of the scheme to be based on the entire section involved. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies requesting their support."

32. Quarterly Report of County Engineer on Road Works.
33. Report of Committee appointed to meet representatives of C.I.E. re proposed coast protection work at Ballygannon, Kilcool.
34. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th November, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Memorial from Persons using Roadway from Downs School via Silversprings to Woodlands, Delgany, for Repairs to Road.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Mr. John Keenan giving the names and signatures of other persons concerned and asking that the road at Woodlands, Delgany, be reconditioned. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council instruct the County Engineer to remove Dangerous Bend on Aughrim/Moneymeen Road between the residence of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Ballygreen Lower and Sheeanamore Road Junction as there is a Water Course.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council provide a Car Park in the vicinity of Catholic Church, Aughrim.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Quigley, P. McCarthy and Miss M. Walsh—That a Report be submitted on the possibility of improving Shroughmore/Canary Road as it leads to Churches and Schools.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 6—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Proposed Purchase of Fourteen Lorries.

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

R.27/11/2.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.
2nd January, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 13th December, 1963, and previous correspondence regarding the proposed purchase of 14 lorries. It is noted the Council now propose to accept a tender which is £8,950 higher than the lowest tender submitted. The County Engineer should be requested to furnish a further report detailing his reasons for passing over the lower priced vehicles in favour of those recommended by him. Tenders are being returned and should be re-submitted with your reply.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,
P. O CRIODHAIN.

The County Secretary stated that a further Report had been submitted by the County Engineer which had been forwarded to the Department. At the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was agreed that the Department be requested to expedite a decision in regard to the purchase of the lorries.

Item No. 7—Snow Clearance—Letter from Dublin County Council Re Arrangements for Mutual Assistance.

The County Secretary stated that Dublin County Council had written to request confirmation that Wicklow County Council was agreeable to make with them an arrangement for mutual assistance as had been suggested in the Circular from the Department of Local Government of the 9th November, 1963, on the subject of the maintenance of essential services in blizzard conditions. It was suggested that each Council could keep account of the cost of services afforded to the other and following examination of same a payment equivalent to the difference could be arranged. The County Engineer had recommended that the Council accept the proposals of Dublin County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Engineer we approve of the arrangements made with Dublin County Council for mutual assistance in respect of snow clearance. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to purchase of equipment for snow clearance, etc.

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

R.27/11/2.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.
2nd January, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 13th December, 1963, regarding the proposed purchase at an estimated cost of £10,100 of the following items, in connection with arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and clearance of roads during snow, ice and blizzard conditions:

- 4 Snow Blower Units.
- 14 Blade Ploughs for Lorries.
- 4 Blade Ploughs for Loading Machines.
- 1 Transport Vehicle.
- 2 "Thomas" Stretcher Sleds.

No objection in principle is seen to the proposals. The Minister is unable to accede to the request for a contribution towards the capital cost of the machines and equipment in question. It is pointed out, however, that the cost of snow or ice clearing machinery, including a reasonable charge in respect of capital cost, will be eligible for inclusion in expenditure attracting the Main Road Upkeep Grant, insofar as operations on main roads are concerned.

Mise, le meas,
P. O CRIODHAIN.

In reply to Councillor A. H. Hadden the County Secretary stated that the total expenditure on snow clearance in the previous year was £30,766. The Grant allocated by the Department of Local Government towards the cost was £16,153 10s. 0d. leaving the Council to meet the balance of £14,612 10s. 0d. Councillor H. J. Byrne queried whether the type of machines proposed to be purchased for snow clearance would be adequate and suggested that it might be better for the Council to purchase one machine at a cost in the region of £8,000 which would be capable of clearing up to thirty miles in a day. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the purchase of four Snow Blowers, one for each district, and that the County Engineer had indicated that he was satisfied that these machines would be satisfactory for the purpose required. The County Secretary stated that application would be made to the Council for formal approval to the necessary borrowing when the exact cost of the machinery had been determined. The Council noted the terms of the letter from the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 9—To Affix Seal of Council to Mortgage in respect of Loan of £8,228 for Purchase of Four Loading Shovels.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 20th day of November, 1963, of the Minister for Local Government, the

sum of £8,228 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of four Loading Shovels, to be repaid within seven years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged to the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Application from Persons at Killeagh, Aughrim, for the taking over by the Council and maintaining of Killeagh Lane from Templeusk Road to Bluebank or the re-opening and maintenance of Old Lane from Templeusk Road to Bluebank.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting. The County Secretary pointed out that this matter had been considered by the Council previously and the Council had decided not to take over the road.

Item No. 11—Correspondence with Blessington Sailing Club re Closing of Road at Blessington in connection with Open Dinghy Meeting on May 23rd and 24th, 1964.

The County Secretary stated that the Hon. Secretary to the Blessington Sailing Club had asked if the Council would close the access road leading from the Velleymount/Baltyboys Road to the Club site on the occasion of the Open Dinghy Meeting on the 23rd and 24th May, 1964. It was indicated that the reason for the request was that in the previous two years the public had parked cars in the access road and blocked it completely preventing the passage to and fro of trailed boats and competitors' cars. As it seemed that the difficulty in this case was due only to the parking of cars on the access road it was suggested to the Club that they might consult with the Garda Authorities in order to prohibit parking on the access road on the days of the Meeting and that they might also arrange for temporary parking accommodation on lands in the vicinity. The Hon. Secretary to the Club had indicated that the Club would be pleased to follow this suggestion and consequently it appeared that it would not be necessary to make any arrangements for the formal closing of the road. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 12—Circular Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Unprotected Quarries, Etc.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 3rd January, 1964, had drawn attention of Sanitary Authorities to their powers of taking action to minimise the risk of drowning accidents in water-filled unused quarries and had stated that the Minister intended to submit to the Oireachtas proposals for extending these powers to hazards on private property not adjoining public roadways and to empower a Sanitary Authority in such cases to have the necessary works carried out by agreement with the owner or by authority of a Court Order if agreement was withheld. In regard to water-filled quarries it was intended that works should include reclamation by draining and filling and the Minister recommended that Sanitary Authorities should adopt this course as a long-term aim, in addition to fencing. It was pointed out by the Department that a number of disused dry quarries were

of particular scientific interest and that before any works be carried out on such quarries inquiries should be made as to the possible value of the site for scientific purposes. State contributions towards the cost of approved works would be available on the same basis as grants for work under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961, i.e., 50 % of approved cost, subject to review of the maximum grant in appropriate cases. The Department asked that immediate action be taken in regard to water-filled quarries known to be dangerous to children. The County Secretary stated that as far as could be ascertained there were no dangerous water-filled quarries in the County Health District. The Council noted the terms of the Circular from the Department.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That a New Light be erected opposite Garage at Ashford leading to Post Office.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was no objection to the provision of a light at this point if funds were available and that it was felt that such a light would be desirable.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of an estimate being obtained from E.S.B. for the cost of providing a light at the junction of the Roundwood Road with the Main Bray Road at Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Report requested by Councillor Miss M. Walsh regarding Occasional Flooding at Cottages at Coolross, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that flooding was caused at this place by the fact that the verge at the roadside had been dug away in front of one of the cottages. Water collected at this low point and seeped through the ditch. The presence of a public pump at the point further aggravated the situation. The Assistant County Engineer stated that it would be possible to drain the water away by laying 80 yards of pipes at an estimated cost of £65. There was no money available for carrying out the work during the current year. On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh it was agreed that this work be carried out from a provision in the coming financial year.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council Allocate Money for the Purpose of Improving Baltinglass Cemetery.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported in regard to Baltinglass Cemetery and stated that the fencing between the Burial Ground and the adjoining lands had been repaired in 1962 and was still in perfect condition. The main path from the entrance to the top of the Cemetery was surfaced with sand and gravel, was 7 ft. wide and in perfect condition for vehicular (hearse) traffic. Additional paths could not be provided to give access to existing graves since the latter had been constructed with space left between each two plots. In order to ensure that future plots would be easily accessible he had left instructions to construct 2 ft.

wide sand-gravel paths every 6 yards. The cost of the work would be approximately £40. The construction of these paths had been approved. Councillor O'Neill stated that it would be necessary to widen the road leading to the top of the Cemetery and that at present hearses could not be driven up there being no place to turn at the top. Councillor Timmins also suggested that it would be desirable to widen the main pathway. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer be asked to look into this matter again.

Blessington Cemetery.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the new Cemetery in Blessington and asked for a Report on its condition. Councillor J. Miley also asked for a Report concerning the proposed extension to the Manor Kilbride Cemetery.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer in Report of 2nd January, 1964, for provision of additional paths at Baltinglass Cemetery at a cost of approximately £40.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—That Scavenging Collection be arranged for the Avondale Park, Ballywaltrim and Boghall Areas in the Bray Area.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that this matter might be deferred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Local Meeting. The Council agreed that the item be deferred as suggested.

Item No. 17—Domestic Scavenging at Rathnew—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the tenders received for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service in Rathnew and had recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender being that of Messrs. Byrne Bros., Merry-meeting, at £1,248 to cover three years.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we accept recommendation of County Engineer for Scavenging Service at Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

Scavenging Service at Newtownmountkennedy.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. Joseph Doyle, Hon. Secretary, Newtownmountkennedy, stating that at a Meeting of road-workers held in Newtown it had been noted that Councillor H. J. Byrne had referred to Council workmen having dumped what they cleaned from the main street onto the side roads. They wished to point out that this statement was untrue and asked that the statement be withdrawn. They also pointed out that the Council had tried to secure a suitable dumping ground in the Newtownmountkennedy area, but had been unable to satisfy some of the residents.

Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that he had merely reported what had been stated by other persons at a Meeting which he had attended at Newtownmountkennedy.

Domestic Scavenging Service—Rathdrum.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor Haughton, the Assistant County Engineer stated that bins were emptied and streets cleaned in Rathdrum on Fridays in each week. There had never been a twice-weekly collection of bins in the area. Councillor Haughton pointed out that only a very limited area was being provided with the service and that the service should be extended to take in Ballygannon and other parts of Rathdrum. He suggested also that the service be provided on two days in the week.

Item No. 18—To Authorise Borrowing of £1,580 for Purchase of Forestry Fire Pumps and Equipment.

The County Secretary stated that when this matter had been before the Council previously the Council had asked that the Department of Lands be requested to contribute towards the cost of providing Portable Fire Pumps suitable for use for forest fires and the Department of Local Government also be requested to contribute. No reply had yet been received from the Departments. The Chief Fire Officer in a further report had expressed concern at the delay in obtaining the Portable Fire Pumps which he stated were urgently needed as they would replace the old trailer pumps which were no longer fit for service. Details of the former trailer pumps which had now been scrapped were given to the Council. These pumps had been manufactured in 1942 and were now obsolete and spares no longer available. The County Secretary pointed out that the Portable Pumps proposed to be acquired would be of value to the Council when dealing with farm fires where the fire engine could not approach sufficiently near to the fire. The Pumps would also, of course, be essential for use for fighting forest fires and the County Secretary pointed out that the Department of Lands were arranging to provide sources of water supply at strategic points in the State Forests and to improve access routes to these supplies. The Council decided to defer the matter pending a reply from the Department of Lands.

Item No. 19—Water Supply for Village of Redcross.

The County Secretary stated that it had been proposed to seek a source nearer to the village of Redcross and construct a gravity supply for the village and surrounding houses and for this purpose gaugings were taken on streams and were still being taken to obtain the necessary information. However, until a dry Summer arrived a final estimate of the value of these streams could not be ascertained. Later it had been proposed that if a supply were being developed from Garryduff for the Avoca area a main would be run to Redcross, but this Scheme had not yet been finalised. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the suggestion of using the existing well in the village would be examined for use for a limited Scheme and that such a Scheme could be developed as a Group Scheme which would suffice until a regional supply was available. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that there was a pump in the village which supplied the entire area and he suggested that an electric pump might be attached to this and the water pumped to a storage tank. The Council agreed that this suggestion be examined by the engineering staff.

Item No. 20—Glenealy Water Supply Scheme—To Authorise Borrowing of £6,500 to Defray the Cost of Extension to Glenealy Water supply Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had been received to the acceptance of the tender of William Carroll & Son (Wexford), Ltd., Taghmon, Co. Wexford, in the sum of £6,202 15s. 0d. for Glenealy Water Supply Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of the acceptance of the tender of William Carroll and Son (Wexford), Ltd., Taghmon, Co. Wexford, in the sum of £6,202 15s. 0d. as recommended by the County Engineer for the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme and hereby authorise the borrowing of £6,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Letter from Dublin Health Authority enclosing Supplementary Report re Estimate for Year to 31st March, 1965.

The County Secretary stated that the Dublin Health Authority had forwarded a Supplementary Report of the Chief Executive Officer in connection with the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1965, in which it was recommended to the Authority that it would be prudent to make provision in the Estimate for adjustments of salaries and wages of officers and servants in consequences of the recommendation made by the National Employer-Labour Conference for wage and salary adjustments. An additional sum of £400,000 had been proposed by the Chief Executive Officer which after allowing for recoupment from the Health Services Grant involved a net increase of £203,217. The effect of the recommendations was that the Estimate for Wicklow County Council was increased by £5,666. The Council noted the additional provision now made in the Estimates.

Item No. 22—Capitation Rates for Patients in Voluntary Hospitals.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had indicated that up-to-date data regarding current costs of providing services in Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin had been obtained and that the estimated costs for 1964 represented a considerable advance on figures which had been quoted in the Department's letter of 26th Sept., 1963 and which had been reported to the Council. The Department of Health had indicated that it seemed that there would be a further substantial increase in the capitation rates in the relatively near future. The Council noted the likely increase in capitation rates for the maintenance of patients in Hospitals.

Item No. 23—Consultative Health Committees—Letter from Department of Health.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 7th December, 1963, from Department of Health it had been indicated that the National Health Council had made recommendations to the effect that Health Authorities be requested to consider including in the membership of Consultative Health Committees generally representatives of professional groups which were not mentioned in Section 48 of the

Health Act, 1953, or in regulations recently made by the Minister, but which performed specific duties in the operation of the Health Services. The National Health Council also recommended that consideration be given to providing for the holding of regular quarterly meetings by all Consultative Health Committees. In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had not met for quite a time as no matters had been referred by the Council for consideration by the Committee.

Complaint Re Treatment of Patient at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Councillor J. Temple inquired if the Deputy County Manager was in a position to report to the Council on a complaint received in relation to the treatment of a patient at St. Colman's Hospital. The Council having gone into committee the Deputy County Manager reported on the matter to the Members. The Council decided to appoint a small Committee consisting of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Temple and J. Haughton, with the Deputy County Manager, to inquire into the matter and report back to the Council.

Turnover Tax.

Councillor J. Temple proposed that the Council support a Resolution passed by the Dublin Health Authority some time previously urging that all commodities purchased by Health Authorities be exempted from the provisions of the Turnover Tax. The Council agreed that a Resolution to this effect be forwarded to the Minister.

Newcastle Sanatorium.

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that a Consultant Architect had been engaged to report on the condition of the buildings at Newcastle as required by the Council and was at present engaged on this work.

Item No. 29—Retirement of County Engineer.

Councillor P. Brennan expressed surprise that an advertisement had appeared in the press inviting applications for the post of County Engineer, Wicklow, and felt that the Members should have been consulted before these arrangements were put in train. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that apart from the matter of the permanent filling of the post the County Engineer should be retained in the service of the Council until his successor was available to take up duty. Other Members of the Council having spoken in support of the proposal the Deputy County Manager pointed out that under the Age Limit Order which applied to all officers of Local Authorities who were entitled on retiring to a superannuation allowance an officer must retire at the age of sixty-five. This had been the policy of the Government for more than twenty years and consequently the County Engineer would cease to hold the post on the 13th March, 1964, when he reached the age of sixty-five. As it was necessary to make arrangements in advance for the filling of the vacancy which would arise in March a Statutory Request for a recommendation for the post of County Engineer had been forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission and in consequence the advertisement referred to by the Members had been issued by the Local Appointments Commission. The Deputy County Manager stated

that the normal procedure was being followed in this case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we recommend that the County Engineer be continued in office in a temporary capacity after retirement pending the permanent filling of the post.
Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer stated that he wished to express his appreciation to the Council for asking him to remain in office until his successor was appointed and that he would be glad to do so.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd February, 1964.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That we or someone for us request the Council to expedite the work of supplying adequate water to the Council cottages in Sruhaun, Balinglass.

In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that a light be provided at Jameson's corner at Glen-cormac.

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That the applications from the tenants at Milltown Lane or Bally-merrigan for supply of water from the main be acceded to. They all have agreed to pay the extra charge.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd February, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

The Deputy County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, and W. J. Maher were present.

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

Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had just learned that their Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, had suffered a bereavement by the death of his brother, Mr. Patrick McCrea. In proposing a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the Chairman and his family, Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the late Mr. McCrea's national record and proposed that the Council adjourn the Meeting to the following week as a fitting tribute to his merits. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Councillor O'Toole and other Members of Council present joined in the tributes to the late Mr. Patrick McCrea and the expression of sympathy to the Chairman. The Council passed the Resolution in the usual manner and the Deputy County Manager associated himself, the County Manager and the members of the staff with the Council's expression of sympathy. The Meeting then adjourned to Monday, the 10th February, 1964.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 10th February, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

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

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA.

1. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride.
2. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Brockagh, Glendalough.
3. Report regarding proposed provision of houses at Rathdrum.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re provision of houses at Aughrim and Avoca.
5. Report of Chief Medical Officer on additional applications received for houses in the Blessington area.
6. Laragh Housing Scheme—To receive tenders in response to public advertisement.
7. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of January, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of February, 1964.
8. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March, 1962.
9. Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1963.
10. Revision of remuneration of Assistance Officers.
11. Revised salary scale for Clerical Officers.
12. Revision of salary scale for Health Inspectors.
13. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council as follows:

"That in view of the alarming rise in the cost of public administration by Local Authorities, we call on the Minister for Local Government to engage the services of efficiency experts to examine and report and issue their recommendations in relation to the applied methods of expenditure of a cross section of local bodies, it is suggested that the survey extend to six County Councils and their Elective Bodies, that any recommendations by these experts as to the methods that should be applied for greater efficiency and the lowering of costs for the services supplied by Local Authorities should be adopted and applied to the State as a whole. That the costs of such survey be a charge on the entire rating system of the State. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies, requesting their support."
14. Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council as follows:

"So as to assure that the Taxpayers' money is expended to the best advantage on all major road schemes, we call on the Minister for Local Government to make regulations fixing a

ceiling of expenditure on any specified road scheme after which the Council would be obliged to invite tenders, the cost of the scheme to be based on the entire section involved. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies requesting their support."

15. Quarterly Report of County Engineer on Road Works.
16. Report of Committee appointed to meet representatives of C.I.E. re proposed coast protection work at Ballygannon, Kilcoole.
17. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.
18. Public lighting at Ballinalea, Ashford, and Knockroe, Delgany.
19. Public lighting at Baltinglass.
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council expedite the work of supplying adequate water to Council cottages at Sruhaun, Baltinglass.
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That the application from twenty-two tenants at Milltown Lane or Ballymerrigan for supply of water from the main be acceded to. They all have agreed to pay the extra charge.
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—That a light be provided at Jameson's Corner, Glen-cormac.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That lane leading to Mr. G. Tyner's, Ballanagh, and others be taken over and repaired by the County Council.
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That the Banks Road, Manor Kilbride, now constructed be taken over and maintained by the Council.
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council take off dangerous corner at road junction opposite black gate, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
26. Letters from Aughrim Development Association and Aughrim Fianna Fail Cumann requesting general improvements in the area.
27. Letter from Department of Health notifying increased rates of charge for maintenance of patients in Voluntary Hospitals.
28. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the Members of the

Council for their expression of sympathy on the occasion of the recent death of his brother, Col. McCrea, and said that the tributes paid by the Members and the expression of sympathy were much appreciated by his family.

Illness of County Manager.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., supported by the Members of the Council expressed a welcome to the County Manager on his return to duty after his recent illness.

Retirement of County Engineer.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the unanimous Resolution of the Council at the previous Meeting recommending that the Deputy County Manager re-consider the previous decision and continue the County Engineer in a temporary capacity after his retirement pending the permanent filling of the post. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that having written to the Deputy Co. Manager he had been informed by him that he was not prepared to accept the recommendation of the Council. He expressed his disappointment and dissatisfaction at the action taken. Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, stated that he could not see any good reason for departing from the decision previously taken and which was in accordance with the Order made under the Local Government Act, 1941. Councillor Haughton, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor J. Miley and Councillor J. Temple urged that the County Manager re-consider the matter and accept the recommendation of the Council and appealed for co-operation in this regard.

Item No. 1—Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Kershaw, tenant of vested cottage at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride, had applied for the consent of the Council to the sale of the cottage to his son John Kershaw who was an agricultural labourer and was getting married. Mr. Michael Kershaw and his family were now living in England.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Michael Kershaw, Threecastles, Manor Kilbride, of his interest in vested cottage No. 112/3 to his son John Kershaw.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Brockagh, Glendalough.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Stakem, tenant of vested cottage at Brockagh, Glendalough, had applied for consent to sale of his interest in the cottage to Mr. James Cullen, Glenmacnass, Laragh. Mr. Cullen was employed as a lorry driver and was recently married. Mr. Stakem was a hotel worker and was not now living in Galway.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. John Stakem, Brockagh, Glendalough, of his interest in vested cottage No. 385/8 to Mr. James Cullen, Glenmacnass, Laragh.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Report regarding proposed provision of Houses at Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that in September, 1961, the Council had approved of the erection of six houses at Rathdrum though it had been indicated at the time that the maximum number of houses required would be two. The matter was again considered by the Council at the Meeting held on the 3rd September, 1962, when it was decided that a further investigation of housing needs in the area be carried out. In November, 1962, two cottages were let at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, for which there were five applicants. Particulars of applicant were submitted to the Council and of the five two had been re-housed since in two vacant cottages, one was occupying a house which was not unfit nor overcrowded, but was in need of repair, the fourth applicant resided in a Council cottage, the total occupants being four, and not overcrowded, and the remaining applicant was not employed in the area and resided on the borders of County Wexford. It seemed from the details of the applications that the Council would not at present be justified in proceeding with the erection of houses. Councillor Haughton stated that the position had changed since 1962 and referred to one man at Avondale who was badly in need of a house and was not included in the list submitted. Councillor Haughton stated that he would submit details of persons in the area requiring houses to the next Meeting.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re provision of Houses at Aughrim and Avoca.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley the County Secretary stated that the County Architect was engaged on completing the plans for six houses at Aughrim and it was hoped that approval could be obtained to the scheme at an early date. In regard to the Avoca area the County Secretary stated that a cottage at Ballymoneen, Avoca, had been let on the 4th June, 1963, and of eight applications received only two were eligible and one of these was appointed to the tenancy of the cottage. The remaining six applicants consisted of two single persons, one who was satisfactorily housed, and three applications for transfers from existing tenants. It did not appear that there was any demand for the provision of new houses in Avoca as the remaining eligible applicant could be accommodated by the normal vacancies for cottages. Councillor Quigley stated that he would submit a list of persons in the area who required housing.

Item No. 5—Report of Chief Medical Officer on additional applications received for Houses in the Blessington Area.

The County Secretary submitted details of sixteen applications which had been examined by the Chief Medical Officer for houses at Blessington. In only two cases had the County Medical Officer recommended the provision of houses. In both these cases the applicants were living in Council cottages which were overcrowded. Councillor J. Miley stated that there were many young persons in the area about to get married and that houses should be provided for them. He disagreed with the Report of the Medical Officer and held that additional houses were needed in the area. Councillor G. Timmins stated that the County Medical Officer's Report was based on the principle that the Council should not provide houses for persons working in Dublin, but wishing to reside in the Blessington area. He felt that houses should be provided by the Council for such people. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that four of the applicants were living as sub-tenants in Council cottages, but yet had not been recommended by the County Medical Officer. He considered that the Council should provide houses for these applicants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of providing a further six houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Laragh Housing Scheme—To receive Tenders in response to Public Advertisement.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement four tenders had been received for the erection of six houses at Laragh. The tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Michael McNulty, Rathdown Road, Greystones ...	£11,024 0 0
Andrew Timmons, Ashford ...	£11,802 0 0
Eager Bros., Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy ...	£10,447 0 0
John O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle ...	£14,538 0 0

The Council referred the tenders for examination by the County Architect and County Engineer.

Item No. 7—Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of January, 1964, and Cottages to be repaired during month of Feb., 1964.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottage in January, 1964, and of those to be repaired during the month of February, 1964.

Vesting of Cottages.

Councillor G. Timmins inquired as to the position regarding the preparation of maps to enable cottages to be vested and stated that he knew of persons who had been waiting from nine to fourteen years to have their cottages vested. Councillor J. Miley and Councillor Miss M. Walsh also referred to delays in obtaining maps to enable cottages to be vested in their areas. The County Manager stated that two hundred cottages had been vested during the past twelve months and pointed out that the County Architect was not engaged whole-time on that work and that it had been difficult to obtain anyone to assist in the preparation of the necessary maps. He pointed out that between 1938 and 1952 only twenty cottages in the County had been vested and it was not until after 1952 that cottage purchase expanded. From that time over fifteen hundred cottages had been vested. Councillor J. Miley proposed, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, that four Engineers be employed to complete the mapping of cottage plots for vesting, one to act in each area.

Item No. 8—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March, 1962.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Report of the Local Government Auditor had been circulated to the Members together with copies of the Reports of the County Accountant and County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1962, and the Reports of the County Engineer and County Accountant thereon.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that the Abstract of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1963, was complete and ready for submission to the Department of Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1963, and approve of its submission to the Department of Local Government for audit.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Revision of Remuneration of Assistance Officers.

The County Secretary stated that the Council in July, 1963, had approved of the application of a revised salary scale for Assistance Officers of £540 x £34—£880 per annum, with effect from 9th May, 1963. The Union representing the Officers had brought the matter before the Labour Court and the Court in Recommendation No. 1711 recommended that the scale be retrospective to the 1st of August, 1962.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we note Recommendation of Labour Court No. 1711 of 27th November, 1963, and approve of the application of the revised salary scale for Assistance Officers of £540 x £34—£880 per annum, with effect from 1st August, 1962, instead of from 9th May, 1963, as had been approved at Meeting held on 8th July, 1963. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increase in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Revised Salary Scale for Clerical Officers.

The County Secretary stated that the Chairman of the Arbitration Board under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers which had been approved by the Council had reported in regard to the claim for a revised salary scale for Clerical Officers and had recommended the adoption of the following new scales:—

For Men: £350 x £30—£500 x £50—£550 x £35—£1,005; the existing arrangements regarding payment of increment on marriage to continue.

For Women: £350 x £30—£860 with a special long service increment of £40 after five years on the maximum.

It was recommended that the revised scale be applied as from the 1st April, 1963. The cost of the application of the scale for the year 1963/64 was £596 18s. 4d. and in a full year would amount to £727 8s. 4d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we note Report of Chairman of Arbitration Board under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers and approve of the application of revised salary scales for Clerical Officers with effect from 1st April, 1963, as follows:—

For Men: £350 x £30—£500 x £50—£550 x £35—£1,005. Arrangements regarding payment of increment on marriage to continue.

For Women: £350 x £30—£860 with a special long service increment of £40 after five years on the maximum.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of these salary scales.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Revision of Salary Scale for Health Inspectors.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for the application of a revised salary scale for Health Inspectors of £600 x £35—£950 as from 16th August, 1962, in accordance with the Labour Court Recommendation No. 1561 of that date. The cost of the application of the revised salary scale for the period to 31st March, 1964, would be £162 12s. 8d. and the additional cost for the coming financial year would be £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered Labour Court Recommendation No. 1561 of the 16th August, 1962, and application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union, we approve of the application of revised salary scale for Health Inspectors of £600 x £35—£950 per annum, as from the 16th August, 1962, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this revision of salary.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council.

On the proposal of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor McCarthy, the Council decided to mark "Read" the following Resolution received from Castleblayney Urban District Council:—

"That in view of the alarming rise in the cost of public administration by Local Authorities, we call on the Minister for Local Government to engage the services of efficiency experts to examine and report and issue their recommendations in relation to the applied methods of expenditure of a cross section of local bodies, it is suggested that the survey extend to six County Councils and their Elective Bodies, that any recommendations by these experts as to the methods that should be applied for greater efficiency and the lowering of costs for the services supplied by Local Authorities should be adopted and applied to the State as a whole. That the costs of such survey be a charge on the entire rating system of the State. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies, requesting their support."

Item No. 14—Resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council.

On the proposal of Councillor H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council decided to mark "Read" the following Resolution received from Castleblayney Urban District Council:

"So as to assure that the Taxpayers' money is expended to the best advantage on all major road schemes, we call on the Minister for Local Government to make regulations fixing a ceiling of expenditure on any specified road scheme after which the Council would be obliged to invite tenders, the cost of the scheme to be based on the entire section involved. That this resolution be circulated to all County Boroughs, County Councils and Elective Bodies requesting their support."

Item No. 15—Quarterly Report of County Engineer on Road Works.

The Council noted the Progress Report of the County Engineer on Road Works carried out during the Quarter ended the 31st December, 1963, as circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 16—Report of Committee appointed to meet Representatives of C.I.E. re proposed Coast Protection Work at Ballygannon, Kilcoole.

The following Report of the County Secretary was submitted:—

Report of Meeting of Committee appointed by the Council to meet Representatives of C.I.E. in connection with Proposal of C.I.E. for Coast Protection Work at Ballygannon, Kilcoole.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council with the representatives of C.I.E. was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Thursday, 23rd January, 1964, at 3.00 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., and J. Everett, T.D.; and Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple.

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor O'Toole and Deputy M. J. O'Higgins, had written to state that it would be unlikely that he would be able to attend.

C.I.E. were represented by Mr. Somerville-Large, Chief Engineer, Mr. T. C. Yates, Area Engineer, and Mr. Daly.

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

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated in letter of 15th November, 1963, from the Secretary, C.I.E., that coast protection work at Ballygannon was necessary for the protection of the railway line which in turn afforded protection to the land on the west side of the line, and stated that the estimated cost of the work was £10,000. They asked that the Council agree to investigate the proposal. The Council had decided to appoint a Committee to meet representatives of C.I.E. to discuss the matter. The County Secretary

stated that the County Engineer had inspected the section of railway line at Ballygannon where the works were proposed. Mr. Somerville-Large, Chief Engineer, C.I.E., stated that as a result of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, the Company found it necessary to approach the Council in order that coast protection work could be carried out at Ballygannon. He stated that the railway at this place had on a number of occasions been affected by flooding from the sea which had interrupted train services and that the Company considered it necessary to provide some protection for the line. Councillor J. Temple stated that he had received representations from tenants of a thousand acres of land at this place asking that protection works be carried out to protect lands which were subject to flooding. He referred to the importance of the railway line for Wicklow and Arklow and considered that the Council should sponsor a scheme for coast protection work at this place. Councillor Temple also referred to the substantial sums in wages expended by C.I.E. on the maintenance of the railway line. In reply to inquiries from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., in regard to financial responsibility for works carried out under the Coast Protection Act, the County Secretary explained the procedure set out in Section 2 of the Act and stated that if the County Council became the promoting authority for a coast protection scheme the Council would be responsible for such part of the cost of the scheme as was not met by State Grant or contributions from owners or occupiers of any of the lands protected. Even if a scheme were not proceeded with the Council would be responsible for the costs of the preliminary examination carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works. Furthermore the Council as promoting authority would be responsible for meeting the costs of future maintenance of the works.

The County Secretary pointed out that there was doubt as to whether this particular application was an appropriate one to be dealt with under the Act, as before passing a Resolution declaring that the proportion of a coast protection scheme was expedient and that the Commissioners be asked to carry out a preliminary examination the Council had to be satisfied that land within the County was being progressively damaged by the continuing encroachment of the sea as distinct from occasional or abnormal storms and that the encroachment was liable to endanger the safety of a harbour, the buildings or amenities of a residential area, or other valuable property. The representatives of C.I.E. indicated that the Company was prepared to accept full responsibility for maintenance of any works carried out under the scheme proposed. In reply to an inquiry from the County Secretary the representatives of C.I.E. stated that other parts of the railway line could also be affected by the sea and it could happen that other works might be necessary at a later date. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that it appeared that the lands on the west side of the railway line seemed to have a low valuation, but expressed the opinion that it would be desirable that the scheme proposed be recommended to the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he understood that the Commissioners of Public Works were investigating a proposal for the drainage of lands on

the west side of the railway at this place and that flooding of the lands was not caused by coast erosion. Following a discussion on the matter the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that the Council investigate the proposal and cause a Report to be prepared and submitted to them on the nature and probable causes of the relevant encroachment of the sea, the extent of the land and other property being damaged or endangered, the works which may be practicable and desirable to prevent the continuance of the encroachment, and the estimated cost of the works. It was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th January, 1964. The representatives of C.I.E. thanked the Chairman and Members of the Committee for receiving them and considering the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Committee appointed by the Council to meet representatives of C.I.E. in connection with proposal for coast protection work at Ballygannon, Kilcoole, we direct that a Report be prepared and submitted on the nature and probable causes of any encroachment of the sea at Ballygannon, Kilcoole, the extent of the land and other property being damaged or endangered, the works (if any) which may be practicable and desirable to prevent the continuance of the encroachment and the estimated cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.

The County Secretary stated that it would be preferable to hold the Estimates Meeting for the year 1964/65 on the 2nd March, 1964, instead of on the 24th February, 1964, which had been suggested previously. It would be desirable also that the Meeting be held at 11.00 a.m. in order that the Estimates could be dealt with in the one day so as to ensure that the Urban District Councils would not be delayed in dealing with their Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Estimates Meeting for the year 1964/65 be held on 2nd March, 1964, at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.00 a.m.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association requesting the Council to receive a Deputation when they met to discuss the

Estimates and strike a Rate for the coming year. They also asked to be supplied with a copy of the Estimates when they became available. The Council agreed that the Deputation be received at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 18—Public Lighting at Ballinalea, Ashford, and Knockroe, Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that quotations had been obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lights at Ballinalea, Ashford, and at Knockroe, Delgany. There would be a capital charge of £16 in respect of the new light at Knockroe, but there would be no initial charge required for the light at Ballinalea, Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered quotations from E.S.B. in respect of the provision of public lights at Ballinalea, Ashford, and Knockroe, Delgany, we approve of the acceptance of the quotations for providing these lights.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Public Lighting at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that an estimate had been obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of four lights at Parkmore, Baltinglass, for a capital cost of £30.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 21st January, 1964, from E.S.B. we approve of the provision of four new public lights at Parkmore, Baltinglass, in accordance with the terms of the quotation received.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council expend the work of supplying adequate water to Council Cottages at Sruhan, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that Plans and Specifications for this work had been prepared and had been forwarded to the Department for approval, the estimated cost being £2,300. Approval to the Scheme however, had not yet been received. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That the application from twenty-two tenants at Milltown Lane or Ballymerrigan for supply of water from the main be acceded to. They all have agreed to pay the extra charge.

Having considered the Report of the Chief Assistant County

Engineer in which it was indicated that the cost of a Scheme to provide water to serve these cottages would be £3,800.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the preparation of detailed plans for the extension by way of a 2" diameter pipeline from watermain at Milltown to serve twenty-two Council houses at Ballymerrigan and provision of necessary fittings in these houses. We approve also of the laying of pipeline to serve four houses on Glenealy Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—That a Light be provided at Jameson's Corner, Glencormac.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we approve of quotation being obtained from E.S.B. for the provision of a public light at Jameson's Corner, Glencormac.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That Lane leading to Mr. G. Tyner's, Ballanagh, and others be taken over and repaired by the County Council.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the area at the local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That the Banks Road, Manor Kilbride, now constructed be taken over and maintained by the Council.

The Council referred this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council take off dangerous corner at road junction opposite Black Gate, Farbreaga, Aughrim.

The Council referred this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 26—Letters from Aughrim Development Association and Aughrim Fianna Fail Cumann requesting general improvements in the area.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 27th January, 1964, from the Hon. Secretary to the Aughrim Development Association, listing eight works requested at Aughrim. The County Secretary submitted also letter from the Hon. Secretary, Aughrim Fianna Fail Cumann, in regard to eight matters required at Aughrim. The County Secretary stated that Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., had also submitted details of improvements required in the area and that he would raise at the Local Roads Committee Meeting any of the matters appropriate to that Meeting. The Council agreed that the matters raised be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 27—Letter from Department of Health notifying increased rates of charge for maintenance of Patients in Voluntary Hospitals.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 31st January, 1964, from Department of Health indicating revised rates of charge for the maintenance of patients in Voluntary Hospitals to apply as from 1st April, 1964. As from the 1st April, 1964, the charge for the maintenance of a patient in a public ward in the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin would be 43s. 6d. per day or £15 4s. 6d. per week. This represented an increase of 8s. per day, i.e., £2 16s. 0d. per week from the charge that had applied from the 1st October, 1963. The revised rates of charge would involve a substantial increase in expenditure on Extern Hospitals in the coming financial year. It had been indicated by the Department of Health that these revised rates of charge had been determined following an examination of the Reports from the Hospitals Commission on the costs of Public Voluntary Hospitals for the year 1963 and estimates of their expenditure for the year 1964. From the estimates of the Hospitals examined by the Hospitals Commission it appeared that the running costs for ten Dublin General Teaching Hospitals would range from 52s. 10d. to 90s. 4d. per day, i.e., from £18 9s. 10d. per week to £31 12s. 4d. per week. For seven of these Hospitals the figure would exceed 60s. per day (£21 per week). The costs in Non-Teaching Hospitals ranged from 34s. 2d. per day (£11 19s. 2d. per week) to 53s. 11d. per day (£18 17s. 5d. per week) and the majority exceeded 45s. per day (£15 15s. per week). It was pointed out by the Department that there was still a wide gap between the new capitation rates and the levels of daily cost. The Council noted the details of the new charges.

Item No. 28—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Councillor Haughton stressed the desirability of having a permanent appointment of a District Medical Officer made in Rathdrum. The County Secretary stated that it was understood that a recommendation will be available shortly from the Local Appointments Commission for the permanent filling of the post.

Newcastle Hospital.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated

that the Consultant Architect engaged by the Council was examining the premises in order to submit an estimate of the costs of any works required to make them suitable for use as a Mental Hospital.

Arklow Bridge.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy the County Secretary stated that the Contract had been signed and he understood that the Contractor would be commencing work within the next few weeks.

Supply of Drugs at Bray Dispensary.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor Temple complained of delays in supply of drugs for patients at Bray Dispensary. The County Manager stated that requisitions for drugs were forwarded promptly when received from Doctors and as far as he was aware there was no undue delay by the suppliers in filling the orders. He agreed to look into the matter complained of.

Rural Electrification.

At the suggestion of Councillor R. Miley the Council agreed that the Secretary write to the E.S.B. asking that the Rural Electrification Scheme be extended to enable a supply of electricity to be provided to seventeen houses at Glenmacness.

Report of Committee appointed to inquire into complaints made in relation to Death of Patient at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The Council agreed that copy of the Report of the Committee be circulated to the Members and that the matter be considered at the next Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd March, 1964, at 11.0 a.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

A copy of the Table explanatory of the Estimates and of the County Manager's Statement in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to each Member.

DEPUTATION FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

As arranged at the previous Meeting of the Council, the Council received a Deputation from the County Wicklow Branch of the National Farmers' Association. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed the representatives of the farmers, and Miss E. F. Bobbett introduced Mr. Michael Byrne, Chairman of the Wicklow Branch, and Mr. James Nolan, Secretary, who addressed the Members. Mr. Michael Byrne thanked the Members for receiving the Deputation and pointed out that farmers had received no increase in the prices of their produce whereas other sections of the community had obtained increased remuneration. He stated that Health Charges and Main Roads should be National Charges and asked the Council to support the National Farmers' Association's claim to the Government. He stated that many farmers would be unable to meet a demand for increased rates and that this would cause a further drift from the land. Farmers might have to withdraw their purchasing power which would be serious to the economy of the country, and Mr. Byrne said he hoped that farmers would not be compelled to put such drastic methods into operation. Mr. Nolan stated that the N.F.A. could not accept any increase in rates unless and until there was an improvement in the economic status of the farmer. He stated that the farmer's position had deteriorated relative to other classes of the community and that, while they did not object to paying their equitable share of taxation, there must be an improvement in their economic status. Mr. Nolan stated that they had no quarrel with the County Council and they realised the powers of the Council were limited, but they invited the Council to set a headline for the whole country in the matter of rectifying the burden of rates. Miss E. F. Bobbett stated that she was aware that Health Charges accounted for the major portion of the increase in the Estimates, and suggested that the Council might reconsider the proposed use of Newcastle Hospital with a view to using it as a General and Maternity Hospital instead of as a Mental Hospital. She suggested that farmers should receive a 12 per cent. increase in the Agricultural Grant in the present year. The Chairman of the Council, Councillor J. J. McCrea, expressed the hope that the farmers would receive an increase in Agricultural Grants. In regard to matter of the use of Newcastle Hospital, he stated that the Council had given it very serious consideration before coming to their decision to use it as a Mental Hospital. The Council had previously advocated that the cost of Main Roads be met as a National Charge.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

With the permission of the Chairman, the County Secretary informed the Members that the Council had received a Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Malicious Injury in the sum of £75,000 in respect of damage caused to the Stand and Control Tower at Leopardstown Race Course. The Notice was a copy of one which had also been addressed to Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation. While the serving of the Notice did not necessarily mean that the claim would be made against the Council, it was felt desirable to bring it to the notice of the Members.

The Council then proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail.

USE OF CREDITS.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that, having regard to the amount of the credit balance at the 31st March, 1963, he felt that the Council should avail of credits to effect a reduction in the Estimates as submitted.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Council's major difficulty arose from the increase of 60 per cent. in the costs of hospital treatment during the past four months and the Council had been told that there was likely to be further increases. He felt that more monies by way of Grants should be made available for the Health Services. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed regret that the Special Committee of the Dail in connection with the Health Services had not yet submitted their Report and recommendations. He felt that Health Services should be met from central funds or at least that the increases in the costs should be met by way of extra Grant. In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Manager pointed out that unless a reduction were made in the actual figures submitted in the Estimates there would be no effect on the Demands for the Urban District Councils, and he suggested that the Members might examine the figures in detail.

ROADS.

Following a discussion in regard to the possibility of effecting reductions in the Roads Estimates, the Council decided to approve of the provision made for Roads as submitted in the Estimates.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Following a detailed examination of the Estimates for the Health Services, the Council made the following reductions in the amounts estimated:—

T. B. Hospitals	£5,000
General Hospitals	£5,000
Maternity and Child Welfare	£2,061
Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases	£500
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services	£1,000
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	£1,000
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients	£500
Fluoridation of Water Supplies	£995
Mental Treatment Act	£200
TOTAL	£16,256

Allowing for reduction of 50 per cent. of this amount, i.e., £3,128, in Health Grant, the net reduction made under the heading of Health Services amounted to £3,128.

ASSISTANCE.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Home Assistance by £3,000.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The Council decided to reduce the provision in the Estimates by £1,000 under this heading.

The Council decided to make no alterations in the Estimates as submitted for Housing Services or for General Purposes Services. In regard to Tourist Development, the County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the Estimates would be payable to the new Regional Tourist Organisation which was being formed instead of to the Irish Tourist Association. In regard to Fire Services, Councillor Temple complained of both the Greystones and Bray Brigades attending at the same fires and felt that this was resulting in unnecessary costs, and asked that this matter be inquired into. Councillor R. Miley inquired as to the matter of the provision of Portable Pumps for the Fire Brigade, and the County Secretary stated that a reply had now been received from the Department of Lands to the Council's request for a contribution towards the cost of the Pumps, in which the Department stated that they had no funds for that specific purpose, but having regard to the rates paid by the Department, they felt that the Council should be responsible for providing the Pumps. The County Secretary pointed out that the pumps were necessary for use on farm fires as well as for forestry fires. The Council agreed that the Pumps should be obtained. Councillor G. Timmins asked that arrangements be expedited for the provision of the new Fire Station at Baitinglass.

The Council decided to avail of credits to offset the amount of the increase in the rate under the heading of General Purposes. At the request of the Members the County Secretary stated that the effect of the reductions made by the Council was as follows:—

Health and Assistance	Minus 8½d.
Sanitary Services	Minus 1d.
General Purposes—Credits	6½d.
TOTAL	1¼d.

Councillor Brennan suggested that the Council avail of a further 4d. from the credit balance to reduce the Rate to 40/- in the £. Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, proposed that credits be availed of to reduce the Rate to a figure of 39/- in the £. The Council having agreed to this proposal

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses as amended, the Rates set forth in column 13 of Table 'C' and column 15 of the Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1965:—

Roads	..	..	..	..	..	9/9-96
Health	..	..	..	..	..	12/2-69
Mental Health	..	..	..	..	..	4/1-98
Public Assistance	..	..	..	..	..	1/2-38
Sanitary	..	..	..	..	..	3/3-03
Housing	..	..	..	..	..	4/5-65
General Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	3/10-31

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	..	..	..	..	1/10-75
Rathdrum and Wicklow Burial Board	0/0-94

Criminal Injuries:

County-at-Large	0/0-50
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Total General Rate: 39/- in £.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1965, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	1,950	8,468	1,596
Health	7,599	33,003	6,220
Mental Health	2,590	11,246	2,119
Public Assistance	745	3,234	609
General Purposes	997	4,328	816

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	..	..	..	974
Malicious Injuries	..	..	..	22

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., thanked the County Manager and the Officials for their courtesy and help in dealing with the Estimates. The Chairman also expressed thanks to the County Manager and the staff for their co-operation.

The following Statement of the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members, together with the attached Table giving details of the Estimate.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
21st February, 1964.

**ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
1964/'65****A Chara,**

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1965, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £1,167,744. Receipts are estimated at £545,081. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £622,663.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were—Gross Expenditure, £1,028,953; Receipts, £480,289; Net amount to be met from Rates, £548,664.

The Rates in the £ for the various Services, resulting from the Estimates now presented to you compare as follows with those for the present year:

Service	1963/'64	1964/'65	Inc./Dec.	
Roads	9/10-99	9/9-96	1-03	dec.
Health	10/2-61	12/8-68	2/6-07	inc.
Mental Hospitals	3/0-75	4/1-98	1/1-23	inc.
Public Assistance	1/3-85	1/4-59	0-74	inc.
Sanitary	2/11-57	3/3-90	4-42	inc.
Housing	4/0-55	4/5-63	5-10	inc.
General Purposes	5/2-68	5/9-15	6-47	inc.

The acceptance of the Estimates as now submitted would require a Rate for the coming year of 41/8d. which would be an increase of 4/11d. over that for the present year, which is 36/9d. To keep the Rate to 41/8d. involves the application of credits equivalent to 1/4d. in the £. Last year the Council decided to use credits of 1/4d., and if the Rate for the coming year is merely to reflect the actual rise in expenditure between 1963/'64 and 1964/'65 it would be necessary that credits be used in a similar way.

The rise in the rate of 4/11d. in the £ is a steep one, but it can be clearly and briefly explained. The main cause of this abnormal rise is the outlay on Extern Hospitals. These Hospitals, which include both the General Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area and the Dublin Mental Hospitals to which the County Council sends patients, will require much more money in the coming year. For the General Hospitals an additional Rate of about 1/8d. would be necessary, and for Mental Hospitals it would be about 1/1d. So it can be seen that hospital treatment outside the County will next year involve additional costs representing a Rate of 2/9 in the £.

The total increase in respect of the Health Services is equivalent to a Rate of 3/7d. in the £ and it will be noted that the amount applicable to the Council's own Health Services, therefore, is 10d.

Some of the other Services also will require an additional levy in the Rates, but the amounts are not anything like of the same order as that required for Health. The Council's Sanitary Services will need an additional 4d. to meet the outlay on new Refuse Collection Services and Dumping Grounds; Housing requires a further 5d. to meet the cost of new loans for Reconstruction and Improvement Grants for private dwellings and some new Council Housing Schemes; and for General Purposes an additional 6d. will be necessary, of which about one-half of 4d. is attributable to the provision for a 12 per cent. increase in remuneration. Roads show a slight reduction, which is equivalent to about 1d. in the £, because last year a debit balance had to be taken in. The Rate for Public Assistance shows a rise of about 1d.; this is due to the availability last year of a credit balance. The position consequently is that the increases for Health, Sanitary Services, Housing, Assistance and General Purposes represents a Rate of up to 5/-, but the reduction in Roads leaves the net increase at 4/11d. While an increase in expenditure was to be expected, because of rising costs and the application of a 12 per cent. increase in remuneration which had been accepted as a matter of general policy by employers and unions some months ago, it still was not anticipated that the costs of the Hospitals would show such a very steep rise. The Council, however, will remember that not only was an increase in the maintenance charges for General Hospitals notified to them about six months ago, but that at their last Meeting in February, 1964, they were informed of a further and much higher increase in the charges. Not only were the Council informed of this immediate increase in the last letter received by them from the Department of Health, but it was also mentioned that another addition to the hospital charges would be likely later on. It was stressed in this last letter that the charges as then revised at 43/6d. per day, or £15 4s. 6d. per week, were still much below the actual costs of maintenance in the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin. It should be mentioned that to the General Rate of 41/8d. in the £ would have to be added the levy for Separate Charges which next year will be 1/11d. in the £ and which is almost completely for Vocational Education.

ROADS

The Estimate for Roads is £351,359, of which £192,167 will come from State Grants (the Road Fund). An additional £65,000 has been allocated to the Council from the Road Fund in the past few years and it is a condition that it be spent on Main Road Improvements. Some time ago, too, the Grant for the Maintenance of Main Roads was changed from 40 per cent. to 50 per cent.

The Rate required for Roads would be 9/10d.; last year it was 9/11d.

In the present year many Improvement Works have been in hands. Some were started in recent months, whilst others were continued from last year. The larger Schemes are:

- Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—Realignment and laying of new length of roadway at Mount John and Kiltimon.
- do. Making of new length of roadway between Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy.
- do. Constructing new roadway at Glen of Downs.
- Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road—Realignment of dangerous corners and construction of new roadway at Bawnogue, near Baltinglass.
- Baltinglass/Blessington Road—Completion of Road Improvements at Saundersgrove.
- Wicklow/Rathnew Road—Removal of dangerous corner and construction of new stretch of road near Vocational School.
- Wicklow/Arklow Road—Realignment of bad corner at Ballard completed.
- Wicklow/Brittas Bay Road—Widening and improving of Coast Road at Brittas completed. This work led to the improvement of about two miles of roadway.
- Blessington/Lackan/Ballyknockan Road—Widening and improving of over one mile of roadway completed.
- Wicklow/Newcastle/Kilcoole Road—Work of removing dangerous corner and constructing new length of road on southern approach to Newcastle was completed.
- Greystones/Killincarrig Road—The realignment of this roadway was completed.
- Enniskerry/Glencree Road—Removal of dangerous corner at Annacrivey was completed.
- Car Park at Arklow—The construction of a New Car Park at Arklow was started.
- Tinahely/Togher Road—Removal of dangerous corner and construction of new length of road is in progress.

It is expected that it will be possible to start shortly on the improvement of the Bray/Wicklow Main Road near Hollybrook and of the approaches to St. Valerie Bridge over the Dargle River. The improvements will require the construction of a new Bridge at St. Valerie.

Many other smaller improvements were carried out during the present year and new footpaths were provided at Bray, Blessington, Wicklow, Avoca, Rathnew, Greystones, Arklow, and Carnew.

During the present year much work on the tarring of road surfaces was carried out both on Main Roads and County Roads throughout the County.

The reconstruction of County Roads was proceeded with during 1963/64 and the roads dealt with came in all to a mileage of thirty. The total County Road mileage is 908 and so far of this 731 miles have been reconstructed. For the County as a whole the percentage of County Roads which now have smooth, dust-free surfaces is 80 per cent. Of the 177 miles which still have not been treated it would be true to say that most of these roads are in mountainous country and carry very little traffic.

Snow clearance involved the Council in very heavy expenditure in the Winter of 1962/63. The total outlay on the work came to £31,000 and of this £15,000, which is less than one-half, was recouped by the State from the Road Fund. In all the Council had to deal with about 800 miles of roads or about two-thirds of the total road mileage. It was represented to the Department of Local Government by the Council that it was felt that it would be placing an undue burden on local Rates to require such a heavy outlay on snow clearance to be defrayed by them. The Department, however, made a distinction between Main and County Roads and indicated that they were only prepared to recoup 75 per cent. of the cost on Main Roads, allowing nothing whatever towards County Roads. It was the view of the Council that it was invidious to have made a distinction of this character.

It is felt that a few comments at this stage might be helpful to the Council in framing and determining future Roads policy. The making of distinctions between Main Roads and County Roads in the matter of financing their upkeep seems at present to be rather irrational. It is expected nowadays that County Roads, or almost all of them, will be maintained to a high standard. This expectation, it will be found, is based on the use of these roads by motor traffic. The same smooth surface as formerly was to be found only on a Main Road is now expected by the road user on a County Road—and the term "road user" nowadays is looked on not in the connotation of a pedestrian or the driver of an animal-drawn vehicle, but as the driver of a motor vehicle—whether the vehicle he drives be a small or large private car, a van or truck, or a tractor. The demands the Council has been receiving in recent years for improvements to County Roads were based on the grounds of the convenience of people who use motor vehicles or agricultural machines or who made deliveries or collections with van or truck. In the past when roads were to a great extent maintained from Rates, the type of driver using them was of a completely different character and the income from motor taxation was not very considerable, but in recent years the picture has radically altered. It is no exaggeration to say that the motor vehicle is now almost the sole user of the roads. Admittedly, a number of cyclists are still left, particularly in the urban areas, and there is the odd pedestrian or animal to be found on public roads, but the number is not of much account. If road maintenance were to be restricted to cycle tracks and footpaths, the expenditure would not be very great. In consequence it is suggested that Local Authorities and the Central Authority might take a further look at the financing of road works.

If roads, as is the case to-day, be used to such an increasing extent by motor vehicles, then the cost of roads should perhaps be charged to these vehicles—in other words, it is suggested that the time has come when roads should be maintained almost altogether, if not completely, from the proceeds of motor taxation. Every year the income to the Road Fund shows a substantial rise and in recent times these additional accretions to the Road Fund have been distributed to Road Authorities for the purpose of: (a) meeting the cost of large-scale improvements on Main Routes; and (b) improving roads in urban

areas—up to quite recently the Road Fund was not applied towards the cost of urban roads. The County Councils should, it is suggested, be gradually relieved of meeting part or all of the cost of road works from local Rates and the outlay instead should be met from motor taxation. If this were to be done it could in the coming years help to give some fairly substantial relief to Rates. The Rate levied for Roads by County Councils runs from about 10/- to 15/- or 13/-—the latter being the figures applicable in the Western Counties which have a low Rate productivity. The gradual tapering off of the levy for Roads from Rates would serve to meet the rising costs of other local charges such as those for Health, Housing and Sanitation. In particular, if the County Councils are to carry out essential Sanitation and Amenity Schemes, it would be desirable that they should be relieved of some of the existing charges for Roads. It would be true to say that in almost all Counties roads carrying traffic of any significance have by now been reconstructed and given smooth surfaces suitable for modern motor traffic, but their maintenance will continue to require substantial outlay in the coming years and the costs involved might, it is suggested, be defrayed from the Road Fund through motor taxation. Rural communities in the future would be likely to benefit much more from an investment from Rates in services which many of them may still badly need such as water supply, sanitation and the amenities required in small towns and villages which could make rural life more attractive. Furthermore, it must not be forgotten that, whereas even at present we can claim with truth that our roads in their present condition can be quite an attraction to tourists because of the type of surface and comparative freedom from the heavy traffic found elsewhere, yet the tourist probably could all the better be catered for if many rural dwellings could be used as guesthouses through the provision of water supply and sanitation. There always is much stress on the necessity for investing in communications and so far the investment in them has been considerable. Perhaps, however, greater investment in the immediate future in sanitation and amenities would lead not only to better living standards, but could also result in a higher tourist income. Above all, there may be the possibility that if rural Local Authorities do not press for the maintenance of all roads from motor taxation, then the increased yield from this tax may be syphoned off to provide in urban areas extremely costly new car parks which in themselves eventually may have little or no effect on the traffic congestion of which one hears so much to-day.

It could happen that a not inconsiderable part of the Road Fund would be used for making space available for motor vehicles when at rest rather than in providing facilities for them when in motion. or, in other words, the Fund might in part be diverted towards providing sites for what is called "off-street parking." In approaching traffic problems there may not be regard to the consideration that a motor vehicle when at rest is no longer traffic and that the Road Fund was intended originally to provide facilities for vehicles in motion. Here mention might also be made of the fact that public passenger transport normally is in motion except when pulling in briefly at stopping places, but other motor vehicles may remain the greater part of a day or night on the same site.

If the Road Fund, with its yearly rising income following on the increase in the number of motor vehicles, were gradually to become the main source from which outlay on roads would be met, then rural Local Authorities would be able the better to concentrate on sanitation projects and Amenity Schemes and could apply to them the monies which they now have to raise from Rates for roads. If the

new Planning and Development legislation is to be availed of to encourage and assist new development, then its aims probably could be materially assisted by an adjustment in local finance of the type now suggested.

Another point which might now be borne in mind is the result which may follow from the continuous taking over of new lengths of roadway for public maintenance. Every year members are being pressed and importuned to have roads which never have been in the public charge declared to be public roads and heavy sums be spent on their reconstruction. At the present time this country has by far the highest mileage of public roads relative to population of any of the highly developed countries in Western Europe. In addition, it seems we have by far the lowest volume of traffic per mile of public road in these countries. It would seem scarcely desirable to continue to add to this mileage of public roads, especially seeing that rural populations continue to decline—a decline which is universal and which obviously will not be arrested by tarring new stretches of rural roads. Another point which might be worthy of some consideration is the desirability of having new lengths of watermains in rural areas laid by the Council as Direct Labour Schemes. Whereas for intake works and trunk mains it may be desirable still to continue to use the Public Works Contractor with his special experience and equipment, it might be found that the distribution mains which will eventually carry supplies to most rural consumers could be laid by the Council themselves. These suggestions would require some re-thinking in relation to the Council's technical services, but perhaps it may be agreed that the time has arrived when in viewing essential public services there should be somewhat greater stress on sanitation and amenities, especially seeing that as a result of the technical advances of recent years such improvements in communications already have been effected in rural areas.

A Census of Road Traffic was taken on 22nd and 23rd August last on the roads which it was considered carried most traffic. These two dates were selected as being capable of giving an indication of average traffic over the year. The Census Returns were analysed and a special Report on them prepared and circulated to the members by the County Secretary. It was found that a few County Roads which had been included in the Census showed higher traffic at the peak hours than at peak periods on some of the Main Roads. As expected, the volume of traffic was found to be highest on some of the roads in the North-Eastern and Eastern parts of the County. It is likely that the information derived from this Census will be resorted to in future when determining the allocation of Road Fund Grants for road improvements.

HEALTH SERVICES

The total expenditure on the Health Services, as will be clear from what already has been said, will show a steep rise in the coming year.

Including Mental Hospitals the total outlay would be £366,487, and after taking into account Receipts by way of Health Grant of £255,584 and from other sources of £36,047, the net requirement would be £274,856. The total Rate required for the Health Services is 16/10-66 of which 4/1-98 is for Mental Hospitals.

There has been no change in the character of the Health Services or in the method of their financing in the past year. Briefly their administration is based on three Income Groups, for one of which all services are available free of charge, these being the holders of medical cards. A wide range of services also is available for persons in the Middle Income Group, being those whose yearly means do not exceed £300 or farmers whose valuations do not exceed £50. For that part of the population which is outside the two former Groups, treatment in the case of infectious diseases such as, say, tuberculosis, is, however, free of charge and some of the Preventive Health Services also may be available to them.

The number of persons included in the General Medical Register kept by the Council and which is a record of those entitled to all services free of charge is still somewhat higher in Wicklow County than the average for the country as a whole. The national average is 29.0 per cent., but in Wicklow County it is 36.4 per cent. of the population.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

The total cost is £47,000 as compared with £41,00 in 1963/64. The increase is due to the extent of about £3,000 to the application of the 12 per cent. increase in remuneration and to a rise in the cost of medicines. Each year the cost of medicines has been rising and it seems that this will continue, due to the advent of new drugs which are costly when first produced, but at the same time show good results in treatment.

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

The outlay on the Council's own Institutions, viz., District Hospital, Wicklow, District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, shows a rise of about £4,500 and this is mainly due to the application of the 12 per cent. increase in remuneration to Hospital staffs. The outlay indeed would have been higher if it were not that coal is now being used almost exclusively in lieu of turf in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. This has led to quite a substantial saving in the cost of fuel for that Institution. Turf is still being used for the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and the cost of production and delivery last year was £4 8s. 0d. per ton.

EXTERN INSTITUTIONS.

A great part of the institutional treatment afforded by the Council is in the Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area. The cost here shows a very steep rise. When the Estimates were being prepared last year the weekly charge for maintenance in General Hospitals in Dublin was £9 12s. 6d. per week; in the Maternity Hospitals it was £11 4s. 0d. per week. From the 1st October, 1963, the charge was increased to £12 8s. 6d. per week for General Hospitals and to £14 0s. 0d. for Maternity Hospitals. In the meantime the charges have been further

revised and a few weeks ago the Council was notified of an increase to £15 4s. 6d. per week for General Hospitals and to £16 16s. 0d. per week for Maternity Hospitals. It will be noted that this means that in the past twelve months the charges for treatment in Extern Hospitals in the Dublin area has risen by almost 60 per cent.; this is undoubtedly an unexpected and remarkably steep rise in such a short period. Again, it must be borne in mind that further increases are not unlikely, as the Department of Health have stressed that the present rates of charge still do not reflect the actual cost of maintenance.

The effect of all this is that in the coming year £43,750 extra will be required for General Hospitals and £7,050 extra for Maternity Hospitals.

During the present year all County Wicklow patients were removed from Newcastle Sanatorium which it is proposed to use later as a Mental Hospital. They were almost altogether transferred to Peamount Sanatorium. The cost of treatment in Tuberculosis Hospitals shows a rise of £1,500 because again of adjustments in the rates of charge, but it would have been much more if it had not been for a big reduction in the number of tuberculosis patients undergoing hospital treatment. The cost of treatment in Homes for mental and other defects (the patients being mainly children) shows a rise of almost £1,000, but this is mainly due to some increase in numbers.

Generally the cost of the treatment of patients in Extern Institutions will require £53,200 extra in the coming year, and, after allowing for recoupment from the Health grant, it represents, as already mentioned, a Rate of 1/8d. in the £.

MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES.

The cost of these Services under which arrangements are made for medical care and hospital treatment for mothers and children shows an increase of £2,000.

TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is little change in the case of the items under this heading, the total cost being £12,030 as compared with £11,525 in the present year.

DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICES.

Provision is being made in the coming year for the appointment of an additional dentist. The Council agreed at onetime to the appointment of a second dentist, but the post has been vacant for the past few years. The filling of it will involve additional costs of about £3,600, of which about £2,000 would be in respect of equipment. With the appointment of a new dentist it is expected that the Council will be in a better position to provide for schoolchildren, especially in the matter of conservation of teeth.

REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS.

This is an item which shows a continuous rise in costs. In the present year the Estimate was £15,300, but for next year £17,800 will be required. In addition to a revision of the allowances the number of recipients is rising annually. However, it could be claimed that the payment of these allowances results in persons being kept out of Institutions.

BOARDING-OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN.

Here the cost shows a rise of £1,200, that is, from £6,580 to £7,781. Provision is being made, subject to the approval of the Council, for increased allowances in respect of boarded-out children.

AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS.

Under this heading there is an increase of £1,258, due to—(1) the necessity to purchase a new ambulance, and (2) revision of remuneration of drivers.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of general administration of the Health Services at £15,341 shows an increase of £2,400. This is attributable to the provision for the 12 per cent. increase in remuneration.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Demand from the Dublin Health Authority in respect of the maintenance of County Wicklow patients in their Mental Hospitals is up by £17,985. The Rate required for this Service will be 4/2d., which is an increase of 1/1d. over that in the present year.

The gross cost of maintaining patients from County Wicklow in the Dublin Mental Hospitals (St. Brendan's, St. Ita's, and St. Loman's) is £134,206. The assistance by way of Health Grant is £56,496 and other Receipts amount to £15,275, so that the net outlay comes to £62,435, to which must be added a sum of £5,355 in respect of debit balance from last year, making the total Demand £67,790 and, as already mentioned, this is £17,985 more than was required in the present year.

The number of patients from County Wicklow maintained in the Dublin Mental Hospitals, according to the latest figures available, is 328. This number has shown little variation in recent years. As mentioned on a number of occasions to the Council, when treatment for mental patients was under discussion, there has been a tendency in some other areas for the number in Institutions to decrease and greater emphasis being placed on the use of Out-Patient Clinics.

The present position in relation to the proposal to take over Newcastle Sanatorium and use it as a Mental Hospital is that the Consultant Architect is engaged in preparing details of the repairs which would be necessary. It was found that if the buildings at Newcastle were to accommodate 250 or 260 patients, it would be necessary that some of them would be repaired. Apart from two sections requiring fairly extensive repairs the greater part of the buildings were found to be in good condition. The cost of these repairs cannot be determined until the necessary details are prepared by the Consultant Architect and tenders are sought. Consequently the capital outlay which may be involved cannot at this stage be determined. The attached Estimates include only provision for the Demand from the Dublin Health Authority as it now seems that it scarcely would be possible to arrange for the transfer of any of the patients to the buildings at Newcastle until at earliest a late date in the coming financial year.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The gross amount required for Public Assistance at £23,746 shows a reduction of £4,214 on the outlay in the present year. The Receipts are expected to be the same, but the Rate levy, however, will be 1d.

higher and this is due to the fact that last year a credit balance was brought in under this heading which helped to reduce the amount to be levied in the Rates. The outlay on Public Assistance has tended to show a gradual reduction in recent years, partly because of the transfer of many cases to the class which are receiving from the Council Rehabilitation Grants or Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances and also due to the extent of the social services which are nowadays available. A higher level of employment also has influenced the position, especially in relation to the building industry in which some years ago employment tended to be often of a rather casual type.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross amount which is required at £52,143 shows a rise of £5,545 over the present year. This is offset, however, to the extent of about £900 by some increased Receipts mainly from State Grants to loan charges. The net effect is that the Rate required will be 4½d. higher.

Whilst the Estimates under this heading are to some extent affected by the application of 12 per cent. increase in remuneration, the main items accounting for the greater expenditure are: Domestic Scavenging £2,000; Dumping Grounds £1,160; and Graveyards over £1,300. In addition, new public lighting at a number of places will require a further £200.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING AND DUMPING GROUNDS.

In the present year a Domestic Scavenging Service has been introduced in Blessington, Baltinglass, Greystones, Carnew and Rathdrum. The Council has now arranged to provide this type of service for Rathnew and demands have been received for refuse collection in Tinahealy, Newtownmountkennedy, Roundwood, Delgany/Kilquade, Aughrim and Enniskerry. The provision in the Estimates includes only for the services which are already in operation and also Rathnew for which a price recently was accepted. A provisional sum of £1,200 has been included in respect of the villages last mentioned, but this is intended only to cover the cost of the service for part of the year. It does not include, moreover, any provision for the Boghall/Avondale, Park/Ballywaltrim area outside Bray, for which this type of service also has been requested.

The Household Refuse Collection Services which are nowadays being sought cannot be operated unless dumping grounds also are available, and in order to provide a number of new ones an additional £1,160 has been included. Here it should be mentioned that very great difficulty is found in securing dumping grounds; local people clamour for them, but nobody wants them on his own property or anywhere near him. This is a matter in which it is felt a little local co-operation and civic interest would be very helpful.

It can be expected that the costs of Household Refuse Collection Services and the provision and maintenance of dumping grounds will continue to rise in the coming years, and in this connection reference is again made to the suggestion that the provision of these services, nowadays regarded as essential, would be assisted if Local Authorities could be relieved of some of the cost of roads which at present has to be defrayed from local Rates.

GRAVEYARDS.

The cost is estimated at £3,075—an increase of £1,325. During the year the Council agreed that improvements and extensions should

be carried out to a number of Cemeteries and asked that provision be made for them in the Annual Estimates. The burial grounds involved are those at Macreddin, Rosahane, Cranieran and Manor Kilbride.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Estimate for the coming year at £4,100 shows an increase of £200. This is due to the provision of new lights at a number of places throughout the County. At present all towns, villages and hamlets in the County have public lighting, the total number of places being 48, and each year the lighting is being extended and improved.

HOUSING

At £132,233 the Estimate shows a rise of £7,077, but this is offset to the extent of about £1,800 by increased Receipts. The Rate required will be 4½d. approximately, which is 5d. higher than in the present year. The increase in the Rate levy is mainly due to the additional provision which has to be made for loan charges and Housing Grants for private dwellings and to the cost of new Council Housing Schemes.

VESTING OF COTTAGES AND REPAIRS.

Last year the Council allowed £12,240 for repairs and in the present Estimates a similar sum has been included. The Council is still repaying a loan of £20,000 borrowed for repairs in 1955 and this will absorb about £2,200 of the provision for repairs.

There is still difficulty in finding contractors who will carry out repairs this quite evidently is due to the fact that so much other building work is at present going on.

There have been complaints of the delay in the vesting of cottages in the tenants as owners under Cottage Purchase Schemes and members are being subjected to continuous pressure in this matter, but it must be remembered that up to nine or ten years ago the number of cottages vested in County Wicklow was negligible. For sixteen years or so no advantage was taken of the facilities available for cottage purchase, and indeed it was not the policy to impress on tenants that they should take advantage of them. Consequently it is frequently found nowadays that tenants seek to have cottages repaired and vested in them without delay, but it may be overlooked that they or their relatives who previously occupied these cottages had allowed many years to pass without seeking to become owners of them. In the case of new tenancies it could even be contended that the existing tenants might not have been in possession if Cottage Purchase Schemes had been more widely availed of. Once cottages are vested in the tenants as owners they will not automatically revert to the Council when they become vacant and new occupants of them may, as is shown by the experience of the past few years, have to pay substantial sums to acquire ownership. It can be claimed indeed that the Council would not have had the same number of houses available to meet the needs of families with low incomes if cottage purchase had been more widely availed of in the period prior to 1953 or 1954. Another point in relation to cottage purchase which must not be overlooked is that it is only natural that many tenants nowadays will seek to become owners, seeing that their rent is thereby reduced by one-half—even if they have to assume the liability for future repairs.

The Council has built over the years in all 3,315 houses and at the present date 1,545 of these have been vested in the tenants as owners. The number which were vested between 1st April, 1963, and 31st January, 1964, was 163.

HOUSING GRANTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

The number of applications being received for Grants for reconstructing and improving existing houses is still considerable. Up to the present 1,327 Grants have been allocated for the reconstruction and improvement of private dwellings and many more are under consideration. Of these Grants, 342 were used in the installation of water and sewerage. In addition, Grants towards the cost of new dwellings for people with limited means were allowed by the Council in 38 cases. The total amount of loans raised for all these purposes now comes to £119,800, and the loan charges in the coming year will be £10,140 or £2,465 more than in 1963/64.

NEW COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEME.

These would involve additional loan charges of about £2,800 which, however, is offset to some extent by new rents and by housing subsidy. Apart from some isolated cottages, the Estimates make provision for new Schemes at Blessington, Carnew, Laragh, Kindlestown and Aughrim.

GENERAL PURPOSES

This is a heading under which a large number of items are included, some of these being Scholarships, Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Seeds, etc., Supply Schemes, Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals Acts, and Courthouses.

The net charges after deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-Large, including Urban Districts—£26,090; Chargeable to County Health District—£67,774. The corresponding charges in the Estimates for the present year were £24,745 and £60,594. The Rate required for the coming year would be 5/9-15 as compared with 5/2-68 which was levied in the present year. The increase in the levy consequently is 6½d. In the Estimates provision is being made for the revision of salaries by the application of the 12 per cent. agreed to as a national formula and this would require about £4,000. The cost of Rate Collection also is up by £2,100 due to the same cause. The Demand from the Committee of Agriculture is £1,000 greater, and £1,600 more will be required in the coming year for Fire Brigades. These are the principal changes in costs.

FIRE BRIGADES.

During the present year two new fire engines were purchased and an order has been placed for a third. According to the returns submitted by the Chief Fire Officer, 236 fires were attended by Brigades in the year 1963. It is noted that in the past five years the number attended has always been in excess of 200. More than one-half of the fires attended were chimney fires—the number being 124.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The outlay on Scholarships, Secondary and University, in the coming year will be about £9,400, but the cost to the Rates will not rise because of the effect of the State Grant which is now becoming available. At present there are 96 Secondary Scholarship holders and 16 University Scholarship holders.

INTEREST CHARGES.

For the coming year the provision being made for Overdraft Interest is £500, a reduction of £1,500 on the amount included last year. In former years the interest charges represented a heavy impost

on Rates; in some years between £6,000 and £7,000 was paid out in this way. It has been possible to achieve such a substantial reduction in interest charges on current account because of the existence of credits at the end of the financial year which enabled the Council to meet their commitments until such time as Rates and Government Grants became available. It is essential that a reasonable working balance be available for the early part of the year as in its absence heavy interest charges—for which the Council, after all, receives no return—will have to be met.

SEPARATE CHARGES**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

The cost of Vocational Education is defrayed by means of a Separate Charge on the County, exclusive of Bray Urban District; Bray Urban Council operates its own service. For the coming year the total gross cost of Vocational Education is estimated at £31,410, and after deducting Receipts of £5,426 the net cost is £25,984. The amount is almost the same as last year when it was £26,001. The Rate levy at 1/10d. involves an increase of 2d., as last year a credit balance was available to reduce the charge. The amount provided for the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board is £334 which is the same as in the present year, and for Criminal Injuries (a County-at-Large charge) £708 will have to be levied as compared with £455 last year.

THE IMPACT OF LOCAL RATES.

A rise in the Rates levy for the coming year was not unexpected. The public had been well aware of the agreed formula for the revision of wages and rates of remuneration, which, of course, would apply to Local Authorities as to all other employers. This was an agreement evolved with a view to avoiding the contention, unpleasantness, and strained relations which could follow from separate and lengthy negotiations with varying results leading, perhaps, to repeated demands and industrial upsets. But it must be accepted that such a national agreement is bound to affect the costs of roads, hospitals, and house building or repairs, in the same way as it affects industry or trade.

It came as a surprise to the Council, however, to find that hospital costs would show such a marked rise—being almost 60 p.c. above those of a year ago. In the absence of a County Hospital with a full range of Specialist Services—even though the Council's Hospital at Baltinglass provides a fairly full service for part of the County—there is much reliance on the Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area. The rates of charges in these Institutions have been subsidised from the Hospitals' Trust Fund for many years past, with the result that the actual cost of maintenance was not by any means fully reflected in the charges made to the County Council. Even revised weekly rates of £15 4s. 6d. for General Hospitals and £16 16s. 0d. for Maternity Hospitals, according to the recent circular from the Department of Health, still fall short of the actual weekly costs, so that it could happen that the Council in the coming financial year may be confronted with a further rise in hospital charges. Hospital costs very materially affect the outlay on Health as they account for about 70 per cent. of the total if account be taken of County Institutions, Extern Hospitals and Mental Hospitals.

It sometimes is claimed that value is not being received for the outlay on the Health Services, but it is submitted that some reflection and an examination of costs in relation to the services afforded will not in the least support such a viewpoint. In the Estimates now submitted the cost of General Medical Services, which in this County are available to almost 40 per cent. of the population, represents a

per capita charge of about £2 for that part of the population for which the service is provided through Dispensaries or Clinics or in the patients' homes. Moreover, of this charge about 13/- is applicable to medicines and medical and surgical appliances, whilst a further 4/- is attributable to the cost of providing and maintaining Dispensaries. The extent to which the hospital services are availed of may be realised from the following details of patients admitted to Hospitals and Institutions in the year ended 31/3/63:

Council's own County Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Fever Hospitals	Tuberculosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
2,282	2,658	95	33	894

The foregoing figures are exclusive of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and of Mental Hospitals. The number maintained in Mental Hospitals was given already as 328. It should be mentioned that the number in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, showed a continuous decline for some years from the previous average of about 250 and nowadays is more or less established around 180. The charges for Extern Hospitals already have been given; the average weekly costs for the Council's own Institutions in the year 1962/63 were:

Baltinglass Hospital	£12 14s. 11d.
District Hospital, Wicklow	£8 13s. 4d.
St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	£3 9s. 8d.

At times comparisons in the matter of Health Services are made with those provided in a neighbouring country, but resources—which determine the capacity to pay—are not taken into account. If they were it would be found that incomes on the average are twice as high in Britain—as might be expected in a highly industrialised country. Again insurance contributions are much higher, being £1 6s. 2d. per week for male workers in Britain as compared with 11s. 10d. in Ireland. The level of rents, too, is much higher in the former country.

Reference already has been made to the Roads Programme and the suggestion has been put forward that motor taxation might gradually meet the entire cost and that Local Authorities could in consequence be enabled to pursue activities such as sanitation and refuse collection, and the development associated with a new approach to planning, if they could divert to them the funds now required to be found from Rates for road works. There are, it is felt, a number of reasons why policy in relation to roads might now be reviewed. In the first instance we have now reached a stage when almost all our existing rural roads have been reconstructed. It may be questioned, however, if it would be advisable that we should continue to invest large sums in new rural roads taken over for public maintenance and which would never carry any significant traffic and would serve only a few people. Traffic congestion is arising in urban areas of even modest populations; it has become rather acute in the more populous centres. But in great part it is due to the roadways being used for parking instead of being restricted to moving traffic for which they were originally built. In other countries it has been found that the concentration of industry and, above all, of administrative activities in a few centres inevitably has led to traffic problems. In the midst of these difficulties it could be submitted that local

Rates which are tied to a basis—rateable valuation—which shows practically no expansion, are not very suited to meeting the rising costs of public services, which are becoming more complex and continue to expand in character.

The impact of Rates must be viewed in the light of the trend of incomes. In this County the Rates have, of course, reflected the rising level of general costs, but they have not in recent years advanced at a pace in excess of price and remuneration levels. Leaving aside the general issue of the extent to which agricultural land should be liable to local taxation, it must, nevertheless, be mentioned that substantial relief was afforded in the past few years through the increase in the amount of the Agricultural Grant. The result of this relief was that the Rates levied on agricultural land were less in the present year, 1963/64, than they were eight years ago in 1955/56. An example showing the Rates levied on a particular holding which has a land valuation of £53 10s. 0d., and on which there is one employee will show the position. In 1955/56 when the Poundage Rate was 32/- in the £, the net Rates payable after allowing for the Agricultural Grant were £49 6s. 9d. In 1961/62 when the Rate was 37s. 4d., the net Rates payable after deducting Agricultural Grant came to £60 11s. 10d. In 1962/63 and 1963/64 when the Rate was 38/5, the Agricultural Grant was greater than in preceding years, with the result that the net Rates to be paid were reduced to £42 18s. 2d. The Estimates now before the Council would involve, of course, an increase in the net Rates on this particular holding, but even then they would still be substantially less than in 1961/62.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked, and it is only fitting that mention be made of the manner in which the necessary supporting accounting records were kept and full details presented by the County Secretary and County Accountant of Services which every year are becoming more complex. Further information required in connection with any of the figures now presented will, of course, be given at the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council on Monday, 2nd March, 1964.

The opportunity is also taken of conveying to the Chairman and members of the Council my sincere appreciation and thanks for the assistance and guidance in administering the Council's many Services which have been given during the past year.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1965.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and reconstruction	£ 82,534	£ 82,534	£ 69,783	£ 69,783
Loan Charges	2,657	2,657	2,268	2,268
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	104,500	104,500	46,400	46,400
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	4,200	4,200	5,981	5,981
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries—Clerical Staff—County Engineer's Office			3,642	3,642
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,205	1,205	545	545
do. —Servants	4,006	4,006	3,714	3,714
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	650	650
Postage and Telephone	200	200	200	200
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Rein-statements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£201,202	£201,202	£137,098	£137,098

ROADS

Nature of Income:

Road Fund—Maintenance Grant

do. —Special Grant

Other Receipts:

Road Openings and other Refunds

Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)

Proportion of Salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services

Refund of Road Fund Bonus

Weighbridge Receipts

Railway Overbridges

Superannuation Contributions

Amount Estimated

	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	£ 41,267	£ 41,267	£	£
do. —Special Grant	104,500	104,500	46,400	46,400
Other Receipts:				
Road Openings and other Refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of Salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,575	2,575	3,846	3,846
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	400	400		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Superannuation Contributions	1,000	1,000	1,750	1,750
	£150,157	£150,157	£53,796	£53,796

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	£ 27,475	£ 27,475
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Medicines	13,000	13,000
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	2,946	2,946
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500	1,500
	£47,421	£47,421
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	17,220	17,220
District Hospital, Baltinglass	28,778	28,778
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	40,315	40,315
	£86,313	£86,313
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	115,750	110,750
Maternity Hospitals	17,850	17,850
Tuberculosis	19,500	14,500
Fever Hospitals	5,000	5,000
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	10,500	10,500
Homes for other persons	1,500	1,500
	£170,100	£160,100
MATERNITY & CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	6,720	6,220
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwife and nursing services	7,152	7,008
Obstetrical requisites	1,352	1,352
Milk for Mothers and children	3,417	2,000
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	1,747	1,747
School Health Service	3,533	3,533
	£26,471	£24,410
Carried fwd.	£330,305	£318,244

HEALTH—Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought fwd.	£ 330,305	£ 318,244
TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	3,501	3,501
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,950	1,450
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	1,025	1,025
Mass Radiography Service	1,500	1,500
B.C.G. Service	1,204	1,204
Provision of extra rooms (Chalets)	50	50
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	500	500
Immunisation, Vaccination & Disinfection of clothing and bedding	300	300
Notification and prevention of disease	150	150
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,800	1,800
	£12,030	£11,530
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	3,942	3,092
Fees for professional services	1,550	1,550
Dental, optical and aural appliances	1,350	1,350
Extern Institutions — Out Patients' services	50	50
Furniture and equipment	2,048	1,898
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	50	50
	£8,990	£7,990
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Salaries and fees	50	50
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre expenses	6,000	6,000
Other Expenses:		
Analysis of Specimens	800	800
	£6,850	£6,850
Carried fwd.	£358,175	£344,614

HEALTH—Contd.	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:		
Brought fwd.	£358,175	£344,614
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	17,800	16,800
	£17,800	£16,800
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	6,961	6,961
Approved Schools	820	820
	£7,781	£7,781
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS	10,008	£9,508
	£10,008	£9,508
SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND DRINK	2,897	2,897
	£2,897	£2,897
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000	5
	£1,000	£5
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES:		
(Dist. Nursing Associations)	1,850	1,850
	£1,850	£1,850
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	4,828	4,828
Salaries—General Office Staff	6,395	6,395
Travelling Expenses	610	610
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage & telephone charges	1,250	1,250
Other Expenses—Heating, lighting, etc.	708	708
Insurances	100	100
	£15,341	£15,341
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT, 1950	30	30
	£30	£30
RETIRING ALLOWANCES & GRATUITIES	9,100	9,100
	£9,100	£9,100
Carried fwd.	423,982	407,926

HEALTH—Contd.	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:		
Brought fwd.	£423,982	£407,926
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and trav. expenses: Mental Treatment Act	400	200
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,894	1,894
LOAN CHARGES	650	650
	£2,944	£2,744
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£426,926	£410,670

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:		
	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	199,088	190,960
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services:		
Council Institutions	8,750	8,750
Extern Institutions	1,500	1,500
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	250	250
Sale of Farm Produce	15,000	1,500
Sale of offal & old stores	50	50
Rents & Insurance refunds, etc.	292	292
Officers' emoluments	6,720	6,720
Contributions to Superannuation	1,210	1,210
Miscellaneous	500	500
	£219,860	£211,732

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Dublin Health Authority	£ £67,790	£ 67,790

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	11,760	8,760
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	550	550
Salaries	7,236	7,236
Retiring Allowances	500	500
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
TOTAL:	£23,746	£20,746

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	775	775
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayment of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	66	66
TOTAL:	£1,251	£1,251

SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries—Office Staff	1,730	1,730
Caretakers:		
Water & Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds & Sanitary Conveniences	3,456	3,456
Burial Grounds	1,245	1,245
Engineering Staff — proportion of salaries and travelling expenses	2,688	2,688
Shops Acts—Inspectors	10	10
Analyst—proportion of salary	75	75
Superannuation	200	200
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	8,000	7,500
Dumping Grounds — Repairs and maintenance	1,960	1,960
Domestic Scavenging	3,954	3,954
Burial Grounds—do.	3,075	2,575
Public Lighting	4,100	4,100
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	19,850	19,850
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£52,143	£51,143

SANITARY: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants:		
Contributions to Loan Charges	6,460	6,460
do.—Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,000	3,000
Burial Fees	700	700
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£10,670	£10,670

HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Salaries	3,008	3,008
Retiring Allowances	450	450
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers & Law Agent (portion)	5,245	5,245
Rent Collectors' Poundage	6,020	6,020
Cottage Repairs	12,240	12,240
Loan Charges	71,000	71,000
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	15,025	15,025
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	305	305
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	100	100
Office Expenses	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	10,140	10,140
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£132,233	£132,233

HOUSING: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	40,050	40,050
Housing Subsidy	29,500	29,500
Other Receipts	150	150
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	50	50
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£76,600	£76,600

GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			12,341	12,341
Public Libraries			8,272	8,272
Town and Regional Planning Acts			220	220
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships: Secondary University	5,870	5,870		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme	3,525	3,525	5,000	5,000
Other Purposes				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	5,524	5,524	14,948	14,948
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			13,965	13,965
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			2,119	2,119
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees' Pensions			470	470
Pensions: Late Union Officers Co. Officers and Servants	380	380		
Franchise and Jurors Lists	519	519	4,185	4,185
Valuation	2,000	2,000		
Legal Expenses	175	175	200	200
Coroners & Inquests	500	500		
Postage & Telephones	450	450	900	900
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	100	100	950	950
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act	412	412		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	357	357		
Fire Brigades			16,626	16,626
Drainage of Land	100	100		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Carried fwd.	£22,112	£22,112	£81,396	£81,396

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Brought fwd.	22,112	22,112	£81,396	£81,396
Weights & Measures	400	400		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies, & Slaughter of Animals Acts			1,003	1,003
Road Fund Expenses	500	500		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	4,848	4,848		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,279	1,279		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,976	1,976		
Compensation — Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses & Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	500	500	500	500
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	257	257	589	589
Loan Charges	905	905	519	519
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			500	500
Miscellaneous	30	30	300	300
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	£40,479	£40,479	£86,132	£86,132

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	in which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Grants — Local Authorities (Works Act—Drainage Schemes)			5,000	5,000
Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961	4,932	4,932		
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	41	41		
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6	7	7
Cinematograph	50	50		
Fines under Foods & Drugs Acts			226	226
Public Libraries				
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme:				
Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	500	500		
Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence	3,226	3,226		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban Dist. Councils			4,167	4,167
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts:—				
Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Fees refunded by Co. Sec.—				
Franchise and Jurors	250	250		
Motor Registration Recoupment	500	500	3,300	3,300
Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	150	150		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			4,388	4,388
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	1,200	1,200	700	700
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£14,389	£14,389	£18,358	£18,358

SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	21,257	21,251		
Repayment of Loans	6,735	6,735		
Retiring Allowances	3,418	3,418		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			334	334
Criminal Injuries: County-At-Large	708	708		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£32,118	£32,118	£334	£334

Nature of Income:	in which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Department of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	3,367	3,367		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	1,709	1,709		
Superannuation contributions	350	350		
	£5,426	£5,426		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Charge-to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) IN FAVOUR OF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE OFF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	201,202	137,093	150,157	53,796	51,045	83,297	1,950	8,468	1,596	122,328			122,328	9/9-96
HEALTH ..	410,670		211,732		198,938		7,599	33,003	6,220	152,116			152,116	12/2-69
MENTAL HEALTH ..	67,790				67,790		2,590	11,246	2,119	51,835			51,835	4/1-98
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	20,746		1,251		19,495		745	3,234	609	14,907			14,907	1/2-38
SANITARY ..		51,143		10,670		40,473				40,473			40,473	3/3-03
HOUSING ..		132,233		76,600		55,633				55,633			55,633	4/5-65
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	40,479	86,132	14,389	18,358	26,090	67,774	997	4,328	816	87,723	39,700		48,023	3/10-31
	£740,887	£406,601	£377,529	£159,424	£363,358	£287,177	£13,881	£60,279	£11,360	£525,015	£39,700		£485,315	39/-

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £248,833 16s. 0d.

CALCULATION

Expenditure	Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the Financial Year ending 31st March 1964		Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March 1964		SERVICES
	Applicable to the County	Applicable to the County and District	Charge to the County	Charge to the County and District	
Vocational Committee:					
Demand					
Repayment					
Retiring					
Rathdrum and Burial Board					
Criminal In County-A					
TOTAL FOR CHARGE					
Nature of Expenditure					
Recoupment of Educational Expenses					
Vocational Schools					
Recoupment Pensions					
Superannuation					

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters, etc., was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th March, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Letter from Local Government Department regarding proposed revised graded rents scale for Rural Cottages.
2. Proposal to use Newcastle Sanatorium as a Mental Hospital—Letter from Department of Health and Preliminary Report from Consultant Architect.
3. Report of Special Committee of Council regarding complaint as to treatment of patient in St. Colman's Hospital.
4. Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re:—
 - (a) Increased State and Supplementary Grants for private housing for farmers.
 - (b) Revised State Subsidy to Local Authorities in respect of provision of houses for small farmers.
5. Laragh Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
6. Resignation of County Architect.
7. Public Lighting at Ashford.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council provide a water supply for village of Askanagap.
9. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Parkmore, Baltinglass.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That owing to serious plight of the people of the Knockroe area regarding water facilities that steps be taken to implement the extension of the water system from Kilcoole Schoolhouse.
11. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
12. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of February, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of March, 1964.

County Council Estimates—Use of Credits.

Councillor P. McCarthy pointed out that the Demand of the County Council on Arklow Urban District Council showed an increase of nearly 4s. in the £ and asked whether the Urban District Councils should not benefit from the credits used by the County Council in arriving at the amount of the Estimates. The County Manager explained that the credits availed of by the County Council were not contributed to by the Urban District Councils and could not be used to effect reductions in the Demands on the Urban District Councils. The Statements furnished to the Urban District Councils each year with the Demand show that adjustments were made in respect of any differences between actual and estimated expenditure in the preceding year.

Attendance of Engineers at Meetings.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that all the members of the Engineering Staff were not present at the Meeting and asked that it be ensured that Engineers attend at each Meeting and remain throughout the Meeting as required by the Council.

Item No. 1—Letter from Local Government Department regarding Proposed Revised Graded Rents Scale for Rural Cottages.

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

H.27/19/1.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,

Teach an Chustaim,

Baile Atha Cliath 1.

27th February, 1964.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 17th instant and previous correspondence regarding a proposal of the Wicklow County Council to revise the system of graded renting applied to rural cottages and to refer to this Department's letter of 6th February, 1961, in regard to the adjustments then proposed. In this connection it is noted that the position in County Wicklow regarding the vesting of cottages continues to be unsatisfactory as compared with the position in other counties. As at the 31st March last only 40.9 per cent. of the cottages provided in County Wicklow had been vested in the tenants as compared with the national average of 35.9 per cent. At the same time there was a keen desire on the part of many cottage tenants to become owners of their cottages as evidenced by the fact that about 1000 applicants for vesting were on hands. It is understood that a primary reason for this abnormal back log of undealt with vesting applications was that the Wicklow County Council had drastically reduced over a number of years the amount estimated as required to finance a realistic cottage repair programme. In the circumstances it is felt that every effort should be made to conserve the maximum amount of money made available from the rates for housing purposes for the financing of schemes for the repair of cottages prior to vesting. It would be an inopportune time to revise the graded rent scheme at present in force, a scheme which, as pointed out in the Department's letter referred to above, compares very favourably with schemes operated in other counties.

The Minister feels that the first concern of the Council should be to bring the vesting position into line with the position in other

areas. When this is done it is to be noted that many of the families who might benefit from the present proposals will secure a considerable reduction in their weekly outgoings since the amount of the annuity will normally be considerably less than the amount which they are now paying in rent.

I am to suggest that the proposals be further examined having regard to the above considerations.

Mise, le meas.

In reply to Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, who queried the necessity for mapping cottage plots in all cases, the County Secretary stated that in order to vest the cottage in the tenant a map of the cottage plot had to be submitted for registration in the Land Registry and if this did not correspond exactly with the records the plot would not be registered. Councillor J. Temple suggested that having regard to the difficulty in recruiting Engineers for such work an arrangement might be made with the Council's Assistant County Engineers for them to carry out mapping of plots outside normal hours and to pay a fee to them in respect of each plot mapped. The County Manager in reply pointed out that the Council could not pay Engineers more than the scales approved by the Minister for the posts. Councillor Miss Walsh, supported by Councillor Timmins, recommended that Student Engineers be engaged by the Council for the mapping of cottage plots and suggested further that the University College Authorities be contacted with a view to recruiting students for this work during the Summer holidays. The County Manager gave details of the work involved and referred to the possibility of employing a draughtsman. It was agreed that every effort be made by the recruitment of Student Engineers or Architects or otherwise to expedite the work of mapping cottage plots.

Item No. 2—Proposal to use Newcastle Sanatorium as a Mental Hospital—Letter from Department of Health and Preliminary Report from Consultant Architect.

The following letter from the Department of Health and covering letter from the County Manager to the Members of the Council had been circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

3rd March, 1964.

Re: Proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium buildings as a Mental Hospital.

Dear Councillor,

In November last the Council had this matter under consideration and deferred it pending further information as to the costs of converting the buildings of Newcastle Hospital into a Mental Hospital; the total accommodation which would be available; and the liabilities which the taking over of the buildings and using them as a Mental Hospital would impose on the Council. In the meantime Mr. Vincent Kelly, Consultant Architect to the Council, has been engaged on an investigation of the works required to make the building suitable for use as a Mental Hospital.

In a letter of 2nd March, 1964, the Department of Health now state that the Minister is anxious to bring this matter to an early

conclusion so that he might be in a position to bring into operation Section 25 of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, as from 1st April next. They ask that the Council would pass a Resolution asking the Minister to make an Order which would result in County Wicklow ceasing to be part of the functional area of the Dublin Health Authority for the purpose of services under the Mental Treatment Acts.

A copy of this letter of 2nd March, 1964, from the Department of Health is attached in order that the Members of the Council may have an opportunity of examining it before the next Meeting of the Council on 9th inst., when this matter of using Newcastle Sanatorium buildings as a Mental Hospital can again be considered.

It will be noted from the letter of the Department of Health that apart from the cost of adaptation it would not be expected that the County Council would assume any special liabilities in taking over Newcastle Hospital. It is also mentioned that the cost of the works of adaptation, as approved by the Minister, could be met from the sum of £100,000 which the Minister proposed to determine to be the County Wicklow share of the assets of the Dublin Health Authority.

A Report has been received this morning from Mr. Vincent Kelly, Consultant Architect, on the proposals for adapting the Newcastle Sanatorium buildings for use as a Mental Hospital. He refers to difficulties which he considers would arise in connection with:

1. Provision for patients' pursuits and recreation.
2. Preparing and distribution of meals.
3. Toilet facilities.
4. Reception arrangements for visitors, out-patients' department, etc.
5. Living accommodation for male nurses.

Whereas it had been estimated that with adaptation the buildings should be able to accommodate 257 patients, the Consultant Architect feels that the number instead would be 199. The expenditure which he considers would be necessary to make the buildings suitable for such a number of patients would come to £73,000 and if the two end Pavilions, which are not in good condition, were to be re-built he estimates the cost at £25,000 to £30,000.

As mentioned earlier it is proposed to discuss the letter of the Department of Health and the Report of the Consultant Architect at the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday next, 9th inst.

Yours sincerely,

ENCLS.
MF/JK.

M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

An Roinn Slainte,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath 1.
2 Marta, 1964.

L.9/148.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 12th November, 1963, and earlier correspondence regarding the proposed use of Newcastle Hospital as a district mental hospital for County Wicklow.

The Minister is anxious to bring to an early conclusion the arrangements for the take over of the hospital by the health authority and so enable him to bring section 25 of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, into operation as from 1st April next.

The first essential step is for Wicklow County Council by a resolution to request the Minister, in accordance with sub-section (6) of section 2 of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, to make an order that the administrative County of Wicklow shall cease to be part of the functional area of the Dublin Health Authority with respect to the functions related to the operation of services under the Mental Treatment Acts.

It is noted that the County Council, at a meeting held on the 11th November last, passed a resolution deferring taking a decision in this matter until further information was obtained as to:—

- (a) the cost of adapting Newcastle for use as a mental hospital;
- (b) the total accommodation that will be available in Newcastle when so adapted, and
- (c) any special liabilities which the taking over of Newcastle may impose on the Council.

Since then the Minister has approved the engagement by the County Council of an Architect for the purpose of preparing details, including estimates of cost, of alterations and repairs to the buildings at Newcastle.

With regard to (a) and (b) it will not be possible to say what the cost of adaptation is likely to be or how many patients the hospital will accommodate in its new role until the Architect's report will have been received and examined. It is likely, however, that the bed complement of the hospital will be in the region of 250-260 beds. It is appreciated that the number of County Wicklow patients at present maintained in institutions run by the Dublin Health Authority exceeds this number but the Minister is satisfied that, with the development of out-patient and community care with associated intensive in-patient services, the accommodation will be sufficient in the fairly near future.

With regard to (c) I am to state that, apart from the cost of adaptation, it is not envisaged that the County Council will assume any special liabilities in the taking over of Newcastle. In connection with the cost of these works the Minister is prepared to agree that the cost of such works as may be approved specifically by him may be met from the sum of £100,000 which, as was indicated in the Department's letter of the 9th November last, he proposes to determine to be the County Wicklow share of the assets of the Dublin Health Authority; any balance remaining thereafter to be disposed of in accordance with the Minister's instructions.

I am to request that this matter should be considered by the Health Authority at earliest possible date.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The County Manager submitted further details of the Report of the Consultant Architect and pointed out that the Consultant Architect had indicated that accommodation would be available for only 199 patients instead of 257 patients as had been originally proposed. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which the

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suggestion of deferring the matter pending receipt of the views of the Department in regard to the Report of the Consultant Architect had been considered was put forward.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 2nd March, 1964, Ref.: L.9/148 from Department of Health and Report of 2nd March, 1964, from Mr. Vincent Kelly, Consultant Architect, we hereby request the Minister for Health in accordance with Sub-Section (6) of Section 2 of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, to make an Order that the Administrative County of Wicklow shall cease to be part of the functional area of the Dublin Health Authority with respect to the functions related to the operation of services under the Mental Treatment Acts as from 1st April, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Report of Special Committee of Council regarding Complaint as to Treatment of Patient in St. Colman's Hospital.

The Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to investigate the complaint made by Mr. W. J. Doyle, 1, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, in relation to the death of his brother, Thomas Doyle, at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, had been circulated to the Members of the Council as decided upon at the previous Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to investigate the complaint of Mr. W. J. Doyle, 1, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, in relation to the death of his brother, Thomas Doyle, in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and agree that Mr. Doyle be informed of the findings of the Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Circular Letter from Department of Local Government.

Re:—(a) Increased State and Supplementary Grants for Private Housing for Farmers. (b) Revised State Subsidy to Local Authorities in respect of Provision of Houses for Small Farmers.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Rathdrum Office.

To each Member of the County Council.

A Chara,

Attached please find copy of a Memorandum received from the Minister for Local Government notifying a variation in the rates of State and Supplementary Grants towards the provision of houses for farmers. It will be noted the Minister proposes to empower Local Authorities to make Supplementary grants up to the level of the new State Grants in cases where these have been made. The estimated cost to the Council would be in the region of an additional £500 per annum.

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The Minister has also introduced a revised form of subsidy towards loan charges in respect of houses provided by Local Authorities where the person for whom the house is provided is a small farmer whose valuation does not exceed £5. A Memorandum is subjoined showing the effect of this revised subsidy rate in the case of a serviced rural cottage costing £1,650.

Mise, le meas,

A. O'CONNOR,

Staff Officer.

AO'C/AD.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Revised subsidy for houses provided for small farmers who are occupiers of land the Valuation of which does not exceed £5.

(Loan Charges on £100 for 50 years @ 6½% = £6 15 6½d.)

Serviced Houses.

Limit of cost for subsidy = £1,650

Loan charges on 6½% for 50 years on £1,650	Per annum	Per week
£111 16 5	£111 16 5	£2 3 0
Overheads—add 1% of capital cost or £12 whichever is the lesser	12 0 0	4 7½
Economic Rent	£123 16 5	£2 7 7½
Deduct contribution from Council of Loan charges on £100	6 15 6½	2 7½
	£117 0 10½	£2 5 0½
Deduct Rent payable by tenant	19 10 0	7 6
	97 10 10½	1 17 6½
Deduct overheads of £12 per annum to be met by Council	12 0 0	4 7½
Subsidy from State Funds	85 10 10½	1 12 10½

Total County Council Subsidy 2s. 7½d. + 4s. 7½d. ...
7s. 2½d. per week.
or
£18 1 5½ per annum.

HOUSING GRANTS FOR FARMERS.

The Minister for Local Government announces that the new rates of State and supplementary grants towards the provision of houses for farmers will be as follows:—

(1) STATE GRANTS FOR PRIVATE HOUSING

to persons in occupation of land (i) who derive their livelihood solely or mainly from the pursuit of agriculture, or (ii) who would otherwise be eligible for rehousing by a local authority, for the erection of new houses in rural areas for their own occupation. The new grants will apply where the erection of the house commences on or after 1st October, 1963:

Valuations or aggregate of valuations of land and buildings occupied by applicants	Where sewerage and piped water are provided		
	No. of rooms in house.		
	3	4	5 or more
	£	£	£
Up to £25	300	375	450
Over £25 and up to £35	250	325	400
Over £35 and up to £50	250	275	350

In cases where sewerage and piped water cannot reasonably be provided, the grants will be reduced by £75. Where applications are made by members of public utility societies, an additional £10 will be paid in each case. Farmers whose valuation exceeds £50 will continue to be entitled to the existing grants available under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

(2) **SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR PRIVATE HOUSING:**

Housing authorities will be empowered to make supplementary grants up to the level of the new State Grants in cases where these have been made.

(3) **INCREASED ANNUAL SUBSIDY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES** in respect of houses provided for small farmers, the valuation of whose land is £5 or less:—

Subject to a contribution by the local authority of the loan charges on £100 of capital cost and a maximum rent (exclusive of rates) or purchase annuity of 7/6d. a week paid by the small farmer, the Minister will meet in full the balance of loan charges incurred by the local authority in providing the house. In addition in any case in which, due to the circumstances of the small farmer, the rent or purchase annuity fixed by the local authority is less than 7/6d. a week, the Minister will pay 50% of the further amount which would otherwise fall on the local authority. The new subsidy will apply where the erection of the house commences on or after 1st October, 1963.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that the revised State Subsidy to Local Authorities in respect of provision of houses for small farmers would not be of much benefit to small farmers in County Wicklow on account of the valuations in the County being much higher than those in many other Counties.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Supplementary Grants to persons in occupation of land (1) who derive their livelihood solely or mainly from the pursuit of agriculture, or (2) who would otherwise be eligible for re-housing by Local Authority, for the erection of new houses in rural areas for their own occupation in accordance with the rates approved by the Minister for Local Government to take effect in respect of houses erected on or after 1st October, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Laragh Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the tenders received for the erection of six houses at Laragh and had recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender being that of Messrs. Eager Bros., Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy, in the sum of £10,447. The County Engineer had interviewed Mr. Eager and was satisfied that his firm had sufficient experience, plant and labour force to carry out satisfactorily the work of erection of these six houses, and he accordingly recommended the acceptance of the tender.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved — That we note the recommendation of the County Engineer and approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Eager Bros., Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy, in the sum of £10,447 for the erection of six houses at Laragh. We hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £11,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Resignation of County Architect.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. D. Tallon, County Architect, had submitted his resignation with effect from the 31st March, 1964, and it was proposed to forward a Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commission for a recommendation for the permanent filling of the post and in the meantime the County Engineer had recommended that an advertisement be issued for a Temporary Consultant Architect.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we note the resignation of Mr. J. D. Tallon, County Architect, to take effect from the 31st March, 1964, and approve of a Statutory Request being submitted to the Local Appointments Commission for recommendation for the permanent filling of the position and of applications being invited by public advertisement for a Temporary Consultant Architect.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Public Lighting at Ashford.

With reference to a Notice of Motion which had been handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had indicated that a light could be erected on Pole No. 6 opposite the Garage at Ashford, that is at the junction of the Main Road with the road to Ballinahinch, free of charge, subject to the usual annual charge for operation.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having noted quotation of Electricity Supply Board we hereby approve of the provision of an additional public

light at Ashford on Pole No. 6.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council provide a Water Supply for Village of Askanagap.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were about eleven houses at Askanagap divided into two groups. The water at present was taken from streams which flow from the hillside, but this was unsatisfactory and very often the water was polluted. He suggested that the place would lend itself to a Group Water Supply, but the alternative would be to erect a pump which he felt could not be conveniently located to serve both groups of houses. The Chief Assistant County Engineer had contacted the Department's Inspectors dealing with Group Water Supplies and they were endeavouring to arrange to organise a Group Water Supply Scheme to serve the district. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 9—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary submitted the application of Mrs. Alice Halpin, Parkmore, Baltinglass, for the consent of the Council to the sale of her interest in her vested cottage at Parkmore to Mr. Daniel McDonnell, Croneyhorn, Carnew, a retired ambulance driver, for the sum of £260. Mrs. Halpin was at present in England and it was understood that she did not propose to return as her family now resided in England.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Alice Halpin of her interest in her cottage at Parkmore, Baltinglass, to Mr. Daniel McDonnell, Croneyhorn, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That owing to serious plight of the people of the Knockroe Area regarding Water Facilities that steps be taken to implement the extension of the Water System from Kilcoole Schoolhouse.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that persons in this area were very much in need of a suitable water supply and it was most necessary that arrangements be made for the extension of the watermain from Kilcoole Schoolhouse as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that Plans and Specification for the extension of the main had been prepared and submitted to the Department of Local Government, but that the Department had asked for the submission of a map showing the Dublin Corporation watermain in the area and the sizes and extent of the Wicklow County Council mains taken from the Dublin Corporation mains together with all proposed extensions to the existing mains. The Department had also asked that the Council indicate the arrangements proposed for reduction of pressure in respect of new extensions. It had also been asked that the matter of connecting to the Corporation mains at Three-Trout-Bridge and Pretty Bush also be examined. The Chief Assistant County

Engineer had had consultations with officials of the Dublin Corporation and it was understood that the Corporation would not allow any connections to their mains at Three-Trout-Bridge or Pretty Bush, but had no objection to the extension of the existing 4" diameter main from the New School at Kilcoole in accordance with the Plans submitted. There was, however, also a proposed connection to the existing 6" diameter main at Killadreenan in order to supply Newcastle and Kiltimon areas and agreement in regard to this proposal had not been reached and it had been intimated that the question of further connections off the Corporation supplies was under review and that a policy on the matter would be stated in the near future. The map with the necessary details required by the Department had been forwarded to the Department and it was hoped that a decision on the proposal would be available shortly. The Council noted the position in the matter and asked that the Department be requested to expedite approval to the Scheme.

Item No. 11—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts. Brittas Bay Development.

The County Manager referred to the Development Plan which had been prepared by the Council's Consultant Architect for the Brittas Bay area and the subsequent discussions between representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Company, Ltd., and the Council in regard to the provisions of the Plan and possible amendments to it and stated that one of the main matters to be covered was the provision of services to the area, particularly services by way of water supply and sewage disposal. Proposals had recently been submitted by an Engineer on behalf of landowners at Brittas Bay for a Sewerage Scheme to serve the area and details of the proposals of the various landowners had been received. It was found that the proposals as now available envisaged an eventual population of about 13,500 persons which would represent a town larger than Bray. The proposals had been examined by the County Architect and County Engineer and while the County Architect had reservations in regard to certain points the County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the proposed sewerage system. The County Manager stated that he felt, however, that in view of the population which would have to be catered for and the costs which would be involved in providing the water supply and a sewerage system for the area, part of which would have to be met from either State or Local Authority funds, that it was desirable that the Council have an opportunity of considering the whole matter. So as to ensure that there would not be any possible acceptance by default under the Town and Regional Planning Acts permission for the proposals had been refused and the County Manager suggested that the County Council might arrange a Meeting to consider the matter. The County Manager stated that the proposals which had been recently before the Council for a water supply for the Brittas Bay area showed that the estimated cost of the mains was £87,000 and this did not include for the necessary extension to the Cronroe Regional Scheme. The proposals, however, had been based on a population in the region of 2,000 and if a population of 13,500 were to be catered for he felt that the costs of the water supply would be in the region of £250,000 or £300,000. As the Department of Local Government would be expected to meet 50% of the cost of the loan charges on a new water supply it was felt that the views of the Department on the matter would be necessary and the County Manager suggested that it would also be desirable that the views of

Bord Failte on the proposals be obtained as it was expected that Bord Failte might be asked for Grants towards the cost of certain of the proposals. The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on the 23rd March, 1964, to consider the matter and asked that in the meantime details of the proposals be supplied to the Members.

Item No. 12—Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of February, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired during Month of March, 1964.

The Council noted the details submitted of cottages repaired during the month of February, 1964, and of those to be repaired during the month of March, 1964.

Cottage at Johnstown.

Councillor McCarthy stated that work had ceased on the erection of the cottage at Johnstown and the roof had been left uncompleted and that the interior of the cottage was getting damaged. He asked was it true that the Council had a dispute with the tradesmen regarding rates of pay. The County Manager stated that the Council was paying the rates of wages agreed upon between the Federation of Builders', Contractors' and the Employees' Unions, but that the Council could not pay any rate in excess of such agreement. It was agreed that the cottage be advertised for completion by contract.

Cottage for Richard Greene.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired when it would be possible to erect a cottage for a Mr. Richard Greene, Ballard. The County Secretary stated that Plans and Specification to enable tenders to be invited for this and other cottages were being completed by the County Architect and it was expected would be ready shortly.

Pump at Ballyrahan, Kilbride.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that so far the pump which it had been agreed to provide at Ballyrahan, Kilbride, had not been erected. He asked that this be provided without further delay.

St. Valerie Bridge.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hipwell the County Secretary stated that while the County Engineer had recommended the engagement of Messrs. McCabe and Delaney as Consultants for the preparation of Plans for St. Valerie Bridge it appeared that he had not adverted to the fact that Mr. J. J. Roughan had previously been engaged by the Council some years before for this work and his services had not been terminated. The Department of Local Government had pointed out that Mr. Roughan had already been appointed for this work and accordingly Mr. Roughan was proceeding with the work at present. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Engineer report as to the availability of an adequate water supply for the efficient operation of Tinahely Fire Service in the Tinahely area.

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting of the Council that water and sewerage be installed at thirteen houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th March, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, J. Power, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

The County Secretary informed the Members that the County Manager was engaged on Estimates for the Urban District Councils and regretted being unable to attend.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd, 9th and 16th December, 1963.
2. Overdraft accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1964.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools:
 - (a) To consider applications under Scheme;
 - (b) Letter from Department of Education re Secretarial Courses in County Wicklow;
 - (c) Letter from Department of Education re closing date for Scholarship Schemes.
4. Road Works Scheme, 1964/'65—To fix dates for Meetings of Local Committees.
5. Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding amount of Grant and to authorise necessary borrowing.
6. Letter from Department of Local Government re Tourist Road Grant.
7. To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £33,250 for purchase of fourteen lorries.
8. To authorise borrowing to defray cost of purchase of machinery, etc., for snow clearance.
9. Salary Scale for Clerical Officers—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction.
10. Applications from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers' and Irish Local Government Officials' Union for implementation of terms of the National Wages Formula for roadworkers, non-nursing personnel in Hospitals, building workers and officials.
11. Authorisation of expenditure.
12. To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for £10,800 for Supplementary Grants for Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities.
13. Re-laying of watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry—Report of Co. Engineer recommending the acceptance of next lowest tender.

14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh requesting Engineer's Report as to the availability of an adequate water supply for the efficient operation of Tinahely Fire Service in the Tinahely area.
15. To authorise borrowing of £1,580 to defray cost of purchase of Portable Fire Pumps and equipment.
16. To authorise borrowing of £3,876 for supply of fire appliances for Blessington and Tinahely.
17. Accommodation for Fire Engine and Civil Defence Van at Arklow—To consider Report of County Architect on examination of building.
18. Library and Dispensary at Blessington.
19. Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme.
20. Proposed disposal of Derelict Sites at Rathnew.
21. Baltinglass Cemetery—Report of Assistant County Engineer re provision of turning place for vehicles.
22. Letter from E.S.B. re extension of supply to houses at Glenmacnass.
23. Letter from Revenue Commissioners re Turnover Tax.
24. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd, 9th and 16th December, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the following replies to Resolutions of the Council had been received:—

1. From Mrs. Annie Traynor, 14, Dollymount Ave., Clontarf, Dublin, asking that the sincere appreciation of herself and her family be conveyed to the Members of the Council on their message of sympathy on the death of her husband.
2. From James A. Mulhall, Crossbridge, Tinahely, asking that his sincere thanks be conveyed to the Members of the Council for their congratulations on his attaining the award of "Young Farmer of the Year."

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER TO 30th JUNE, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th June, 1964, shall not exceed £100,000.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS:

(a) To consider applications under Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that there were 187 entries under the Council's Scheme consisting of 107 boys and 80 girls. Fifty-five applications were in respect of scholarships for those outside the income limits and 113 for those within the income limits with 19 still to be determined. The total number of applications in the previous year was 192.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we approve of the applications for permission to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1964.

Passed unanimously.

(b) Letter from Dept. of Education re Secretarial Courses in County Wicklow.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

R.O. (2) 105167

An Runai,

Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,

Teach an Cuirte,

Co. Chill Manntain.

An Roinn, Oideachais,

Brainse An Bhunoideachtais,

Sraid Mhaoilbhríde,

Baile Atha Cliath, 1.

11 Feabhra, 1964.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—1964.

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 12th December, 1963, in which you are requested, on behalf of your Council, that an additional Secretarial Course in Co. Wicklow be approved of for scholarship purposes in order to enable a candidate who completes his Secondary School Course in four years to follow a Secretarial Course during the fifth year of tenure of his scholarship. To this end I am to convey the approval of the Minister to the Secretarial Courses conducted in Bray and Baltinglass Vocational Schools.

Mise, le meas,

S. O MATHUNA.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we note letter of 11th February, 1964, from Department of Education conveying the approval of the Minister to Secretarial Courses conducted in Bray and Baltinglass Vocational Schools.

Passed unanimously.

(c) Letter from Dept. of Education re closing date for Scholarship Schemes.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

An Roinn Oideachais,

Brainse An Bhunoideachais,

Sraid Mhaoilbhríde,

Baile Atha Cliath 1.

4 Marta, 1964.

An Runai,

Comhairle Contae Cille Manntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Education to inform you that

recently he has received complaints from the authorities of some schools in relation to the confusion caused by the lack of a uniform closing date for the receipt of completed application forms in respect of Local Authority schemes for the award of post-primary scholarships. This confusion has arisen where the school authorities prepare pupils for more than one Local Authority Scheme.

Further, the Minister is concerned to note the number of requests received in recent years from Local Authorities for permission to extend the published closing date for the receipt of completed forms of application. He considers that this is mainly due to the fact that some Authorities adopt a closing date in early January, a time when often, because of inclement weather, schools may be closed and difficulty may arise in relation to the completion of forms of application.

In these circumstances he desires that all County and County Borough Councils accept an early closing date and one which will not vary from year to year. Such a uniform and early closing date should be in the interest of all concerned. Accordingly, the Minister would be glad if Councils would accept the 1st December preceding the examination as the date for the receipt in the offices of the Council of completed forms of application—all forms to be received in the Department by the following 1st January.

It will be necessary to give the maximum publicity to the proposed arrangement. In this connection the Minister is prepared to notify the authorities of all National and Secondary Schools of the fixing of a common date for all schemes. It would also be necessary for your Council to give the change adequate publicity in the local Press. Publication in the local Press could be made as soon as the schemes for 1965 have been approved and the schools re-opened after the Summer Vacation.

I am to request that the agreement of your Council to the proposal be conveyed as soon as possible so that all schools may be circularised and the preparation of your Council's scheme for 1965 may be put in hands.

Mise le meas,
S. O MATHUNA.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th March, 1964, from Department of Education, we agree that the 1st December, 1964, be fixed as the latest date for the receipt in the Offices of the Council of completed Forms of Application under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1965.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1964/'65—TO FIX DATES FOR MEETINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The Council determined the following dates for the Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works Programme for 1964/'65:—

ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA—At Shillelagh at 3.00 p.m. on 3rd April, 1964.

BALTINGLASS ELECTORAL AREA—At the Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 3.00 p.m. on 25th March, 1964.

BRAY ELECTORAL AREA—At the Town Hall, Bray, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st April, 1964.

WICKLOW ELECTORAL AREA—At the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3.00 p.m. on 31st March, 1964.

ITEM No. 5—ARKLOW BRIDGE—LETTER FROM DEPT. OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING AMOUNT OF GRANT AND TO AUTHORISE NECESSARY BORROWING.

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

R. 27/6/7.
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.
27 Feabhra, 1964.

ARKLOW BRIDGE

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th instant on the above subject and to state that the revised estimate of cost is noted. The question of increasing the grant to 75 per cent. of the revised cost out of whatever special funds are made available for bridge works in 1964/'65 will be considered in due course; the 1963/'64 special fund for major bridge works is fully committed.

Mise le meas,
J. McGRATH.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 27th February, 1964, from Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £15,000 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate, to defray the Council's share of the cost of the reconstruction of Arklow Bridge.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE TOURIST ROAD GRANT.

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

R.27/9/11.
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath 1.
27th Feb., 1964.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 14th February, 1964, and previous correspondence on the question of a Tourist Road Grant for the continuance of the improvement of the Ballyknockan/Lackan/Blessington road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has nothing to add to the Department's letter of 11th January, 1964, in the matter.

Mise le meas,
P. O CRIODHAIN.

The County Secretary stated that in the Department's letter of 11th January, 1964, it had been pointed out that the Council had been notified when the Grant for 1962/'63 was allocated, but it would not be possible to make any allocation subsequent to that year. It was stated in that letter that the Minister was unable to alter that decision and suggested that the work referred to be considered as a Scheme for execution under the County Road Improvement Grant. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 7—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM NATIONAL BANK, LTD., FOR LOAN OF £33,250 FOR PURCHASE OF FOURTEEN LORRIES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 4th February, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £33,250 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of fourteen lorries, to be repaid within seven years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—TO AUTHORISE BORROWING TO DEFRAY COST OF PURCHASE OF MACHINERY, ETC., FOR SNOW CLEARANCE.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had some while ago indicated that there was no objection in principle to the Council's proposals for the purchase of four Snow Blower Units, fourteen Blade Ploughs for Lorries, four Blade Ploughs for loading machines, and two "Thomas" Stretcher Sleds. In addition the County Engineer had recommended the purchase of five Gritting machines for spreading gravel mixed with salt. The total cost of the equipment amounted to £8,070. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he was not quite satisfied that Snow Blowing machines of the type recommended by the County Engineer would prove effective.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £8,070 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., repayable over a period of seven years, to defray the cost of the purchase of Snow Ploughs, Gritters, Snow Blades for Lorries and for Loading Shovels and Stretcher Sleds for use in respect of Snow Clearance.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

ITEM No. 9—SALARY SCALE FOR CLERICAL OFFICERS—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVEYING SANCTION.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had conveyed sanction to the application with effect from the 1st April, 1963, of following revised fully inclusive salary scales to existing holders of the office of Clerical Officer:—

1. **MALE CLERICAL OFFICERS:** £350 x £30—£500 x £50—£550 x £35—£1,005.

2. **FEMALE CLERICAL OFFICERS:** £350 x £30—£360, with a special long service increment of £40 payable on completion of five years on the maximum of the scale.

It was indicated in the letter that with regard to existing female Clerical Officers, where proposals to that effect were submitted by Local Authorities, approval was being issued to the application to them of the salary scale appropriate to male Clerical Officers as set out above. It was indicated also that the revised salary scales applied only to existing holders of the office of Clerical Officer, and that these persons might enter the revised scales with the same number of increments as had accrued to them on the existing scale at the date of the revision. Marriage increments where appropriate were payable on the basis already approved. In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the scale approved represented part of the "Eighth Round" of salary revisions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 3rd March, 1964, Ref.: E.L.27/7, from Department of Local Government, regarding the revised salary scales for Clerical Officers, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following salary scale to female Clerical Officers at present in the service of the Council and with effect from 1st April, 1963:—

£350 x £30—£500 x £50—£550 x £35—£1,005.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—APPLICATIONS FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF WOODWORKERS' AND IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WAGES FORMULA FOR ROADWORKERS, NON-NURSING PERSONNEL IN HOSPITALS, BUILDING WORKERS AND OFFICIALS.

The County Secretary submitted applications made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in respect of roadworkers and non-nursing personnel in hospitals for the implementation of the terms of the National Wages Formula and asking that the increases in respect of roadworkers apply from the 14th January and in the case of non-nursing personnel in hospitals from the 1st January, 1964. Also submitted was an application from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers in respect of building workers in accordance with the agreement reached between the Federation of Builders and Allied Employers of Ireland and the National Negotiating Committee, and an application from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union on behalf of Organisations representing all local officials, including medical staff and Engineers, for the application of the "Ninth Round" agreement retrospective to the 1st December, 1963. The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had indicated that the Minister was prepared to sanction an increase in remuneration of 12 per cent. to officers for whom he was the appropriate Minister, as from the

1st February, 1964, and for employees where agreements had been reached with appropriate Unions from the 14th January, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered applications from Unions representing employees and officials of the Council, we approve of the payment of an increase of 12 per cent. in remuneration to all employees and officers of the Council with effect in the case of employees from 14th January, 1964, and in the case of officers from 1st February, 1964, the minimum increase in the case of whole-time employees or officers to be £1 per week, subject to the sanction of the appropriate Ministers. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's formal approval to expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates was required under the headings Roads, Health Services, and Public Assistance. Even though additional expenditure was recouped either in full or in part, the Council's authorisation to the incurring of the expenditure was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure as set out hereunder in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of the Services indicated:—

ROADS:

Special Grant Works—Road Fund	..	£84,850	
Government Grants	.. ..	£1,065	
Other Purposes	.. ..	£26,250	
			£112,165

HEALTH SERVICES:

Institutional Services	.. ..	£27,200	
Supervision of Food and Drink— Fluoridation of Water Supplies	..	£850	
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	£625	
			£28,675

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Other Purposes	£1,250	
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Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM NATIONAL BANK, LTD., FOR £10,800 FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SEWERAGE FACILITIES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 23rd day of January, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £10,800 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Supplementary Grants for the provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities, to be repaid within fifteen years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—RE-LAYING OF WATERMAIN AT MONASTERY, ENNISKERRY—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER RECOMMENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEXT LOWEST TENDER.

The County Secretary submitted Report of County Engineer stating that Mr. Thomas McGovern, Public Works Contractor, Monrigh, Blacklion, Co. Cavan, whose tender for re-laying the watermain from Monastery to Enniskerry was the lowest, had withdrawn his tender. The next lowest tender was that of Thomas McGurk, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, for £2,490 and a letter had been addressed to Mr. McGurk on the 27th January, 1964, but no reply had been received, and the County Engineer accordingly recommended that the third lowest tender be accepted. This was the tender submitted by Messrs. McMahon and Regan, Ltd., in the sum of £2,650 18s. 6d., which was an increase of £362 3s. 5d. over the lowest tender.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer dated 21st February, 1964, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McMahon and Regan, Ltd., Building and Civil Engineering Contractors, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £2,650 18s. 6d. for the re-laying of watermain from Monastery to Enniskerry. We hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £2,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

BOGHALL WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor J. Temple inquired again as to the position regarding the water supply for cottages in the Boghall area. The County Secretary stated that no reply was yet available from the Department of Local Government. Councillor Temple asked that the Department be again requested to approve of the Scheme as a matter of urgency.

In regard to an inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge in relation to the provision of a supply of water to Windgates, Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that a local Group Scheme had been under consideration, but had not reached maturity. It was agreed that the Engineer submit a Report on the present position.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR MISS M. WALSH REQUESTING ENGINEER'S REPORT AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF TINAHELY FIRE SERVICE IN THE TINAHELY AREA.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was inadequate pressure in the watermains to supply firefighting apparatus for any length of time and that recent tests showed the pressure at one hydrant as low as 10 lbs. per square inch. In the circumstances, the public water supply was of very little value in the case of fire. The alternative source of water supply was the river, and a suggestion was made that at least two rights-of-way be negotiated through privately owned land. At present access to the river was available at one or two points. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he would look into the matter of deciding suitable points of access and report. The Chief Fire Officer had also reported on the matter and indicated that the volume of water available in the centre of the village would be adequate for a small fire, but that it was poor in the higher parts of the village. He considered that the position in Carnew, Dunlavin and Donard was similar to that in Tinahely and about the average for firefighting. It was agreed that the matter of arranging for other access to the river would be investigated.

ITEM No. 15—TO AUTHORISE BORROWING OF £1,850 TO DEFRAY COST OF PURCHASE OF PORTABLE FIRE PUMPS AND EQUIPMENT.

The following letter from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) was submitted:—

An Roinn Tallte,
22, Sraid Mhuirfean Uacht,
Bailte Atha Cliath, 2.

C.87/2.

A. Chara,

27 Feabhra, 1964.

I am desired by the Minister for Lands to refer to your letter of 28th January, 1964, and previous correspondence requesting a contribution from the Vote for Forestry towards the cost of purchasing portable fire pumps which could be used in fighting forest fires, and to inform you that there is no provision in the Forestry Vote from which such a contribution could be paid.

The Minister desires me to point out that whereas Local Authorities receive substantial payments in lieu of rates on forest land, this Department's call on the normal range of Local Authority services is minimal. In the circumstances the Minister would feel reluctant to support a claim for a special contribution towards the purchase of fire-fighting equipment.

The delay in dealing with your request is regretted.

Mise, le meas,

H. J. GRAY.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,580 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of purchase of Forestry Fire Pumps and equipment.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—TO AUTHORISE BORROWING OF £3,876 FOR SUPPLY OF FIRE APPLIANCES FOR BLESSINGTON AND TINAHELY.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,876 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of the purchase of Fire Engines for Tinahely and Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRE ENGINE AND CIVIL DEFENCE VAN AT ARKLOW—TO CONSIDER REPORT OF COUNTY ARCHITECT ON EXAMINATION OF BUILDING.

The Council considered in committee Report of the County Architect and the Chief Fire Officer on a building at Arklow in the ownership of Messrs. Lamb Bros., which it was considered would be very suitable for use for the purpose of accommodating the new Fire Engine and the Civil Defence Van at Arklow. Having noted the terms of the Report and the recommendations made and the present expenditure of the Council in renting premises

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Architect and Chief Fire Officer, we approve of an offer of £4,500 or £5,000 being made for the purchase of premises at Arklow in ownership of Messrs. Lamb Bros.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—LIBRARY AND DISPENSARY AT BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that the plan showing the provision of a Library in addition to the Dispensary at Blessington was not quite complete and was not available at the Meeting. It was agreed that the plan be submitted at the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 19—SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the numbers availing of this Scheme had been reducing regularly over recent years, and during the year 1963/'64 only seven persons availed of the Scheme. The Council decided, however, that the Scheme should be continued.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the operation of a Seeds and Fer-

tilizers Supply Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Act, 1956, in accordance with the Draft Scheme submitted to this Meeting, being on similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the year 1963.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 20—PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF DERELICT SITES AT RATHNEW.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. F. Hynes, Upper House, Rathnew, for the sale or leasing to him of two vacant sites owned by the Council and which adjoined his property at Rathnew. Mr. Hynes stated that these sites were being used as dumps and that he would arrange to clean them and maintain them in a proper condition. The County Engineer recommended that the sites should be leased to Mr. Hynes at a nominal rent on condition that he enclosed them by fencing and prevented dumping. It would be necessary if the Council were agreeable to the arrangement that Notices be issued under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the matter be dealt with by the Council at a later Meeting.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, and recommendation of County Engineer and Report of Council's Solicitor, we approve of the necessary Notices being issued under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in regard to the proposed lease of two Derelict Sites at Rathnew to Mr. Hynes at a nominal rent.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—BALTINGLASS CEMETERY—REPORT OF ASSIST. COUNTY ENGINEER RE PROVISION OF TURNING PLACE FOR VEHICLES.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that it was almost impossible to effect any widening of the existing path at Baltinglass Cemetery due to the fact that it was hemmed in by grave stones and walls at several points along its length through the Cemetery. However, if levelled off and tarmacadamed it would be sufficiently wide to allow a vehicle through. As regards the provision of a turning circle, the most convenient position would be about 100 ft. from the top boundary wall. To construct the turning circle would involve removing the existing crucifix. The total cost of levelling, surfacing, etc., would be in the region of £150. The County Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for 1964/65 to allow for this work. It was proposed by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Timmins, and passed by the Council that the work be carried out immediately.

ITEM No. 22—LETTER FROM E.S.B. RE EXTENSION OF SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT GLENMACNASS.

The following letter from the E.S.B. was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

27 Lower Fitzwilliam St.,

Dublin.

6th March, 1964.

Reference: 202/351.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of the 20th February, I have now looked into the position regarding extension of supply to 17 houses at Glenmacnass, near Laragh, Co. Wicklow.

The subsidy arrangements for rural electrification were revised in 1962 with a view to improving the terms of supply to the vast majority of unconnected householders in the country. Under the revised rural scheme all unsupplied householders are being re-canvassed on an area basis in order to keep costs at a minimum and to enable supply to be offered on the best terms possible.

Under this programme the area in which the above householders reside will be re-canvassed towards the end of this year. Each householder will be contacted during the re-canvass and the most favourable terms for supply possible under the revised rural scheme will be quoted.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. DOWLING,

Head of Sales Dept.

TO F/SH.

Councillor J. Haughton stated that there were fourteen or fifteen houses in the Cullentra area and asked that the E.S.B. be requested to canvass this district also. It was agreed that this matter be brought to the notice of the E.S.B.

ITEM No. 23—LETTER FROM REVENUE COMMISSIONERS RE TURNOVER TAX.

The following letter from the Department of Finance in regard to the Council's resolution in respect of Turnover Tax was submitted to and noted by the Council:

F.39/12/62.

7 Eanáir, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 6th December and to say that the Minister has given careful consideration to the suggestion that purchases made by Health Authorities should be exempted from the Turnover Tax. He regrets, however, that with a widely-based tax such as the Turnover Tax it is not possible to grant exemptions of the type requested since general exemptions of that nature would lead to great complexities for the suppliers concerned and would make the tax extremely difficult if not impossible to administer.

I am to add that the statement in the resolution that exemption from liability to tax has been granted to hotels is not correct. Exemption has been granted for purchases by the Commissioners of Irish Lights because that body purchases substantial quantities of goods in the State for delivery outside the State. If no exemption were granted, it would be open to the body to make these purchases abroad with a consequent loss of business to the Irish suppliers concerned. The

exemption is not, therefore, related to the nature of the body's activities, but to the fact that some of its purchases fall to be dealt with in the same manner as exports. This consideration does not arise in relation to purchases by Health Authorities.

Mise, le meas,

M. O MURCHADHA.

Runai,

Udaras Slainte Bhaile Atha Cliath,
Sraid San Seam,
Baile Atha Cliath.

ITEM No. 24—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

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

DERELICT SITES.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor O'Neill regarding certain derelict sites in Stratford and indicating that a building on one of the sites was in a dangerous condition, the County Secretary stated that this matter would be taken up with the owner of the building.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor J. Temple referred to complaints received that there was delay in obtaining drugs by patients from the Bray Dispensary. They referred to the Report of the County Manager following previous complaints, but still maintained that delays were occurring. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that a Dispensary Doctor had complimented him on the service which the Council was providing to Dispensary Doctors, particularly in the matter of the prompt supply of drugs and medicines. The Council asked that the matter be further investigated.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had reported that the Solicitors for the applicant had agreed that as the Leopardstown Race Course was not within a mile of the County Wicklow boundary, there was no obligation on Wicklow Co. Council in respect of the Malicious Injury Claim served in relation to Leopardstown Race Course. The Council noted the position.

STRIPPING OF LAND AT SUGARLOAF AND GLENCAP COMMONS.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Assit. County Engineer had reported that a person named Thos. Bennett, Glencap Commons, had been stripping the sods from the lands on the side of the Sugarloaf along the Quill and at Glencap Commons. All this land was commons land. It was stated that the denudation of the lands at this stage had reached rather serious proportions and that its continuation would constitute a grave threat to the amenities of the area. The sods were being stripped and sold by lorry load in Dublin. The Assistant Co. Engineer suggested that some attempt should be made towards the prevention of this action. The Members of the Council noted the Report and that a letter had been addressed to the person concerned and also to the Departments of Local Government, Lands, and Agriculture.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

The County Secretary stated that at the request of the Minister for Local Government, a copy of a letter addressed by the Minister to the Chairman of each Local Authority, together with a condensed version of his Address in regard to the Easter Road Safety Campaign, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Minister requested the co-operation of all concerned to foster safer driving, both during the Easter period and during the coming Summer. The Members of the Council endorsed the Minister's appeal and urged that all drivers take extra care on the roads during the period.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING—RATHDRUM.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained that the Scavenging Service in Rathdrum which previously had been over two days had been reduced to a single day's collection. The County Secretary stated that only a one-day collection service applied in Rathdrum as in all other areas of the County where such a Scheme was available. Previously the collection of domestic refuse had been carried out on a Saturday, but as it had not been possible to complete the work on a Saturday, being a half-day, the remainder of the collection was done on the Monday. Recently, on the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer, the collection had been changed to a Friday. The Assistant County Engineer stated that in his opinion the work could be done in one day. Following reference made to the fact that in addition to the Domestic Scavenging the streets were cleaned on a Friday and that both works could not be done satisfactorily in one day, it was agreed that the necessary extra assistance be arranged for the cleaning of the streets so as to ensure that the Refuse Collection Service was completed fully in one day. Councillor Haughton also asked that the service be extended to take in other terraces which were not being catered for at present.

TURF CUTTING AT BALLINAGEE.

Councillor Miley asked that arrangements be made for commencing the cutting of turf at Ballinagee Bog at an early date.

FIRE BRIGADE AT BALTINGLASS.

Councillor J. Miley complained of the appointment of a single man on the Fire Brigade at Baltinglass in preference to married men. It was agreed that the Chief Fire Officer attend the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the area to discuss the matter.

WELCOME TO STUDENT

Mr. Mwanza, who was from Northern Rhodesia and was studying Local Government Administration in Ireland, and at present stationed in Wicklow Town with the Wicklow Urban District Council, attended the Meeting of the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed Mr. Mwanza and hoped that his stay in Ireland would be a happy one. Mr. Mwanza thanked the Chairman for his remarks and stated that he had been fortunate in his visit as it coincided with Local Authorities' busiest time of the year and he had been able to attend many Meetings. He knew his stay in Ireland would be fruitful.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge—That time be allowed at the next Meeting of the Council for a discussion on public lighting at Monastery and Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That a Report be submitted on the possibility of giving a Grant from Council funds for repair of Sheep Dipping Bath the property of Mr. Samuel Kidd, Ballinglen, used by a number of farmers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd March, 1964, at 2.30 p.m. to consider the proposed development at Brittas Bay.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, County Medical Officer, County Architect, and Chief Assistant County Engineer attended.

The following Report of the County Manager dated 20th March, 1964, together with copies of the Report of the County Architect of 24th February, 1964, Report of County Medical Officer of 28th January, 1964, and Report of County Engineer of 6th March, 1964, had been circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

20th March, 1964.

Re: Proposed Development at Brittas Bay.

Dear Councillor,

As a result of receiving proposals for building and other development on a large scale at Brittas Bay the County Council in 1961 arranged for a Development Plan for the area to be prepared by their Consultant Architect, Mr. P. O'Brien, B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A. This Plan showed how development could be arranged without causing injury to the natural features—the beach, sandhills and open spaces—that constitute the existing attractions at Brittas Bay.

The Report submitted with the Development Plan pointed out that in order to ensure that Brittas through its natural features could continue to attract visitors in the future the lands lying between the Coast Road and the sea should remain open and stressed that if they were to be built on the very attractions which brought visitors to the area at present would disappear. The Report and accompanying Map outlined three centres to the west of the Coast Road at which development could be undertaken without injury to existing amenities. It was suggested that if development were to follow these recommendations the public authority might then consider assisting with the provision of public services.

The landowners in the area, however, proposed to develop through building and other uses much of the land between the Coast Road and the sea. After a number of Meetings to examine these proposals the landowners were informed that they would have to indicate how they proposed to provide sewerage for the proposed development seeing that it could not be accepted on public health grounds that development on the scale contemplated by them could be served by septic tanks.

Plans showing proposals for development of the area on a very large scale and giving details of a proposed system of sewage disposal have been submitted recently by Architects and a Consultant Engineer employed by the landowners. These Plans show that much of the development, including all the Caravan Sites, would be on the eastern side of the Coast Road, i.e., between the Coast Road and the sea. The proposals, therefore, do not conform with the Development Plan prepared by the Council's Consultant Architect and they would result in absorption through building and uses such as Caravan Sites, etc., of the greater part of the lands on the eastern side of the Coast Road and which it was recommended by him should be retained as an open area. The Report of the Consultant Architect, it should be mentioned, recommended that all the area of the sand-hills to the seaside of the Coast Road should be in public ownership. The Council negotiated with the owners for the purchase of the area, but they were not prepared to sell. Instead they stated if certain development between the Coast Road and the sea were approved they would make a narrow strip beside the sea available for public use with a few points for access to it.

The Council in April, 1963, after having considered again views put forward by the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., passed a Resolution in the following terms:—

- (1) That the entire matter of planning for the Brittas Bay area be re-opened and a new approach to the problems be accepted.
- (2) That the principle of limited development proportionate to the areas concerned on the east side of the road be accepted as a fundamental requisite in the new approach.
- (3) That development on the west side be planned on the principle that proximity to the sea was of paramount importance, subject to its being possible to overcome the engineering difficulties.
- (4) That the extension of services to the south of Potter's River be embodied in any Plan for the area, subject to overcoming engineering difficulties.
- (5) That the question of Caravan Sites be further studied in view of recent development and experience on up-to-date sites.
- (6) That agreed areas of beach and sand hills to the sea side of the Coast Road be in public ownership.

The total population to be served by the sewage disposal system, of which details have now been submitted, is given by the technical advisers of the applicants (seven landowners are involved) as 13,490 persons. It is evident that development on this scale would result eventually in one of the largest towns in the country; apart from the four County Boroughs, Dun Laoghaire and Galway City, there would only be two towns, Dundalk and Drogheda, with a larger population. It will be evident that, aside from any other considerations, a town of this size would pose special problems in the matter of public services.

The County Engineer in a note on the last application for approval to development stated that he agreed with the engineering proposals and later recommended that approval be given for the proposed Sewerage and Drainage Scheme and the layout of houses as submitted. The County Architect did not comment on the sewage disposal proposals. He felt that although the proposals departed

from the Council's original Development Plan, nevertheless a realistic attempt had been made to preserve the amenities of the area while providing for maximum development on the part of the promoters. He mentioned that the proposals would entail considerable inroads into the area east of the Coast Road. He offered the following criticisms of the proposals:—

- (1) If it is intended to introduce a population of something in excess of that of Bray into this area I am of the opinion that some facilities for all-year-round gainful employment for at least a small proportion of the population should be introduced. I find it hard to visualise a town of this size closing down completely for the Winter months and I would expect some resident population to grow up in an area such as this. Light workshops, e.g., garages, service workshops and radio and television services should be provided.
- (2) The amount of car parking facilities proposed are not in my opinion adequate and more attention should be given to this aspect of the planning.
- (3) Clearly defined public access to the sand dunes and beaches should be provided.

The County Architect refrained from commenting on the engineering proposals as he felt these were matters for the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

The Chief Medical Officer in a special Report expressed the view that in calculating population for the developed area the estimate of four persons per caravan was too low as many caravan users tend to be persons with comparatively large families who cannot meet hotel holiday charges. He noted that the sewage disposal plan was semi-detailed and pointed out that a tidal survey with float tests over a considerable period would be necessary before finally deciding on the outfall. He also considered that if eventually the total population were to be greater than that of Bray the adequacy of the water supply would have to be reviewed. He would not be prepared to recommend approval to restricted development under which houses would be served by septic tanks. This was a large and ambitious Scheme and it was quite possible that because of the large amount of finance involved any such development would be served by septic tanks for a very long time indeed.

Arising out of the comments of the Chief Medical Officer on caravans it seems that the proposed development provides for Caravan Parks which would accommodate 946 caravans in all. If the number per caravan be taken as 4 this would mean that it was intended that 3,784 persons would live in caravans. This would be 28 per cent. of a total projected population of 13,490. The remainder of the population would presumably live in houses, chalets, motels and some hotels (only two hotels are shown in the Plans). The distribution of the population between houses, motels and chalets—leaving aside those in caravans—is not clear from the details given by the applicants and is not given in the Reports submitted by the County Engineer and County Architect. From what can be gleaned from the Plans, however, it seems that public services would be required for a population the greater part of which would only occupy the area intermittently. It should be made clear here that the Consultant Architect who prepared the original Development Plan for the Council has not been asked to comment on the new proposals.

It was necessary to take a decision on the last application before two months would have elapsed from the date of its receipt, 9th January, 1964. The Chief Medical Officer, as already mentioned, had stressed the necessity for a float survey in connection with the proposed sewerage outfall and for reviewing the adequacy of the proposed water supply. The County Architect had made it clear that the proposals were for an urban development larger than Bray and considered that there should be better access to the beaches and sand dunes and greater car parking facilities together with sites for light industrial purposes. A Scheme which would bring a water supply to the area had not yet been adopted by the Council. In these circumstances it was felt advisable to refuse permission.

It is felt that there are a number of considerations arising out of these development proposals which would require serious consideration from the Council. Even if the sewerage proposals now put forward were accepted as satisfactory it is evident that they cannot work without an adequate water supply. When the Council had before them a project for the extension of the East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme to Brittas it was based only on a population of 2,500 at most. It was intended to make provision in it for a consumption of 100,000 gallons per day which if calculated on the basis of a consumption of 40 gallons per head per day (a figure which may be too low) would give a supply only to 2,500 people. Some time ago the Council had before them a Preliminary Report from their Consultant Engineer and he estimated the cost of a pipeline from Wicklow to Brittas at £89,000. This latter figure did not make provision for the enlargement of the filtration plant and other ancillary works at Cronroe, Ashford, which would have to be undertaken if the supply of 100,000 gallons per day were to be made available. Whilst an estimate of the cost of these latter works has not been supplied it could probably be taken that this Scheme would entail an expenditure in excess of £100,000 and probably would reach £120,000, but if a population of up to 13,500 is to be served with a water supply then the costs could be expected to be very much greater. Probably it would be necessary to avail of new sources of supply such as Garryduff stream or Lough Dan. Details of the costs which would be involved if these new sources were to be availed of are not available, but it is quite clear that they would be considerable. As mentioned already the Scheme submitted some months ago to the Council for giving a water supply to Brittas only provided for 100,000 gallons per day, but a population of 13,500 could be expected to require at least 540,000 gallons (taking average daily consumption at 40 gallons per head). If the costs of such a supply were to be say £250,000 (and this figure is given merely by way of illustration and is not derived from any special Reports or surveys) the Council's share of the cost, if 50% of the capital outlay were to be borne by State Grant, would be £125,000. The annual loan charges which could be expected to result from such capital outlay and which would have to be borne by the Council would be almost £10,000. For the extension of the water supply to Brittas so far only a Preliminary Report covering the technical data and costs has been received and the County Engineer in November last in submitting the Consultant's Report to the Council pointed out that several items in the design yet had to be investigated before a final Report could be submitted. The Department of Local Government in commenting on the preliminary proposals for a water supply to Brittas mentioned that it was not clear that anything more than 20,000 to 40,000 gallons per day could be afforded immediately to meet the demand in the Brittas district.

From the details which have been given it will, it is felt, be quite evident that proposals for the development of a large urban centre at Brittas Bay cannot be regarded as practicable in the absence of a water supply that would be adequate to meet the needs arising. So far the Council has not had any opportunity of examining and taking a decision on a Scheme of such character. The Department of Local Government whilst prepared to agree to a Scheme which would serve existing needs and provide for a modest expansion of them likewise have not had before them any proposal for a Scheme of the magnitude which could afford a supply to 13,500 people in addition to meeting existing demands.

If large-scale development on the lines contemplated in the Plans recently submitted by the landowners for the approval of the Council were to be undertaken considerations other than the water supply would also arise. Mention has been made by the County Architect in his Report of the desirability of providing for all-year-round employment for part of the new population and he suggests that sites for light industry should be included. Quite obviously the population would not follow the normal urban type if the new urban area were to be only occupied fully for part of the year and were to close down almost completely in the Winter. Intermittent employment on a scale of the type which might follow from the development as contemplated might present a special problem, especially to the Local Authority. The existing seaside resorts in Wicklow have found that in order to ensure continuous employment it is desirable that industrial development should be combined with the type of employment normally afforded in a seaside resort.

A departure from the recommendations contained in the Development Plan prepared by the Council's Consultant Architect some time ago to the extent that the open areas between the Coast Road and the sea would be used in great part for new development might not serve either local or national interests. In every country in Western Europe in recent years there has been so much new development alongside the coastlines that at many places open areas which provided valuable recreation spaces have virtually disappeared. The sand dunes and open areas at Brittas Bay provide not only special attractions for persons who may reside there during the Summer months, but also for many of the visitors to the existing seaside resorts of Arklow, Wicklow, Bray and Greystones. The development contemplated for the eastern side of the road might mean that the quite unspoilt attractions which have brought visitors to Brittas Bay in recent years would largely disappear.

The provision and maintenance of public services other than water supply for the proposed new development could involve the Council in considerable annual costs and it is not clear that the new rateable values to be expected would have a productivity adequate to meet these costs. Some of the new public services which would have to be provided in addition to a water supply would be public lighting and refuse collection. If the new development were to take place fairly rapidly then for a number of years, due to the effect of limited rating on new buildings, it could be expected that the rateable income would scarcely be sufficient to meet the outlay from public funds. Some of the new development might have a very low rateable productivity; it is the experience of the Council that Caravan Parks—and many of these are being provided for—carry a very low rateable value.

It is likely that the persons who would actually be building new hotels and boarding-houses, or embarking on other ventures of a tourist character, would be seeking Grants from An Bord Failte and consequently it is felt that if this Body is to be associated later with projects of this type they should be consulted at an early stage and before approval for the proposed development be given by the Council. In any event, aside from any question of the Grants which might be sought, it is considered that having regard to the fact that this is a development intended to attract in the main the holiday maker An Bord Failte would be interested in it and their views should be sought by the Council.

ENCLS.

MF/JK.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY, County Manager.

Roads Department.
24th February, 1964.

County Engineer.

Re: Brittas Bay.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the proposals submitted by Mr. M. Wren for the above and note the County Medical Officer's remarks in regard to the provision of a drainage scheme and his statement about intensive development by means of septic tanks.

Although these proposals depart from the plans prepared by Mr. P. O'Brien, nevertheless a realistic attempt has been made to preserve the amenities of the area while providing for maximum development on the part of the promoters. In this regard it is noted that no further development is proposed between Haughton's Bridge and Cornagower and access to the sand dune area has been preserved. North of the Maguire holding, however, considerable inroads are proposed into the area east of the Main Road. In the case of Brittas Bay Development Association this consists of housing, parking facilities and what has been designated public facilities (e.g., hotels, entertainment centres, etc.) The car parking facilities are reasonable enough as here cars would not obtrude on the public view. In the case of the housing the same would apply and it is noted that a considerable portion of the sand dune area adjoining the beach has been left free. With regard to public facilities I feel that if the principle of permitting building here is established that each of these buildings would require very special attention in placing and design when it came to a general permission being granted. North of Brittas Bridge the largest proposals are envisaged. Here the distance between the road and the sea increases considerably and by and large the sand dune area adjacent to the beach has been preserved. It will be necessary if this scheme is approved to ensure that public access to these undesignated areas is preserved.

I would offer the following criticism of the proposals:—

- (1) If it is intended to introduce a population of something in excess of that of Bray into this area I am of the opinion that some facilities for all-year-round gainful employment for at least a small proportion of the population should be introduced. I find it hard to visualise a town of this size closing down completely for the Winter months and I would expect some resident population to grow up in an area such as this. Light workshops, e.g., farages, service workshops and radio and television services should be provided.

- (2) The amount of car parking facilities proposed are not in my opinion adequate and more attention should be given to this aspect of the planning.
- (3) Clearly defined public access to the sand dunes and beaches should be provided.

I refrain from comment on the engineering service, i.e., water supply and sewerage, as I feel these are a matter for the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

In general I have no objections to the proposals which I regard as a reasonable compromise between the Council's proposals and earlier piecemeal proposals by various developers, subject to provision of (1) additional car parking facilities; (2) better public access to the beaches and sand dunes; and (3) consideration being given to the provision of sites for light industrial purposes.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. TALLON, County Architect.

Mr. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Public Health Department,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.
28th January, 1964.

Re: Brittas Bay Development.

A Chara,

I have examined the documents submitted by Mr. M. T. Wren, Consultant Engineer, regarding Brittas Bay Development. In conjunction with the other plans referred to they show a marked and welcome departure from earlier efforts. With regard to Mr. Wren's report on drainage of the Brittas Bay area I am in general agreement with Paragraph 7 and in particular with the rejection of Potter's river as a drainage outfall. With regard to Paragraph 10 the allocation of 4 persons per caravan is in my view too low. Many caravan users tend to be persons with comparatively large families who cannot meet hotel holiday charges. As he points out the sewage disposal plan is semi-detailed. A tidal survey with float test, etc., over a considerable period would be necessary before finally deciding on the outfall. If eventually the total population is to be greater than that of Bray the adequacy of the water supply will have to be reviewed. The proposals, however, show an effort by the developers to plan for the sewage disposal of the area and it is expected that further details can be worked out with the Council's Technological Advisers.

I regret, however, that I would not be prepared to approve of restricted development—the houses to be served by Septic Tanks. This is a very large and ambitious scheme and it is quite possible that because of the considerable amount of finance involved any such development would be served by Septic Tanks for a very long time indeed. There is the further possibility that financial arrangements may break down completely in which case the restricted development referred to would be served by Septic Tanks for all time unless the Council stepped in and completed the work at their own expense.

As I previously pointed out Septic Tank development is undesirable and unacceptable.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCarthy, Chief Medical Officer.

JTO'B/AD.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Manager.

6th March, 1964.

Re: Brittas Bay Development.

A Chara,

I wish to confirm that I have given careful consideration to the final proposals herein and having consulted with our County Architect and seen the record of the situation illustrated in his letter to you of the 5th March, I wish to say that I fully agree with the suggestions in that letter.

I would add, however, that in the initial stages of these proposals it was anticipated that the water requirements would have been approximately 100,000 gallons per day. Since that time, however, as you will appreciate the development proposals have expanded and it now visualises a population of some 13,000. However, it is extremely unlikely that this position would be reached within 5 years from this date and consequently my original assessment of 100,000 gallons is reasonably correct.

The Consultant Engineers, Messrs. T. J. O'Connor, were instructed to prepare a scheme for bringing the water from Wicklow Regional via Ballintreskin to the Brittas Bay area and these instructions should be, I suggest, confirmed so that tenders could be invited.

May I say, therefore, that I consider that it is advisable that permission should be given to the proposal for provision of sewerage and drainage and the layout of houses now before you and I see no reason why permission should be further withheld. The Technical Advisers on behalf of the Brittas Bay Development Co., and their Associates have most carefully gone into this whole matter and the County Architect and I have had several meetings with them and we are satisfied that the proposals are in general conformity with the wishes of the County Council.

If additional water is required in the Brittas area the supply can be augmented from the source at Ballyduff. This has already been investigated by the Consultants with such extension in view.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, said that the question of the development of Brittas Bay had been under consideration for some years and that the Council at their Meeting in April, 1963, had agreed generally on the basis of development for the area, subject to the Council's technical staff reaching agreement on details with representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Company. It was evident however, that since that time additional and more extensive proposals for development had been submitted. The Chairman stated that he felt the Council would certainly support any possibility of large scale development in the County if at all possible. The County Manager pointed out that nobody had expressed opposition to development at Brittas Bay which was regarded by all as inevitable. The Council, however, must be concerned as to the type of development which should take place having regard to the extent and the nature of the services to be provided. A development of this type, which could be regarded as an urban development, raised problems requiring careful examination.

The County Manager stated that as a result of receiving proposals for building and development on a large scale at Brittas Bay the Council in 1961 arranged for the preparation of a Development Plan by a Consultant Architect, Mr. O'Brien. The Plan showed how development could take place in an orderly way and without causing injury to the natural features, i.e., the beaches, sandhills and open spaces which constituted the existing attractions of Brittas Bay. The County Manager referred to the Report of the County Architect which indicated that the proposals now submitted were for an urban development which would result in a town larger than Bray. The County Architect considered that there should be better access to the beaches and sand dunes, greater car parking facilities, and that sites should be provided for light industries. As the town would be primarily a seaside resort it was considered desirable that provision should be made for some all-year-round employment for part of the new population. The development proposed was of a seasonal type. The County Manager pointed out that improved roads had been provided for Brittas Bay and the Coast Roads forming links with Arklow and Wicklow had been also improved. A water supply was necessary for further development and a Scheme to bring water to the area had not yet been adopted by the Council. The Council had recently considered Report of the County Engineer on the Preliminary Report of the Consultant who had estimated the cost of a pipeline from Wicklow to Brittas Bay at £89,000. This figure, however, did not include for the enlargement of the filtration plant and other works at Cronroe which would have to be undertaken if a supply of 100,000 gallons per day were to be made available. A supply of this quantity, however, would not be adequate to cater for a population of up to 13,500 and he suggested that the costs of an adequate supply would be in the region of £250,000 of which 50% would be met from State Grant. While the Department of Local Government had indicated that a Scheme to serve existing needs and provide for a modest expansion of them was acceptable, they had not had before them for consideration a proposal for providing a water supply to cater for 13,500 persons.

From the proposals submitted by landowners in the area for development of their lands it was obvious that the population would not follow the normal urban type as it could be expected that caravans and chalets would be occupied only during the Summer season. The intermittent employment which would be available from a development of this type might present a special problem with which the Local Authority would be faced. The existing seaside resorts in Wicklow had found it necessary to have an amount of industrial development in the town in order to ensure continuous employment. As Caravan Parks carried very low valuations and probably Chalets would also have a low rateable valuation and since there was only limited rating on new buildings for a period of ten years, it seemed unlikely that rateable income would be sufficient to meet the outlay from public funds for several years.

The County Manager also pointed out that persons who would be providing new Hotels, Guesthouses, Caravan Parks, etc., would be likely to be seeking Grants from An Bord Fáilte and consequently it was felt that the Board should be consulted at an early stage and before approval for any proposed development was given by the Council. Apart from the question of Grants he considered that as a development of a tourist character Bord Fáilte would be interested in these proposals and that their views should be sought by the

Council. The County Manager stated that he felt it had been the view of the Council that development at Brittas should be encouraged, but that the Council would like to ensure that any development there was in the interests of the County and in the interests of the nation as a whole.

The following letter from the Chairman of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

16th March, 1964

Dear Sir,

The report of Council's meeting on Monday, 9th March, as set out in the "Wicklow People," dated 14th March, 1964, has been brought to the attention of my Board of Directors and in order that you have at your disposal the full facts of our Company's application my directors have instructed me, as Chairman, to confirm the following points:—

- (1) On the 25th March of last year full accord was reached between the County Council and Brittas Bay Development Company, as embodied in the relevant motion adopted by Council as result of this accord.
- (2) In order to carry out the Council's motion meetings for the deciding on the details took place between representatives of the Company and Technical Officers of the County Council.
- (3) It is to be noted that the Medical Officer of Health did not partake or attend at any of these meetings, other than one held in Bray of last year.
- (4) It is to be noted that each owner in the area was invited by the County Council to submit details of their proposals and these proposals were submitted and in each case refused by the Order signed by the County Manager.
- (5) This Company was informed by the officials of the County Council, at a meeting in June of last year, that no further building of any kind served by a septic tank would be permitted in the Brittas Bay area and the Company was informed that if further building was required that they would have to produce a scheme for the drainage of the planned area.
- (6) This Company then engaged a Consultant to prepare a drainage scheme for the area based on the proposals above submitted; his terms of reference incorporated the provision of services of all lands capable of being serviced within a defined area.
- (7) The defined area is similar in practically all respects with the defined area as set out in the interim town Plan of the County Council published in 1948 and in the two subsequent draft plans published by the County Council, but not adopted by the County Council.
The area differs only in that certain sections on the east side of the road were incorporated in accordance with the Council's motion of January, 1963.
- (8) The Company's Consultant prepared detailed plans and submitted a report to this Company; which is satisfied and has now produced a practicable scheme for the solution of any long-

term drainage problems which could arise in the area, subject only to the determination, as result of tests of the actual site, of the outfall works.

- (9) In the course of the preparation of plans and report close consultation was maintained between the County Engineer and County Architect and the technical representatives of this Company.

It is noted that the County Engineer in the report of the "Wicklow People" stated that "the engineering facilities were suitable."

- (10) It is noted that the report of the Manager's statement would seem to infer that this Company would place a population of 13,500 persons in the area within a few months, without the necessary services being available. This is not correct.

This Company has planned for the optimum development which could be served by a drainage scheme, which was prepared by its Consultant. It is not possible to ascertain how rapidly the population would grow, but any plan prepared that was not comprehensive could not be satisfactory.

- (11) It is understood that the Council could, if they wished, regulate the development in accordance with supplies and services which would be available and which could be reasonably supplemented if and when the occasion arose.
And even if the present proposed water supply had in the future to be supplemented it could, it is believed, be carried out at a very much lesser figure than the quarter to half a million pounds (£1m.-£1½m.) quoted by the County Manager.
A completely new water supply scheme for a total population of 13,500 people would cost approx. £175,000. Of this cost the works at the source, the treatment works and the storage tanks and main supply and distribution mains would cost approx. £110,000. The remaining £65,000 would have to be spent by the individual developers, as they laid the distribution mains through their own properties.
- (12) On the 8th January, 1964, the proposals of this Company were submitted to the Local Authority for a general permission under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
- (13) On the 7th March, 1964, Notice of Order made by Wicklow County Council dated 4th March, 1964, was received by this Company refusing a special permission for the proposed scheme for the following reasons:—
 - (a) Sewage disposal plan not detailed sufficiently. Tidal survey with float test over a considerable period necessary before finally deciding on outfall.
 - (b) Proposals show intention to introduce population into the area of 12,000; water supply and services for such a large population would require further consideration from the applicants.
 - (c) Restricted development with septic tanks not acceptable.
 - (d) Additional car parking facilities and better access for public to beaches and sand dunes would be required.
- (14) It is to be emphasised that a General approval was requested and not a Special approval on which the refusal has been based.

(15) My Company makes the following points regarding the reasons for refusal:—

- (a) A very detailed drainage scheme and sewage disposal plant was prepared and it was acknowledged in the Consultant's report that a tidal survey would be necessary before deciding on the actual site of the outfall works; the general position of the outfall has been ascertained within a distance of 400-500 yards and this was agreed with the County Engineer.

The design of the outfall works is a detail depending on conditions ascertained by tidal survey, but would not alter the scheme in any way.

- (b) The population in the area at 12,000. It is quite obvious that a population of this size would grow from small beginnings and the optimum is the complement for which the drainage scheme would cater.

If the water supply proposed in the regional scheme were adequate for three thousand persons then this, of course, would be a governing factor until such time as demand grew above it or alternatively if the Council decide that no further water supply would be provided then the Council could limit development accordingly.

- (c) Septic tank; permission was sought for limited development of septic tanks, designed for entry into drainage scheme when constructed, on the grounds that even if a start on the drainage scheme was made in the near future it would be three to four years before it was completed and it would be unreasonable to stifle development in the meantime. In any event Wicklow County Council would appear to be the only Authority in Europe and the United States of America who refuse to accept the principle of septic tanks in low density development and why Brittas Bay area should be singled out for outright refusal as distinct from other areas in Wicklow is beyond comprehension.

- (d) Additional car parking facilities and better access for the public to beaches would be required. The plans show access to the beaches and vast car parking facilities distributed over the full length of the controlled area. If the Local Authority require more than is proposed they should, in all fairness, state what their requirements are. This information the Company has been seeking for many years. Any requirements over and above those proposed would be most carefully considered. It is in the interest of all parties concerned that the scheme should work satisfactorily.

(16) I am to state that this Company has made extraordinary efforts, financially and otherwise, to carry out the intent and meaning of the Council's motion of 25th March, 1963, and has spared no efforts in preparing their plans and it is most disappointing to receive notice of disapproval of every plan submitted in the past five years, both by the Company and its members separately.

It appears to me that there is a wonderful opportunity to create in Brittas Bay a planned resort, such as has not been seen in

any parts of Europe. It would indeed be a great pity to lose a chance like this in County Wicklow and I appeal to you as Councillor to help this Company to secure this object for County Wicklow.

In the interests of getting this scheme going I suggest that the County Council might consider adopting the following proposals:

- (1) That a general permission for the proposals submitted on the 8th January, 1964, be granted and that the position and final design of the outfall works be determined as a result of tidal survey.
- (2) That a general permission be granted to introduce a population consistent with the water supply proposed in the regional scheme.
- (3) That limited development, to be determined in consultation with the County Engineer and County Architect, be granted for servicing by septic tanks, ultimately to be taken into the drainage scheme.
- (4) That the Council state their requirements regarding car parking facilities and access to public beaches and sand dunes and that these additional requirements to be the subject of agreement between the Company and the County Council's technical officers.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. DELAHUNT,

The County Secretary submitted the following letter which had been received from Mr. Matt T. Wren, Consulting Engineer, who had submitted sewerage proposals for the area:—

Matt T. Wren, B.E., A.M.I.C.E.I., M.Cons.E.I.

Consulting Engineer.

8, Wellington Road, Dublin 4.

Telephone: 680725.

Date: 18th March, 1964.

Our reference: MTW/KM.

The County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

DEVELOPMENT OF BRITTAS BAY.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th March last and the enclosed refusal of a Special Permission for the developments proposed on the lands at Brittas Bay owned by Mr. H. Delahunt; Mr. McDaniel; Mr. James Higgins; Mr. William Staunton; the Brittas Bay Development Association; and Mrs. M. Maguire. I note that this refusal is by order dated the 4th March, 1964, and is in response to my letter of the 8th January, 1964, asking for a General Permission for these development proposals.

It seems to me that this matter has not received the detailed examination which it warranted by your Council and I would like to bring the following facts to your attention:—

- (a) Comprehensive proposals for the development of these lands at Brittas Bay were produced at the request of the responsible Technical Officers of the Wicklow County Council. At a series

of meetings with these officials they made the following requests:

- (1) That the area which we were to consider in our proposals should embrace lands other than those owned by our Clients, so that any drainage scheme which we produced would be comprehensive and that the resulting defined area would include all developable lands around Brittas Bay.
 - (2) As a result of this request the extent of the drainage area included for a population of 2,630 people on lands owned by persons not concerned with this application.
 - (3) It was indicated clearly that the provision of a water supply to the Brittas Bay area was not a serious problem and that this work would be undertaken by the Council whenever the development was proceeded with.
 - (4) A clearly defined condition to the granting of a General Permission for development of these lands was the production to the Council of a workable drainage scheme.
- (b) The implementation of these requests of the Council's Officers has cost my Clients a considerable amount of money and they have examined their development proposals in considerable detail including the financial commitments which they themselves would incur, and they have now produced to you a comprehensive development proposal for the Brittas Bay area with a detailed preliminary proposal for the drainage of the area. They expected that when these proposals were lodged with you that they would be examined in detail by your Officers who would give a ruling on the densities of developments which were to be allowed in the different areas.
- (c) I understand that at a recent meeting of the Council figures were quoted for the costs which would be involved in providing a water supply for the total ultimate development envisaged. I have examined this matter and estimate that on current costs a water supply for the total ultimate population envisaged by the proposals would cost approximately £175,000. Of this cost approximately £110,000 would be involved in the works at the source, in the treatment works, in the storage tanks, and in the main supply and distribution mains. The remaining £70,000 would be costs in distribution mains which would have to be laid and paid for by the developers through their individual properties.
- (d) Referring to the grounds for refusal of the Special Permission:
- (1) The following reasons are points of detail which are clarified in the normal course of events as the plans become more refined as they reach the development stage and which may be defined as conditions of the Permission:
 - Sewage disposal plan not detailed sufficiently.
 - Tidal survey with float test over a considerable period necessary before finally deciding on outfall.
 - Additional car parking facilities and better access for public beaches and sand dunes would be required.
 - (2) The proposals do show an ultimate total population in excess of 12,000 people in the area. This is not a reason for the refusal of a General Permission and it should have been

examined in the light of the densities of developments proposed and bearing in mind the fact that a considerable portion of the area considered is not owned by my Clients.

- (3) The question of water supply for such a population is a matter for consideration by the Local Authority.
- (4) The proposals and drawings lodged with you do not show any of the properties drained to septic tanks. A request to allow small scale interim developments with drainage to Septic tanks, which could subsequently be connected to the sewers, was made and this request may be refused, but does not form a valid reason for the refusal of a General Permission for the developments as lodged.

I would be most obliged if you would reconsider this matter, bearing in mind the considerable amount of detail work which we have had to do, and trust that you will see your way to granting the General Permission requested for these proposals. I understand that there is to be a special meeting of the Council on Monday, the 23rd instant, to consider this matter further and would suggest that you place this letter before the members.

Yours faithfully,

c.c. W. A. Maguire,
SEAN G. O'Kelly,
Brittas Bay Development Association.

MATT T. WREN.

In reply to inquiry from the Chairman the County Manager stated that it would be possible to provide a water supply capable of meeting the needs of a town of 13,500 people at Brittas, but the cost involved had not yet been examined. The East Wicklow Regional Scheme would have to be extended and another source of supply at Garryduff would probably require to be drawn on. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referring to the extent of the Water Supply Scheme which would be required to serve so large a development at Brittas Bay felt it would be doubtful if the Department of Local Government would agree to a Scheme of this extent to cater for a possible future population. Councillor J. Temple suggested that before the Council could take any final decision on the matter it would be necessary to find out the attitude of the Department of Local Government and Bord Failte. He suggested that a conference might be held with these parties and that following that the Council would be in a more favourable position to determine the matter. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the Council should approve of the Scheme in principle and that County Engineer be asked to make a further survey and to give an estimate of the cost of providing a water supply which would be adequate for the development proposed. Councillor J. D. Haughton expressed the view that development on a limited scale, based on the use of septic tanks, should be allowed at present.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we consider that the proposals for development at Brittas Bay be approved in principle, subject to the Department of Local Government and Bord Failte approving of the proposals and agreeing to contribute to the costs of public services to the satisfaction of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that details of the proposed development and the sewerage proposals be submitted to the Department of Local Government and to An Bord Failte and that their views be sought and that if necessary a conference be arranged at a later date. The discussion then terminated.

Newcastle Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that an Order was being made by the Minister for Health which would establish Wicklow County Council as a Mental Health Authority as from the 1st April, 1964. As it would be several months before the necessary staff could be recruited and alterations to buildings completed it was being arranged that the Dublin Health Authority would continue to receive and treat patients from County Wicklow as at present until the Council was ready to receive patients at Newcastle. At the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th April the Council would be asked to approve of the creation of a number of the senior posts for the Mental Hospital in order that arrangements could be made to have these posts filled through the Local Appointments Commission.

Council Chamber at New Offices at Kilmartin Hill.

In reply to inquiry from the Members the County Secretary stated that as arranged a new Council Chamber was being provided on the ground floor of the new Offices at Kilmartin Hill. While the new room would not be quite as big as the present Council Chamber it was expected that it would prove satisfactory for Council Meetings. It was doubtful, however, if the room could be ready in time for the April Meeting of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th April, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.
The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, J. Power, J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA:

1. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwellinghouses at Ballinagee, Enniskerry, and Kindlestown, Greystones.
2. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Killadreenan.
3. Proposed Dumping Ground for Newtownmountkenedy.
4. Proposed Dumping Ground for Roundwood.
5. S.D.A. Loan Application.
6. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications for use of sites at Clogga Beach, Arklow, for Caravans, etc.
7. Recommendation of County Engineer on tenders received for cottage repairs.
8. Repairs carried out during month of March, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of April, 1964.

Item No. 1—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwelling-houses at Ballinagee, Enniskerry, and Kindlestown, Greystones.

The Council considered the application of Mr. John Hunt, Waterfall Gates, Ballinagee, Enniskerry, for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of erecting a new house at Waterfall Gates. It was indicated that the estimated cost of the house was £2,350 and that a State Grant of £300 had been paid. The income of the applicant was within the statutory limits.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. John Hunt, Waterfall Gates, Ballinagee, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a new house at Waterfall Gates. Passed unanimously.

The Council considered an application received from Mrs. Pauline Boaden, "Crowe Abbey House," Delgany, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Killincarrig, Greystones. It was stated that the new dwellinghouse was valued at £4,000. It was indicated to the Council that there seemed to be doubt as to whether in this case the family income could be regarded as being within the limit specified in Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the application to the Meeting to be held on the 13th April, 1964.

Item No. 2—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Killadreenan.

The County Secretary stated that Probate of the Will of the late John Maguire, who had been the tenant/purchaser of cottage No. 311/6 at Killadreenan, had now been submitted and this showed that the property had been bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Farrell. Mrs. Farrell proposed to dispose of her interest in the cottage to Mr. Michael Crinion, 1, Riverview, Newtownmountkennedy, an E.S.B. worker, for the sum of £250. There appeared to be no objection to the proposed sale.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Catherine Farrell, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, of her interest in cottage No. 311/6 at Killadreenan, to Mr. Michael Crinion, 1, Riverview, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple inquired whether the Council could purchase a vested cottage if offered for sale by the tenant-purchaser. He suggested that if the Council could purchase cottages in this way in areas where there was a demand for housing it might assist the Council in solving their housing problem. The County Manager pointed out that there was doubt as to whether the Council would have the necessary legal powers to purchase a vested cottage, but that the matter would be examined. He pointed out, however, that this might result in the prices of vested cottages being raised on persons who would otherwise wish to purchase them. Councillor O'Toole asked if the tenant of a vested cottage was entitled to dispose of portion of the plot attached to the cottage and the Council agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on this point also.

Item No. 3—Proposed Dumping Ground for Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that in 1955 the Council had negotiated with Mr. John Kavanagh of Seasonpark, Newtownmountkennedy, for a suitable site for a dumping ground. Mr. Kavanagh had agreed to give the site for the sum of £43 inclusive of costs, the area being approximately one acre. At that time local residents objected to the siting of the dump as being too close to the School and subsequent efforts were made to obtain a site from a Miss McGee, but the Council's efforts were unsuccessful. It had been indicated recently that the objection to the original site no longer existed as a new School had been provided on a different site and Mr. Kavanagh having been approached again on the matter had replied through his Solicitors, Messrs. A. B. Cullen & Son, Church Street, Wicklow, requesting a sum of £100, plus legal costs. The County Engineer considered that the price of £100 was excessive and an offer of £60 was made for the site, but Messrs. Cullen, Solicitors, in their letter of the 11th February, stated that their client would not be prepared to accept less than £80, plus costs. Having regard to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable site in the area and the need to provide a scavenging service due to indiscriminate dumping in this district it was suggested that the Council might offer a sum of £80 with five guineas costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of land at Newtownmountkennedy from Mr. John Kavanagh, Seasonpark, Newtownmountkennedy, required for a dumping ground for the sum of £80, together with costs not exceeding five guineas.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Proposed Dumping Ground for Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that the existing dumping ground at Roundwood was full and the owner would not permit further dumping. The Chief Medical Officer and Health Inspector were of opinion that a dumping ground was necessary and an approach had been made to Mr. P. Doyle of Roundwood to lease a plot of ground consisting of half an acre for a period of twenty-five years at an annual rent of £5. Mr. Doyle had stated that he was not prepared to accept these terms, but was prepared to sell the half acre to the Council for £150. This price, which represented a figure of £300 per acre, was regarded as too high. In addition the Council would have to fence off and provide an access to the dumping ground and it was considered that the cost of this work would amount to approximately £100. Following a discussion on the matter,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of plot of ground at Roundwood from Mr. P. Doyle for the sum of £50, the land to be used for the purpose of a dumping ground.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor H. J. Byrne regarding the provision of a scavenging service at Delgany, and Councillor J. Temple in relation to a scavenging service for the Ballywaltrim and adjoining area, it was agreed that the areas which might be served by a Domestic Scavenging Service at Delgany and at the Ballywaltrim/Boghall district be defined and tenders invited for the provision of the service.

Item No. 5—S.D.A. Loan Application.

Having considered details submitted in regard to the application of Mr. Terence T. Byrne, "Rose Bungalow," Sea Road, Kilcoole, for a Loan under the Council's S.D.A. Scheme in respect of the erection of a house at Priestnewtown, Delgany.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That subject to confirmation of income of applicant we approve of a Loan of £1,600 being made to Mr. Terence T. Byrne, "Rose Bungalow," Sea Road, Kilcoole, under the Council's S.D.A. Loans Scheme in respect of the erection of a house at Priestnewtown, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications for use of Sites at Cloggo Beach, Arklow, for Caravans, etc.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of two applications which had been received for approval in principle by the Council to the provision of Caravan Sites at Cloggo Beach, Arklow. The applications had been received from Messrs. Haughton & Bowler, Solicitors, on behalf of G. Schutz & Co., Hamburg, and from John J. McDonald & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of clients. The County Secretary stated that in the case of the application made by Messrs. Haughton & Bowler certain details of the proposals had been submitted and it seemed that there would be no objection in principle to the development. The applicants had been informed accordingly and asked to submit the further details necessary for full consideration of the proposal. In the case of the other applicants details as to the number of caravans and full particulars of the proposals had been sought. The Council decided that the views of Arklow Urban District Council in regard to these proposals be obtained.

Application for Approval to Erection of Houses at Glencormac.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell inquired as to whether the application of Mr. Heatley for approval to the erection of four bungalows at Glencormac had been reconsidered. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had been asked to re-examine the proposal, but had indicated that he would not approve of the erection of a group of houses in this area with individual septic tanks and that a Sewerage Scheme to serve the houses would be essential.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted for the erection of four houses on lands of Mr. R. Heatley at Glencormac. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the Council had engaged a Consultant to plan sewerage services for the area adjoining Bray, but that the Plans would not provide for a Sewerage Scheme as far as Kilmacanogue or Glencormac. He felt that the Council should prepare a Plan for this area and decide to what extent urban type of development should be allowed. If further applications of this type were to be granted the Council would be asked to provide public lighting and eventually a Domestic Scavenging Service. If development proceeded on a piecemeal basis eventually a Sewerage Scheme would have to be provided by the Council and the owners of the lands would have sold them at a good price without ever contributing towards the costs of the services. In reply to Councillor Hipwell who stated that in this particular instance the application was for only four bungalows and that the addition of these four would not aggravate the position, the County Manager pointed out that if permission were granted the landowner would have something valuable to sell and that while he was not opposed to development taking place in the area he felt it should be done on a planned basis with adequate services being provided. In regard to the Resolution passed by the Council recommending the granting of permission, the County Manager pointed out that he would have to be guided by the Report of the County Medical Officer in the matter. If the Members wished they could hand in the necessary notice to require the grant of permission under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act. Councillor Temple stated that he would hand in the

appropriate notice. At the suggestion of Councillor Temple the Council agreed that a survey be made of lands adjacent to Bray Urban District with a view to the possibility of Housing Development. It was suggested that lands might be acquired by the Council and then sites be let to persons seeking to build houses.

Item No. 7—Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received for Cottage Repairs.

Having considered the recommendation of the County Engineer on the tenders received for cottage repairs,

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of tenders for cottage repairs for the year 1964/'65 as follows:—

David Lee,	Scheduled Rates plus 40%. Part
Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum ...	South Eastern District No. 4
	covering Rathdrum, Ballinac-
	lash and Glendalough.
Thomas J. Keenan,	Scheduled Rates Plus 33½%.
1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughtrim ...	Southern Districts Nos. 5 and
	7 and part of South Eastern
	District No. 4 excluding Rath-
	drum, Ballinacash and Glen-
	dalough.
James Byrne,	Scheduled Rates Plus 30%.
Coolkenno, Tullow, Co. Carlow	Southern District No. 6—Shil-
	lelagh Area.

Passed unanimously.

On inquiries by Members of the Council regarding the Contract for repairs in No. 7 District (Tinahely area) the Assistant County Engineer stated that Mr. Patrick Walsh who had carried out repairs in part of this district during the previous year had indicated that he was agreeable to continue to carry out repairs to cottages in that area for the current year. The Council agreed that the repairs in the area be shared between contractors Thomas J. Keenan and Mr. Patrick Walsh as in the year 1963/'64.

Item No. 8—Repairs carried out during Month of March, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired during Month of April, 1964.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1964, and of those to be carried out during April, 1964. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in a letter he had received complaining of the non-completion of repairs to the cottage of Mrs. Julia Healy, Coolavinnna, Ashford, and of defects in the chimney, and also referring to the need for repairs to two other cottages at Rathnew and Ashford. He complained of the delay in carrying out repairs to cottages in the area. The County Secretary stated that it had not been possible to obtain contractors to do repairs in districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, i.e., from Bray to Wicklow, and that consequently repairs had to be done by direct labour within that area. The Council had only a limited staff for carrying out such repairs.

The following members attended:
Messrs J. J. McGee, Chairman; J. C. McLaughlin,
Messrs F. Brennan, T. McCarthy, John Quigley, Miss E.
Wardle, G. Timmins, Messrs W. J. O'Connell, James Milroy, M. J. O'Neill
and Mary Walsh, Mrs. A. J. O'Sullivan, M. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne,
Miss B. Russell, Capt. J. H. Russell, Mr. X. Engel Miller and
J. Gregory.

The County Medical Society represents Acting County Surgeon
 and Assistant Surgeon and Assistant County Engineer
 P. D. Duff, 1011 E. 7th Street, 454 J. Taylor, 454

AGENDA

Call for more information on the 1920 Motor Vehicle Club Ltd. For details
see all Motor Vehicle Club Ltd. brochures.

Application from the M.G. Car Club (Grind Carver) for October

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th April, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th and 27th January, 1964.
2. Application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of roads at Enniskerry for the purposes of their Annual Hill Climb on Saturday, 2nd May, 1964, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
3. Application from the M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) for closing of portion of the Long Hill Road at Kilmacanogue on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
4. Application from the Obelisk Whs. R. C. for permission to use roads between Roundwood, Hollywood and Blessington for Cycle Race on Sunday, May 10th, 1964, between 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. approximately.
5. Review of Speed Limits—Recommendations of Technical Committee in accordance with letter of 29th July, 1963, from Department of Local Government for review of Speed Limits in the County. (Copy of recommendations circulated to each Member).
6. Establishment of Mental Hospital at Newcastle—Letter from Department of Health forwarding copies of Orders providing for the provision of Mental Health Services by Wicklow County Council directly as from 1st April, 1964, and providing for arrangement for transitional period.
7. To approve of the creation of Senior Offices for Mental Hospital at Newcastle.
8. Recommendation of Matron, St. Colman's Hospital, for improvements in diet of patients.
9. Library and Dispensary at Blessington—Report of County Architect submitting Plan providing for Library in addition to Dispensary and giving estimate of cost.
10. Purchase of premises at Arklow for purposes of Fire Station, Garage, Store, etc.—To authorise the necessary borrowing to defray cost of acquisition.
11. Re-laying of watermain from Monastery to Enniskerry—Report of County Engineer recommending acceptance of tender.
- 11a. Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme—Recommendation of Committee of Council for Local Electoral Area.
12. Letter from Corporation of Dublin re application for permission to take supply of water from main at Killadreenan for village of Newcastle.

13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That water and sewerage be installed at thirteen houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—That time be allowed for a discussion on public lighting at Monastery and Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.
15. Application of C.I.E. for coast protection work at Ballygannon, Kilcool—Report of County Engineer.
16. Letter from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., South Quay, Arklow, re coast erosion south of Pottery—Report of County Engineer.
17. Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council requesting initiation of Coast Protection Schemes in respect of areas within the Urban District of Wicklow and Report of County Engineer.
18. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding legislation being prepared for providing for grant of further increase in pensions.
19. Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £17,750 for erection and equipping of extension to Carnew Vocational School.
20. Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for approval in principle of Council to make a Grant to cover cost of additional classroom accommodation at Baltinglass, Rathdrum and Wicklow Vocational Schools at estimated cost of £20,000.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report as to possibility of giving Grant from Council funds for repair of Sheep Dipping Bath owned by Mr. Samuel Kidd, Ballinglen, and used by a number of farmers.
22. Letter from Department of Lands (Forestry Division), re planting of area of State Forest lands at Roddenagh adjoining Council cottages.
23. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of new dwelling-house at Killincarrig, Greystones.
24. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th and 27th January, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads at Enniskerry for the purpose of their Annual Hill Climb, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1964, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The County Secretary stated that no objection had been received to the application of the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of the roads at Enniskerry as in former years.

It was

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

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1955, that the road described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 2nd May, 1964, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of holding Motor Car Hill Climb:—

Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry.

That we hereby authorise the holding of Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application from the M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) for closing of portion of the Long Hill Road at Kilmacanogue, on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the road described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb:—

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

That we hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) had indicated that similar arrangements as in last year would be made for the St. Kevin's 'bus and with C.I.E.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 24th May, 1964, in connection with a Cycle Race. The Council agreed that the usual notices be published.

Item No. 4—Application from the Obelisk Whs. R. C. for permission to use Roads between Roundwood, Hollywood and Blessington for Cycle Race on Sunday, May 10th, 1964, between 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. approximately.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That subject to the Garda Authorities having no objection to the proposal we do not object to the use of roads from Roundwood via Laragh, Wicklow Gap, Hollywood Glen, Poulaphuca, Blessington, Sally Gap, Luggala, to Roundwood, on Saturday, 10th May, 1964, between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. approximately, for the purposes of Cycle Race organised by the Obelisk Whs. R. C.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor R. Miley asked that the organisers of the Race be asked to refrain from placing marks on the roads, or where such markings were essential, to arrange that they be removed after the Race.

Item No. 5—Review of Speed Limits—Recommendations of Technical Committee in accordance with letter of 29th July, 1963, from Department of Local Government for Review of Speed Limits in the County. (Copy of recommendations circulated to each Member).

The Council considered the recommendations of the Technical Committee, as circulated, and also the Report of the County Engineer of 18th March, 1964, in regard to the discussions of the Technical Committee. The Committee recommended the provision of "repeater" signs in the 30 m.p.h. zones in the towns of Bray (24), Greystones (12), Wicklow (6) and Arklow (6), for the information of drivers whose journeys originated within these towns. The Committee considered proposals for (a) the imposition of a speed limit on the Main Road through Kilmacanogue village, (b) the imposition of a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. in Rathdrum, and (c) the imposition of a speed limit on the Main Road at Ashford. The Committee at their Meeting, however, decided that speed limits at these places would not be justified having regard to the nature of the traffic and accident records. The Council noted that the County Engineer had reported that following an application received from the Ashford Development Association he had consulted the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána and had received a reply indicating that while a speed limit for Ashford was considered unnecessary at the Meeting of the Technical Committee the Garda members of the Committee would raise no objection to a 40 m.p.h. limit for a distance of about 900 yards at Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the Technical Committee for amendments to speed limits in County Wicklow, as indicated in Report circulated for this Meeting, and in addition approve of the affixing of speed limit of 40 m.p.h. for a distance of about 900 yards at Ashford.

We recommend also that a speed limit of 40 m.p.h. be applied on Main Bray/Wicklow Road at Kilmacanogue for quarter of a mile north of the road junction to Rocky Valley and for quarter of a mile on southern side of junction.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That a general speed limit be applied to all roads in the country.

The proposal was not supported by the Council and was declared rejected.

Item No. 6—Establishment of Mental Hospital at Newcastle—Letter from Department of Health forwarding copies of Orders providing for the provision of Mental Health Services by Wicklow County Council directly, as from 1st April, 1964, and providing for arrangement for Transitional Period.

The County Secretary having explained the provisions of the Orders made by the Minister,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we note the following Orders made by the Minister for Health in relation to the provision of Mental Health Services in County Wicklow by Wicklow County Council, as from 1st April, 1964, and the provisions in the Health Authorities Act, 1960 (Wicklow Mental Hospital District) Regulations, 1964, in relation to the financial arrangements and temporary arrangements for provision of Mental Health Services pending the establishment of new Mental Hospital at Newcastle.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Edward Byrne paid tribute to the service given by Mrs. Ledwidge as a member of the Visiting Committee for the Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals under the Dublin Health Authority. He stated that she had spent considerable time visiting patients in the Hospitals regularly and he felt that the Council owed a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ledwidge for the excellent service she had given. Councillor P. McCarthy, who also represented the Council on the Dublin Health Authority, joined in the tribute to Mrs. Ledwidge. Councillor Edward Byrne suggested that an arrangement be made with the Dublin Health Authority to enable Mrs. Ledwidge to continue to act on the Visiting Committee for the Grangegorman and Portrane Hospitals in order to keep in touch with the Wicklow patients pending their transfer to the new Mental Hospital at Newcastle. Councillor Byrne stated that he understood that the Dublin Health Authority would be agreeable to make an arrangement. The Council approved of arrangements being made with the Dublin Health Authority for Mrs. Ledwidge's continuing to act on the Visiting Committee.

Item No. 7—To approve of the Creation of Senior Offices for Mental Hospital at Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that the senior posts for the new Mental Hospital at Newcastle would be filled by the Local Appointments Commission and it was necessary for the Council to approve formally of the creation of these posts in order that applications could be invited by the Commission. The posts required were those of Resident Medical Superintendent, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Assistant Medical Officer, Matron, Deputy Matron, Chief Clerk and Storekeeper.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of the following offices in accordance with the Particulars of Office approved by the Minister for the Mental Hospital to be established at Newcastle:

1. Resident Medical Superintendent.
2. Senior Assistant Medical Officer.
3. Assistant Medical Officer.
4. Matron.
5. Deputy Matron.
6. Chief Clerk.
7. Storekeeper.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor A. H. Hadden regarding the maintenance cost per patient at Newcastle, the County Secretary stated that when the Hospital was established it was felt that the maintenance costs should not differ greatly from the present costs at Grangeormon though they might be somewhat higher in view of the smaller numbers who would be accommodated at Newcastle. In the present year, however, additional costs would arise as the Hospital would not be in full operation for most of the year.

Item No. 8—Recommendation of Matron, St. Colman's Hospital, for improvements in diet of Patients.

The County Secretary stated that Members of the Council who acted on a Special Committee to investigate a certain matter at St. Colman's Hospital had, following discussion with the Matron, suggested that some improvements be made in the diet of the patients. The matter had been examined and the Matron had submitted proposals for the improvement of the diet and the estimated cost was £1,200 in a complete financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Matron, St. Colman's Hospital, we approve of the provision of extra items of diet for the patients in St. Colman's Hospital, as recommended in the Report, and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,200 per annum in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of improvement in diet.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Edward Byrne the County Secretary stated that a Visiting Committee for the new Mental Hospital at Newcastle would be appointed once the Hospital opened. In reply to Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that the Council had already appointed Visiting Committees for the Council's own Institutions.

Item No. 9—Library and Dispensary at Blessington—Report of County Architect submitting Plan providing for Library in addition to Dispensary and giving Estimate of Cost.

The County Secretary submitted revised Plan prepared by the Council's Architect incorporating a Library with the new Dispensary building to be erected at Blessington. The County Architect estimated the total cost of the building at £3,400 of which £2,300 would be allocated to the Dispensary and £1,100 to the Library.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered Plans submitted by County Architect we approve of the erection of a new Dispensary and Library at Blessington at an estimated cost of £3,400 and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple inquired when a new Dispensary would be provided at Bray. The County Manager stated that there were no proposals for the building of a new Dispensary at Bray and that the new premises at "The Cottage," Killarney Road, had been purchased by the Council for the purpose of providing both a new Dispensary and Clinic. There was adequate grounds at the new Dispensary and Clinic to allow of any extensions being provided if such were necessary in the future. In reply to inquiry from Councillor McCarthy the Assistant County Engineer stated that Councillor McCarthy had asked that the building of Arklow Dispensary be painted and this had been done. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the Dispensary at Askakeagh was a small room in a private house and she inquired if the allowance to the owners of the house could be increased. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined.

Item No. 10—Purchase of Premises at Arklow for purposes of Fire Station, Garage, Store, etc.—To authorise the necessary Borrowing to defray Cost of Acquisition.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,500 to defray the cost of purchase of premises from Arklow Products, Ltd., at Arklow for the purposes of Fire Station, Garage, Store, etc., the sum to be borrowed from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., and repaid over a period of fifteen years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Re-Laying of Watermain from Monastery to Enniskerry—Report of County Engineer recommending Acceptance of tender.

The County Secretary referred to the Resolution passed at the previous Meeting of the Council and stated that it had been found that the second lowest tenderer had, within the time limit allowed, indicated that he was prepared to accept the Contract for the re-laying of a watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry, for the sum of £2,490.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Thomas McGurk and Co., Ltd., Contractors, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, for the re-laying of watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry, in the sum of £2,490, this being the next lowest tender received, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,490 from the Commissioners of Public

Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work. Resolution passed at Meeting held on 16th March, 1964, is hereby rescinded.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne complained that the storage tank at the Enniskerry water supply at Kilgarron was overflowing and causing flooding on the adjoining lands and also that there was unauthorised dumping on these lands. He asked that the matter be attended to and that the dumping be stopped. In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that Plans for the proposed Water Scheme for Boghall would be ready during the following week and that tenders for the Scheme would then be invited.

Item No. 11a—Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme—Recommendation of Committee of Council for Local Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area had considered the further details prepared by the Consulting Engineer in regard to the Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme and which indicated the distribution mains which might be provided in order to serve as many of the houses in the district as possible. The mains now proposed to be provided would enable 860 houses out of a total of 893 houses to be served. The total cost of the Scheme, including all the distribution mains, was estimated at £212,500. The annual charges, allowing for a Loan at 6%, for twenty-five years, with a 50% subsidy from the State, would amount to approximately 9½d. in the £. The estimated income from Water Rents was £1,290. The Members of the Committee had recommended that the Loan be taken for the maximum period, i.e., fifty years, and the Scheme be recommended to the Council for adoption. The County Secretary stated that if the Loan were to be repaid over a period of fifty years the net cost, allowing for Water Rents, would be about 7d. in the £ on the Rates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Committee of Members for Arklow Electoral Area we approve of proceeding with the Regional Water Supply Scheme for Tinahely/Carnew area, including the provision of all necessary extensions, at a total estimated cost of £212,500, the cost to be defrayed by borrowing over a period of fifty years.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager referring to the desirability of providing adequate water supplies for persons throughout the County, pointed out that the costs of such Schemes in the future would be substantial. He felt that if the Council was to be in a position to meet the increasing costs of providing water supplies the Council should be relieved of the cost of maintenance of roads and that these latter costs should be borne from the Road Fund. The income to the Road Fund was increasing each year due to the increasing numbers of cars on the roads and he felt that it was time that a greater proportion of the cost of the maintenance of roads was met from the Road Fund thereby relieving the Local Authorities and assisting them to meet the costs of Water Supply and other Schemes.

Item No. 12—Letter from Corporation of Dublin re Application for Permission to take Supply of Water from Main at Killadreenan for Village of Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had applied to Dublin Corporation for permission to take a supply of water from the 6" diameter main at Killadreenan in order to supply the village of Newcastle. A reply had been received from the Corporation in which it was stated that the water supply position in the City had reached a critical point and that consequently the City Engineer was not prepared to recommend the granting of the supply sought. Further representations had been made to the Corporation to allow the connection, having regard to the limited extent of water which would be required and to the need for replacing the present supply to Newcastle village which was unsatisfactory. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—That Water and Sewerage be installed at thirteen houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.

In accordance with Notice of Motion,

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That water and sewerage be installed at thirteen houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to have a survey made and Plans prepared and this would be done.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—That time be allowed for a discussion on Public Lighting at Monastery and Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked that arrangements be made to re-site a public light at Monastery in order to provide better lighting. She stated that an extra light was needed at Kilgarron. It was agreed that the Council's Engineer investigate the matter and submit recommendations. The County Secretary stated that an estimate had been obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of a public light at Jameson's Corner, Glencormac, on pole No. 8 and that the cost would be £16.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a public light at Jameson's corner, Glencormac, at a cost of £16, in accordance with quotation of E.S.B. dated 3rd March, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Application of C.I.E. for Coast Protection Work at Ballygannon, Kilcoole—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that there was a very definite erosion by the sea at the section under review and that it was not caused by unusual or periodic storms, but was a continuous condition. The County Engineer also confirmed that he had inspected the lands

adjoining the railway to the west thereof and should the protective works proposed by C.I.E. be not carried out the railway line would be gravely affected and thereafter the lands referred to on the hinterland. The County Engineer had submitted Plans received from the Area Civil Engineer, C.I.E., which indicated the extent of erosion over the past few years. A Memorial had been received from landowners in the area drawing attention to the condition of the land "by reason of the flooding from the tidal waters at the beaches and from upland streams" and stating that they were satisfied that if the railway line were to be washed away their lands would be gravely affected. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Office of Public Works stating that a Drainage Scheme for the area was under consideration. In reply to inquiries from Members as to the Council's financial responsibilities in the matter the County Secretary stated that if the Council passed a Resolution declaring that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme was expedient and that the Commissioners of Public Works be asked to carry out a preliminary examination the Council would be responsible for one-half of the cost of the examination. Should the Council subsequently approve of proceeding with the Scheme prepared by the Commissioners the Council could obtain a Grant of up to a maximum of 80% of the cost, but the balance would have to be met by the Council. The Council would also be responsible for maintenance of any works carried out. C.I.E. had, however, indicated that they would accept responsibility for maintenance. The County Manager stated that anyone benefiting by the works could make a capital contribution to the promoting authority, but there was no provision in the Bill for collecting any contribution by way of a betterment rate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That having regard to the provisions of Subsection 3 of Section 2 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, and being satisfied that the railway line and land at Ballygannon, Kilcoole, is being progressively damaged by the continuous encroachment of the sea, as distinct from occasional or abnormal storms, and that the encroachment is liable to endanger valuable property, we declare that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme is expedient and that the Commissioners of Public Works should be asked to carry out a preliminary examination.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Letter from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., South Quay, Arklow, re Coast erosion South of Pottery—Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., expressing concern about the sea erosion occurring immediately south of the Pottery on the strip of sand dunes between Arklow Golf Course and the sea, and stating that the erosion presented a serious threat to Arklow Pottery if it continued at the present rate. They stated that they had been contemplating developments to the factory, but that the erosion factor was a deterrent to their plans for development and they could not erect new buildings and instal expensive plant with any confidence. The County Engineer had reported that he had investigated the matter and was of opinion that sea erosion was a cause of concern and that the premises might be in danger due to this cause. He considered that a Scheme of protection work would be worthy of investigation by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 21st January, 1964, from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., and Preliminary Report of County Engineer in regard to erosion near Arklow, we direct that the County Engineer prepare and submit a Report on the nature and probable causes of any encroachment of the sea at Arklow, the extent of the land and other property being damaged or endangered, the works (if any) which may be practicable and desirable to prevent the continuance of the encroachment, and the estimated cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council requesting initiation of Coast Protection Schemes in respect of areas within the Urban District of Wicklow and Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow Urban District Council and also Wicklow Harbour Authority had applied for the initiation of Coast Protection Schemes in respect of two areas within the Urban District, i.e. (1) the North Beach, and (2) the Harbour area. It was stated that the area immediately north of the Promenade and extending to the Urban boundary at the Chemical Works was subject to considerable erosion and that it was felt desirable that a Scheme of protection works to protect this area be carried out in the immediate future. In the Harbour area considerable erosion had taken place over recent years, the portion particularly affected being the area from the New Pier to the Packet Pier. Part of this area had already been protected by work carried out by Shamrock Fertilisers, Ltd., but the Urban Council and the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners considered it essential that the remainder of the area between the Piers be protected. The County Engineer reported that protection works which adequately protected the Seafront and the Promenade from erosion by the sea had recently been completed satisfactorily, but that the area north of the Promenade was subject to considerable erosion and he felt that remedial measures should be investigated as soon as possible. In regard to the Harbour area he felt that there was progressive erosion along the Harbour front between the Piers and that it was a matter which called for investigation in accordance with the Coast Protection Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th March, 1964, from Wicklow Urban District Council and letter of 15th January, 1964, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, regarding coast erosion at Wicklow, and Preliminary Report of County Engineer, we direct that the County Engineer prepare and submit a Report on the nature and probable causes of any encroachment of the sea at Wicklow, the extent of the land and other property being damaged or endangered, the works (if any) which may be practicable and desirable to prevent the continuance of the encroachment, and the estimated cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Legislation being prepared for Providing for Grant of Further Increase in Pensions.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 29th January, 1964, from Department of Local Government, indicating that legislation was being prepared providing for the grant of further increases, with effect from the 1st November, 1963, in certain State and Local Authority pensions. It was indicated in the letter that Local Authorities who wished to do so might grant increases within the limits set out in the Circular Letter and that where that was done the specific sanction of the Minister to the grant of such increases need not be sought. The intention was that persons who retired before the date on which the "Seventh Round" of post-war increases in remuneration came into effect, or who retired on or after that date, if their pensions were based on averaged remuneration that related wholly or partly to a period that preceded that date, might have their pensions increased by recalculating the pension on the basis of "Seventh Round" remuneration in accordance with the terms of the Circular Letter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we note Circular Letter of 29th January, 1964, Ref.: E.L.2/64, from Department of Local Government, in regard to legislation being prepared to provide for further increases in certain Local Authority pensions, with effect from 1st November, 1963, and approve of the payment of the increases in pensions as from 1st November, 1963, in accordance with the terms of the Department's Circular, and that we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases in pensions.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £17,750 for Erection and Equipping of Extension to Carnew Vocational School.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 25th March, 1964, from the Vocational Education Committee, requesting a Grant of £17,750 for the erection and equipping of an extension to Carnew Vocational School, to consist of two new classrooms for the teaching of engineering and woodwork, improved toilet facilities, and the installation of an efficient heating system throughout the entire building. It was stated that the enrolment of students at Carnew had far exceeded the capacity of the original School and that since 1956 classes of twenty students had to be conducted in a small timber store which was inadequately lighted and ventilated and that the Committee had also been compelled to rent a classroom in the former National School at Carnew.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 25th March, 1964, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the making of a Grant of £17,750 under the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the erection and equipping of an extension

to Carnew Vocational School, the cost of the Grant to be defrayed by borrowing.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for approval in principle of Council to make a Grant to cover cost of Additional Classroom Accommodation at Baltinglass, Rathdrum and Wicklow Vocational Schools at Estimated Cost of £20,000.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 25th March, 1964, from the Vocational Education Committee in which it was stated that one new classroom was required at each of the centres mentioned to meet immediate requirements.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 25th March, 1964, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we approve in principle, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the making of a Grant of £20,000 under the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, to cover the cost of new rooms required at Vocational Schools at Baltinglass, Rathdrum and Wicklow, the cost of the Grant to be defrayed by borrowing.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, requesting Report as to possibility of giving Grant from Council Funds for Repair of Sheep Dipping Bath owned by Mr. Samuel Kidd, Ballinglen, and used by a number of farmers.

The County Secretary stated that the Bath in question was a Private Bath, but had been used for the dipping of 776 sheep in 1963. The Bath had to be emptied by hand and sheep were lowered into it manually. While the Bath was not in bad repair it had been suggested that concrete floors and tubular fencing and gates be provided and the cost of this work was estimated at £80. The County Secretary pointed out, however, that the Council did not make Grants for repairs to Private Baths. It was mentioned by Members of the Council that both Mr. Kidd and Mr. Kavanagh, who owned a Sheep Dipping Bath, would be prepared to hand over their Baths as Public Baths if the works of repair were carried out by the Council. The County Secretary stated that a survey was being made by the Department of Agriculture of all Sheep Dipping Baths in the County and he suggested that the outcome of the survey might be awaited so that the Members might know what Baths would require repair. The Council asked that the Department of Agriculture be requested to expedite the results of this survey and have them available for the next Meeting if possible.

Item No. 22—Letter from Department of Lands (Forestry Division), Re Planting of Area of State Forest Lands at Roddenagh adjoining Council Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Lands had written to say that arrangements had been made to use a suitable portion of the area opposite the three Council cottages at Roddenagh for the growing of Christmas trees, as had been suggested by the Council. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 23—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New Dwellinghouse at Killincarrig, Greystones.

The Council reconsidered the application of Mrs. Pauline V. Boaden, "Crowe Abbey House," Delgany, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house at Killincarrig, Greystones, and it was indicated that there was doubt as to whether the application would come within the provisions of Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and the terms of the Council's Scheme. The Section of the Act and the Council's Scheme provided for the limit of income being related to family income and on these grounds it seemed that the application would not be acceptable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we refuse the application of Mrs. Pauline V. Boaden, "Crowe Abbey House," Delgany, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house at Killincarrig, Greystones, the application not being regarded as coming within the provisions of Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Councillor McCarthy protested against the refusal of permission to Globophan Industries, Ltd., for an extension of their premises at Templarainey, Arklow. He stated that the factory did very good work and gave valuable employment and that permission had been refused because of the extension being only about 15 feet from the public road. He considered that the road carried comparatively little traffic and that it was unlikely that it would require widening and that the extension should be allowed. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the application be refused because he considered it would be inadvisable to build so near the road. It had been suggested to the owner of the factory that the extension might be provided in some other place. Councillor McCarthy stated that the owner of the factory could not provide the extension in any other way as he did not own the adjoining land.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted for an extension to Globophan Industries, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Taking Over of Road.

Councillor P. McCarthy submitted a Memorial from residents in the Tigroney/Knockanree area asking that the Council take over a road in the area. The County Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for any repairs to the road at the recent Meeting of the Local Committee and that consequently the road could not be taken over at present.

Road from Aughrim to Aughavannagh.

Councillor H. J. Byrne asked for a Report on the condition of the Aughrim to Aughavannagh Road which he understood was in a bad state of repair and unable to carry heavy traffic.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted as to the possibility of carrying out further repairs to the cottage occupied by Mr. Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim, owing to the condition of foundations.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council explore the possibility of providing water to eight families at Church Road and Doody's Bottoms, Donard.

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—That Water and Sewerage Scheme be installed for the residents of Ashford.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council make immediate arrangements as a matter of extreme urgency to proceed with the building of two houses on the Council's own site at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Thomas Byrne, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, be given permission to dispose of his cottage at Aughavannagh as he had to vacate it owing to lack of employment within a reasonable distance and the closure of Mucklagh National School.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber at the new Offices, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow (former District Hospital building), on Monday, 4th May, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and J. Power attended.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed the Members to their new Council Chamber.

AGENDA:

1. To consider Resolution proposed in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in regard to grant of general permission under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Reginald C. Heatley, "Seaview House", Glencormac, Bray, for a Housing Development of four houses at Glencormac. (Copy of Notice circulated to each Member).
2. Application of James Nolan, Kilballyowen, Aughrim, for a Supplementary Grant.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Thomas Byrne, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, be given permission to dispose of his cottage at Aughavannagh as he had to vacate it owing to lack of employment within a reasonable distance and the closure of Mucklagh National School.
4. Advice of Council's Solicitor regarding proposal that Council may purchase vested cottages or that tenants of vested cottages might dispose of portion of plot.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That in view of the serious position regarding houses in the Kilcoole area that a Report be submitted at the earliest opportunity, together with recommendations of Local Housing Committee.
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That immediate arrangements be made as a matter of extreme urgency to proceed with the building of two houses on the Council's own site at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
7. Reply from Arklow Urban District Council re proposal for Caravan Sites at Clogga Beach, Arklow.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report as to the possibility of carrying out further repairs to cottage occupied by Mr. Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim, owing to condition of foundations.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of April, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of May, 1964.

Item No. 1.—Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

In accordance with Notice which had been given to each Member of the Council

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that general permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Reginald C. Heatley, "Seaview House," Glencormac, Bray, for a Housing Development of four houses at Glencormac, in accordance with Development Plan submitted with his letter of 14th August, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Application of James Nolan, Kilballyowen, Aughrim, for a Supplementary Grant.

The County Secretary stated that a Supplementary Grant had been refused in this case because the applicant had provided a corrugated iron roof on his house. It had been ascertained, however, that the application in this instance had been made in 1959 and the work completed in August, 1962, whereas the Council's Resolution was not passed until the 5th November, 1962. The appropriate Supplementary Grant payable, if the Council approved, would be £43 6s. 8d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £43 6s. 8d. to Mr. James Nolan, Kilballyowen, Aughrim, in respect of reconstruction work on his dwellinghouse.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Thomas Byrne, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, be given permission to dispose of his cottage at Aughavannagh as he had to vacate it owing to lack of employment within a reasonable distance and the closure of Mucklagh National School.

Councillor Quigley stated that this house had not been occupied for about three years and that the applicant had to leave it because there was no employment within a reasonable distance and because Mucklagh National School had closed and he had to move nearer to a School so that his children could be educated. He stated that the applicant had endeavoured to get a qualified person to purchase the house, but had not succeeded and felt that in the circumstances he should be allowed to sell the house even though the applicant was not a "qualified person." The County Secretary stated that since the cottage was a vested cottage it was a statutory condition that the cottage be occupied only by a person coming within the definition of an agricultural labourer. The buyer was described as a business man, was single and had an address in Dublin. It was assumed that he required the cottage only as a Summer residence. The Council decided that the Minister be asked to approve of the Council's agreeing to the sale of the cottage to the proposed purchaser.

Item No. 4.—Advice of Council's Solicitor Regarding Proposal that Council may Purchase Vested Cottages or that Tenants of Vested Cottages might dispose of Portion of Plot.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the sale of vested cottages was governed by the provisions under the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the Land Registry had held that they could only register a Transfer under a Court Order or by production of the Probate or Administration of the deceased tenant-purchaser. The Council's Solicitor pointed out that a tenant-purchaser in the Rathdrum district some while ago wished to transfer a cottage to the Council, but the Land Registry would not accept the Transfer. As regards transferring a portion of the plot the Council's Solicitor stated that in his opinion it would be a contravention under the provisions of the Act and therefore could not be legally transferred. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor's advice had been obtained in regard to a suggestion that the Council might purchase vested cottages when offered for sale by tenant-purchasers. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That the existing legislation be amended to permit of the purchase of existing vested cottages by the Council where this is desired by the tenant-purchaser and of the re-registration of the cottage in the name of the Council.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh — TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley and J. J. McCrea.—SIX.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to six votes against.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne, the Council also approved of the following Resolution:—

That the Minister be requested to introduce amending legislation to permit the registration of ownership being effected where part of the cottage plot is being sold for the purpose of enabling a new cottage for a person of the working classes to be built on such part of the cottage plot.

Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That in view of the Serious Position regarding Houses in the Kilcoole Area that a Report be Submitted at the Earliest Opportunity, Together with Recommendations of Local Housing Committee.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that the housing position in the Northern part of the County was very acute and stated that recently the Council had received twenty applications in respect of two vacant cottages. He felt that this number did not really reflect the needs in the area because many people did not apply as they knew they would not be qualified for the houses. The matter had been considered by the Members of

the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting and they recommended to the Council that nine houses be provided at Grattan Park and that ten houses be provided at Kilcoole on the site owned by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with a Scheme for the provision of ten houses at Kilcoole on site owned by the Council and ask that a Layout Plan and Plans and Specifications for the houses be prepared and submitted for sanction with a view to the seeking of tenders for the erection of the houses at an early date.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That Immediate Arrangements be made as a Matter of Extreme Urgency to Proceed with the Building of Two Houses on the Council's Own Site at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that these two houses were included in the group which the Council had agreed to build and that documents to enable tenders to be invited were being prepared and it was expected they would be ready shortly. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 7.—Reply from Arklow Urban District Council re Proposal for Caravan Sites at Clogga Beach, Arklow.

The following letter from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Arklow,
17th April, 1964.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

Re: Caravan Sites at Clogga Beach.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th inst., I wish to state that my Council considered the proposals for the provision of Caravan Sites at Clogga Beach at its recent Meeting.

It was the opinion of the Members that this type of development would not be in the interests of the people of the town. It is pointed out that Clogga Beach is convenient to the town and is used by members of religious communities and others who desire privacy. The development proposed would, it is felt, remove this amenity which has been enjoyed by the people of Arklow and the district down the years.

Accordingly, it is the view of the Council that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts should be refused.

The documents enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

B. GORMLEY,
TOWN CLERK.

BPG/AM.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the reasons mentioned by the Arklow Urban District Council could not be regarded as considerations which would justify a refusal of permission to grant a Licence. Permission had not yet been granted for these proposals as further details were required from the applicants. The Council noted that the matter would be submitted again when the necessary details had been obtained.

Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report as to the Possibility of Carrying out Further Repairs to Cottage occupied by Mr. Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim, owing to Condition of Foundations.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had submitted a Report in regard to this cottage about two years previously and that the work required was beyond the scope of cottage repairs and the County Engineer had visited the cottage to give his recommendations. The walls of the cottage had been giving trouble for a number of years and sections of the walls were out of plumb and there was severe cracking. Some years previously part of the walls was removed and re-built and the back wall of the cottage buttressed. Apparently further movement had taken place and the situation was again serious. He felt that sections of the wall, if not complete walls, should be removed and re-built and would appreciate another opinion on the matter. Councillor Quigley stated that the house was built on a spring and the foundations were sinking and that the tenant had been seeking repairs for a long time. He suggested it would be cheaper to demolish the house altogether and to build one elsewhere. The Council agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter and report as to whether the cottage could be put into a proper state of repair at a reasonable cost or whether it should be demolished.

Item No. 9.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused for the erection of a house at Holyvalley, Blessington, adjoining the Main Dublin/Blessington/Baltinglass Road. The County Engineer had reported that the site would be affected by future road improvement to further improve the corner at Holyvalley and consequently permission could not be given. Councillor J. Miley stated that he felt that the house could be re-sited further back on the plot so as to avoid any future road realignment. It was agreed that the County Engineer re-examine the matter with a view to seeing if the house could be placed in a suitable alternative position on the plot.

Item No. 10.—Repairs Carried Out to Cottages During Month of April, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of May, 1964.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of April, 1964, and of those to be carried out during the month of May, 1964.

Vesting of Cottage

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that Mrs. Ruth Stedman, tenant of cottage No. 354/10 at Killaveney, had applied for the purchase of her cottage some while ago, but that this had not been carried out. The County Manager explained that there were special circumstances applying in the case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of the vesting of cottage No. 354/10 at Killaveney in the tenant, Mrs. Ruth Stedman.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that since it was the wish of the Council, arrangements would be made for the vesting of the cottage in Mrs. Stedman.

Public Lighting at Aughrim.

Councillor J. Quigley complained of public lights at Aughrim being out and asked that arrangements be made to have lamps re-lit without delay when they became extinguished. The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. required that they receive an official instruction from the Council's Offices before they would arrange for restoring any public lamp which was not operating. Immediately the Council became aware of any lamp being out the E.S.B. were notified and instructed to arrange for putting the light in operation again. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated, however, that even though the Council officers reported the matter the E.S.B. did not take action. The Council asked that the E.S.B. be requested to meet a small Deputation from the Council to discuss the matter and to make arrangements to ensure that lights were attended to without delay.

Bridge at Moor Park.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had received strong representations concerning a Bridge which had been washed away at Moor Park. He had been informed that the County Council had carried out work on the road leading to the Bridge and had also put up posts and a wire fence across the Bridge and that the persons residing at this place considered that the Council was responsible for repairing the Bridge. The County Manager pointed out that this was a private road and a private Bridge and the Council could not carry out any work of repair to it. If any such works had been carried out in the past it was done without his authority. The Council asked that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting to be held on the 11th May 1964.

Derelict Sites at Dunlavin.

Councillor Deering referred to derelict sites near the Church and the '98 Monument in Dunlavin which, he stated, were an eyesore and wondered if anything could be done about them. The County Secretary stated that a Grant could be obtained for clearing derelict sites. The Council's Engineer would be asked to report on the matter.

Water Supply—Ballylusk.

Councillor R. Miley asked if arrangements could be made to provide an extension from the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme to serve six cottages at Ballylusk. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

Water Supply for Ardoyne.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked if a water supply could be provided for persons living at Ardoyne. The County Secretary stated that a Report would be obtained on the matter.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That owing to the inadequacy of the water supply and the hardship encountered by the tenants of cottages in the area of Willow Grove that a Report be submitted at an early date to this Council.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That the Council provide a Car Park near Barniskey Church, Redcross, for convenience of parishioners as over forty cars are left on public road on Sundays. Mr. Hall is prepared to give free to Council land, the width of road, provided the Council will fence same.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That owing to the serious need for housing accommodation in Tinahely that this Council take immediate action with regard to the provision of ten cottages in Tinahely; names of applicants submitted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th May, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and J. Power attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 3rd February and 2nd and 9th March, 1964.
2. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray on Sunday, 24th May, 1964, for the purpose of the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
3. Application from M. G. Car (Irish Centre) for closing of portion of Main Road at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, for purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb.
4. Application from Motor Enthusiasts Club' Ltd., for closing of roads in Corballis area near Rathdrum on Saturday, 30th May, 1964, for purpose of holding Motor Races.
5. Application from J. Garrett Yates, Lipstown House, Narraghmore, Co. Kildare, for closing of road around Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 31st May, 1964, for purposes of Kart Race Meeting.
6. Letter from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., requesting co-operation on the occasion of their Annual Veteran and Vintage Car Run to be held on Saturday, 13th June, 1964.
7. Application for permission to use "Circus Field" at Greystones.
8. Application from Hon. Secretary, "Black Cat" Draw Committee Castledermot, Co. Kildare, for special permit under Article 35 of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963, for use of car fitted with public address system incorporating loudspeaker.
9. Letter from Albert Walk Traders' Association, Bray, regarding traffic arrangements at Albert Walk.
10. Letter dated 21st April, 1964, from Department of Local Government notifying Road Grants for 1964/65, together with Report and Recommendation of County Engineer (Copies circulated).
11. Letter dated 8th April, 1964 from Department of Local Government regarding Planning of Road Improvement Schemes.
12. Bridge at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue—Report of County Engineer.
13. Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying increase in Agricultural Grant.

14. Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities. Letter of 29th April, 1964, from Department of Local Government indicating new rates of allowances (Copies Circulated).
15. Revision of salary scales of Clerk-Typists, Staff Officers and County Accountant—Recommendations of Arbitrator and Conciliation Council.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That this Council make representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk in the village of Killincarrig.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or someone for me will move that following areas in Rathnew Village—St. Bridget's Tce., St. Patrick's Tce., and Charvie Lane—be provided with four lights and also that light be provided at Merrymeeting where there are forty-four Council houses with only one light and that estimates be obtained from E.S.B. as to costs.
18. Monastery Water Supply—Recommendation of County Engineer that next lowest tender be accepted as previous tenderer had indicated that he was not prepared to proceed with the work.
19. Windgates Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council explore the possibility of providing water to eight families at Church Road and Doody's Bottoms, Donard.
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—That Water and Sewerage Scheme be installed for the residents of Ashford.
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council put Cemetery attached to St. Colman's Hospital in decent condition.
23. Improvements at Baltinglass Cemetery—To authorise excess expenditure in carrying out improvements.
24. Letter dated 30th April, 1964, from Shamrock Fertilisers, Ltd., Wicklow, re. Foreshore Protection.
25. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 12th December, 1963.
26. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings on 3rd February and 2nd and 9th March, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, and supported by Members, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. P. T.

Hickey, Assistant County Engineer, on the death of his wife. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution.

Scholarship Scheme.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that Miss Deirdre O'Connor, "Hillside," Vevay Road, Bray, had been accepted by the Council to compete for a scholarship under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools in the current year. At the time of submitting the application Miss O'Connor's parents were outside the income limits of the Scheme and accordingly she was accepted as a candidate under Clause 1 (a) of the Scheme only. Her father, Mr. Brendan O'Connor, had died suddenly and the family circumstances consequently had altered. There were five children in the family. Councillor H. J. Byrne urged that Miss O'Connor be allowed to compete for a scholarship as being within the income limits.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That Deirdre O'Connor, "Hillside," Vevay Road, Bray, be admitted as a candidate for Scholarships to Secondary and Vocational Schools without operation of income limit under the Council's Scheme in view of the altered circumstances of the family following on the death of her father.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of Roads at Bray on Sunday, 24th May, 1964, for the purpose of the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Sunday, 24th May, 1964, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on these roads while closed to public traffic:—

Road from corner of Albert Avenue along Strand Road to corner of Putland Road;

Putland Road;

Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to the Town Hall;

Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' Road;

South Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue.

Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application from M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) for Closing of Portion of Main Road at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, for Purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received it is hereby agreed, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the road described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 23rd May, 1964, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of a Motor Hill Climb.

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

That we hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads in Corballis Area near Rathdrum on Saturday, 30th May, 1964, for purposes of holding Motor Races.

It was

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

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received it is hereby agreed, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the roads described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 30th May, 1964, between the hours of 9.40 a.m. and 12 noon and between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. for the purpose of practice for and holding Motor Car Races:—

Portion of Road T.7 (Rathdrum/Arklow/Waterford) ...	0.2 Miles.
Portion of Road L.32 (Rathdrum/Aughrim) ...	0.3 Miles.
Link Road joining these roads from Corballis Cross	
Roads to intersection with Main Rathdrum/Ballinac-	
lash/Aughrim Road ...	0.2 Miles.

That we hereby authorise the holding of practice for and Motor Car Races on the roads while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application from J. Garrett Yates, Lipstown House, Narraghmore, Co. Kildare, for Closing of Road around Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 31st May, 1964, for purposes of Kart Race Meeting.

It was

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

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received it is hereby agreed, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the roads described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Sunday, 31st May, 1964, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of Kart Racing:—

Roads at Dunlavin being part Main Road 315 between National School and junction with Stephen Street—Length 200 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and Junction with Stephen Street—Length 100 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School—Length 120 yards.

We hereby authorise the holding of Kart Racing on these roads while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Letter from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., requesting co-operation on the occasion of their Annual Veteran and Vintage Car Run to be held on Saturday, 13th June, 1964.

The County Secretary stated that the Hon. Secretary, Veteran and Vintage Section, Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., had written to request the Council's co-operation on the occasion of their Annual Veteran and Vintage Car Run to be held on 13th June over the Wicklow Circuit on the same lines as in 1962. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the use of the roads for this purpose.

Item No. 7—Application for Permission to use Circus Field at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Dublin University Christian Union for the use of the "Circus Field" at Greystones for games on the 14th May, 1964. There appeared to be no objection to the application which had been granted last year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the "Circus Field" at Greystones being made available to the Dublin University Christian Union for the purpose of games on the afternoon of Saturday, 16th May, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application from Hon. Secretary, "Black Cat" Draw Committee, Castledermot, Co. Kildare, for Special Permit under Article 35 of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963, for Use of Car fitted with Public Address System Incorporating Loudspeaker.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of a special permit being issued to the "Black Cat" Draw Committee, Castledermot, Co. Kildare, authorising the use of a loudspeaker on vehicles used by the Committee in the County of Wicklow during the period 10th to 16th May, 1964, inclusive, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Letter from Albert Walk Traders' Association, Bray, regarding Traffic Arrangements at Albert Walk.

The Council decided to refer for consideration by Bray Urban District Council letter of 27th April, 1964, from the Albert Walk and District Traders' Association, regarding the "No Entry" sign at the entrance to Albert Ave., from the Strand Road and regarding the provision of a street pedestrian crossing on the Strand Road.

Item No. 10—Letter dated 21st April, 1964, from Dept. of Local Government, notifying Road Grants for 1964/65, together with Report and Recommendation of County Engineer.

A copy of the Department's letter, together with copy of the Report of the County Engineer and his recommendation in regard to the adjustment in Road Grants, had been circulated to the Members. The Council noted that the main Road Improvement Grant showed an increase of £13,200 to £52,700, but that the County Road Improvement Grant showed a reduction of £5,100 to £41,300. The Arterial Road Grant at £50,000 showed a reduction of £15,000. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., inquired whether and reason had been given for the reduction in the Arterial Road Grant and suggested that it might have been due to the Council's not having been able to spend the money allocated in the previous year. The County Manager stated that while no reason had been given he felt that the reduction in Grants was due to the amount of money from the Road Fund now being made available to Urban Authorities. Councillor H. J. Byrne, supported by Councillor J. Miley, expressed regret that the County Road Grants had been reduced. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miley the County Engineer stated that the number of miles of County Road unsurfaced in West Wicklow was seventy-five as compared with about thirty-five in each of the other districts.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer in his Report of the 28th April, 1964, in regard to the allocation of funds for Main and County Roads in each Engineering District.

That we request the Minister to allow at least the same amount for County Roads as in last year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Letter dated 8th April, 1964, from Department of Local Government regarding Planning of Road Improvement Schemes.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath,
8th April, 1964.

R.27/28/1.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 12th December, 1963, and previous correspondence, regarding the planning, etc., of road improvement schemes. As already indicated it is not possible to indicate in advance the amount of money which it will be possible to make available for particular roads in the years ahead. It is evident, however, that the primary traffic route in the county is the arterial road which runs from the boundary with County Dublin to Rathnew (T.7), Arklow (via Beehive) (L.29) and on to the boundary with Wexford (T.7). The formulation of schemes for the improvement to the appropriate standard of all sub-standard sections of this route should proceed without delay.

Other important main routes in the area the improvement of which claim a high priority under the Annual Main Road Improvement Grant include T.42 (Brittas/Baltinglass) and L.29 (Bray/Greystones). The claims of stretches of other main roads in need of attention should also be considered under the Annual Main Road Improvement and Main Road Upkeep Grants, with particular reference to sections which are known accident black spots.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,
P. O. CRIODHAIN.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., expressed disagreement with the view expressed by the Department that the road from Rathnew to Arklow via the Beehive carried more traffic and was of greater importance than the route from Rathnew via Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca and Woodenbridge to Arklow. He suggested that improvements were more necessary on the latter route, particularly between Woodenbridge and Arklow. He pointed out that improving this road would lessen the congestion in the Main Street in Arklow. Councillor P. McCarthy stated he would be sorry to see traffic being taken from the Main Street in Arklow and he felt business people would not wish this to happen, but he pointed out that the entrance to the new factory at Arklow would be on the Woodenbridge Road and that consequently that road required improvement. The Council agreed that the County Engineer should make provision for improvements on the section of Road T.7 between Rathdrum and Arklow. It was agreed also that the Department of Local Government be informed of the Council's views.

Item No. 12—Bridge at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a further Report in regard to the Bridge at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, in which he suggested that the structure could more properly be referred to as a culvert rather than a bridge. He stated that the original access "lane" or passage led direct to this culvert from the old Main Road before realignment and that in the course of the work being carried out for realignment of the road it was found necessary and in agreement with the landowner, Mr. White, to re-site the access land or passageway and at a greater slope than originally. As the lane approached the bridge or culvert at an awkward angle it was necessary at this time to adjust the entrance to the bridge slightly so that vehicles could more readily pass over to the houses on the opposite side of the stream. The County Engineer stated that the Assistant Engineer at the time, having consulted with the land owner, agreed to put a few pipes into the culvert. He stated that this work was of such a small nature that no plans of approval were necessary, nor was the approval of the County Manager sought. The culvert over the stream served its purpose until the present year when sudden and unprecedented flooding reached over and under the structure and demolished it. The County Engineer expressed the view that the Council should repair this "bridge" without prejudice and suggested that the matter be referred for advice to the Council's Solicitor. He felt that it was open to dispute as to whether the embankment laid down for the new Main Road alignment caused a restriction in the volume of water flowing down the valley and concentrated more than normal flow over and under the

culvert so as to unduly affect its structural stability. The County Manager stated that the work carried out previously was part of a Road Improvement Scheme and any money spent was out of a Road Grant. There was no expenditure from local Rates on any of the work done. In 1957 the Department of Local Government had indicated that they were dissatisfied with the excess expenditure on the Scheme for Road Improvement at Kilmacanogue and when details were obtained of the excess expenditure the construction of this bridge was one of the items included. The proposal to build a bridge was not approved by the Council or by the Department. Eventually the Scheme was accepted and the excess expenditure approved by the Department.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That repairs be carried out to bridge at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, subject to its being legally permissible to do so.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying increase in Agricultural Grant.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Balle Atha Cliath,
5th May, 1964.

C./218/38.

Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that it is intended to submit to the Oireachtas legislative proposals, on the lines indicated by the Minister for Finance when introducing his Budget to the Dail on 14th ultimo to amend the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, so as to vary the system of distribution of the agricultural grant for the current financial year and for 1965/66 and 1966/67. The changes which it is proposed to introduce in the basis of distribution of the grant are:—

- The primary allowance in relief of rates on land valuations up to £20, and on the first £20 of higher valuations, to be at the rate of 80% instead of 70%; and
- The supplementary allowance in relief of rates on land valuations over £20 to be at the rate of 30% instead of 25%. The total of the employment allowances and the supplementary allowance in any case will not exceed the rates on the land valuation over £20.

Demand notes in respect of the financial year 1964/65 may be prepared on the basis of reliefs being provided in accordance with the foregoing revisions.

Mise, le meas,

S. O'HANLON.

To each County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Demand Notes for the year 1964/65 were in course of preparation on the basis of the reliefs indicated. The Council noted the revised rates of allowances.

Item No. 14—Travelling and Subsistence Allowance for Members of Local Authorities—Letter of 29th April, 1964, from Department of Local Government indicating new Rates of Allowances.

A letter of 29th April, 1964, from Department of Local Government indicating new rates of allowances had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we note the terms of letter of 29th April, 1964, Ref.: G.9/63, from Department of Local Government and approve of the application of the revised rates of subsistence allowance with effect from 1st April, 1964. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost involved.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Revision of Salary Scales of Clerk-Typists, Staff Officers and County Accountant—Recommendations of Arbitrator and Conciliation Council.

The County Secretary stated that revised salary scales for Clerk-Typists and for Staff Officers and the County Accountant had been agreed under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers which had been approved by the Council. The revised salary scales were as follows:—

Clerk-/Typists—£340 x £20—£480 x £30—£600.

Staff Officers—£1,005 x £40—£1,325.

County Accountant—£1,325 x £45—£1,685.

All these scales were subject to a further increase of 12% under the "Ninth Round." The recommendations provided for the application of the revised salary scales from the 1st October, 1963.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered findings of Chairman of Arbitration Board we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following scale of salary for Clerk/Typists:
£340 x £20 — £480 x £30 — £600.

That having considered recommendations of Conciliation Council we approve of the application of the following scales for Staff Officers and for County Accountant, subject to the sanction of the Minister:

STAFF OFFICERS:

Existing Male and Female Officers—£1,005 x £40 — £1,325.

Future Female Appointees—£900 x £40 — £1,220.

County Accountant—£1,325 x £45 — £1,685.

We note that the revised salary scales are subject to an additional increase of 12% in accordance with the "Ninth Round" National Wages Agreement. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revised salary scales.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the revised salary scale for Clerical Officers had applied from the 1st April, 1963, and she considered that Clerk/Typists and the other members of the staff concerned should have their revised salaries also applied from that date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the revised scales be applied as from 1st April, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the revision of the salary scales had been arrived at through Arbitration and he did not know if the Council would have any power to go back on the decision taken since the recommendations had been accepted by both sides. The Council agreed, however, that the Council's Resolution be forwarded to the Minister.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Edward Byrne
—That this Council make representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a Public Telephone Kiosk in the Village of Killincarrig.

Councillor E. E. Byrne referred to the growth in housing and population in the village of Killincarrig over the past twenty-five to thirty years and stated that a lot of private building was going ahead in this area and he felt that the people were entitled to the facility and convenience of a public telephone kiosk there. He felt that in view of the population in the area a kiosk would more than pay its way.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk in the village of Killincarrig.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
—That I or someone for me will move that following areas in Rathnew Village—St. Bridget's Tce., St. Patrick's Tce., and Charvie Lane—Be provided with four Lights and also that Light be provided at Merrymount where there are forty-four Council houses with only one light and that Estimates be obtained from E.S.B. as to costs.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Haughton, the Council approved of estimates being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of the additional lights sought at Rathnew.

Item No. 18—Monastery Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the second lowest tenderer had now indicated that he was not prepared to proceed with a Contract for the laying of the watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry, and the County Engineer recommended the acceptance of the next lowest tender, being that of McMahon & Regan, Ltd., Building & Civil

Engineering Contractors, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Co. Dublin in the sum of £2,650 18s. 6d

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having noted that the lowest tenderer and the second lowest tenderer have indicated that they are not prepared to enter into a Contract for the laying of watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry, we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the next lowest tender, being that of Messrs. McMahon & Regan, Ltd., Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £2,650 18s. 6d. That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Windgates Water Supply.

The County Secretary submitted a Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer regarding the Meeting held at the Cliff Hotel, Windgates, on the 15th April, at which Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Department's Inspector attended. It was noted by the Members and the Department's Inspector that the local residents had decided to request the Council to carry out a Scheme and not proceed with a Group Scheme. Members of the Council informed the householders present that while the Council would assist in every way in having a water supply provided for the area it might be some years before this could materialise as there was a formidable list of water supplies awaiting construction which would have priority over Windgates. Furthermore, any Scheme to be carried out by the Council would have to be designed to ensure an adequate supply for existing needs and possibly for further development. Before a Scheme could be prepared it was essential that the Council be satisfied that the source of supply was adequate and this would involve investigating the existing supply over a period of years to ensure that there was sufficient water even during dry periods. It was indicated that there was the possibility that if the Templecarrig supply was utilised shortage of water might arise in exceptional dry periods. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that it was hoped that during the coming Summer an idea of the potentialities of this supply could be obtained and it was recommended that a flow meter be inserted in the supply main to ascertain the daily consumption at present over the system. There were thirty-five houses connected to the supply and this included three farms. The daily consumption of water was estimated at 10,500 gallons and if the additional twenty-two houses at Windgates were connected the total estimated demand was 15,000 g.p.d. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the Templecarrig source of supply was being kept under constant observation and as soon as a definite decision could be arrived at as to the limitations of the source a Report would be submitted. Councillor Hipwell stated that he understood that following the Meeting the residents had discussed the matter among themselves and had decided to continue with their Group Scheme. He suggested that the Council take no further action in the matter until this had been verified. The Council agreed to await a further communication from the residents.

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Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—
That the Council explore the possibility of providing water to eight families at Church Road and Doody's Bottoms, Donard.

The following Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.
County Secretary. 11th May, 1964.

Re: Water Supply—Church Road and Doody's Bottoms, Donard.
A Chara,

With reference to the proposal to supply water to the seven houses in this area it is proposed to utilise an existing well which has a very good spring, but as this well is approximately 40 feet below the house it will be necessary to pump.

Assuming that the water pumped to a fountain opposite the house is sufficient it is estimated that the cost of constructing a pump house around the well and installing an electric pump and laying 1" diameter pipe for 350 yards to fountain would cost £350.

There will, of course, be an annual maintenance charge for power and also for periodic inspections of pump, etc.

The existing water supply at Donard cannot be brought to these houses due to a hill intervening which rises above the T.W.L. of the Donard Supply Tank.

A boosting pump could, of course, be introduced into the existing main which would drive the water over the hill, but before an estimate could be submitted for this method a detailed investigation will have to be made to determine the most economical way of doing this, provided the existing supply is sufficient to supply seven more houses.

Mise, le meas,

R. L. FARRELL,
Chief Assistant County Engineer.
RLF/AD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a water supply to cottages at Church Road and Doody's Bottoms, Donard.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the matter of providing a gravity supply for the houses by pumping to a high level reservoir from the existing water supply at Donard be investigated.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—That Water and Sewerage be installed for the residents of Ashford.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he desired that the Council's Engineers submit a plan for a Scheme for Sewerage for Ashford. The County Secretary stated that there was a water supply in the area and that the County Medical Officer and the Council's Engineer had been asked to investigate the matter of a Sewerage Scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

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Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—
That Council put Cemetery attached to St. Colman's Hospital in decent condition.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Quigley the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that some years ago the Council had cleaned up the old Cemetery, but it had become partially overgrown again with long grass, briars and scrub. The surface was very uneven and an ordinary lawn-mower would not cope with the work, but when the Council's verge-cutter was in operation he would send it there and get the place mowed. Cutting by an ordinary scythe would take too long. The Council noted the action being taken on the matter.

Item No. 23—Improvements at Baltinglass Cemetery—To authorise Excess Expenditure in carrying out Improvements.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the carrying out of improvement works at Baltinglass Cemetery, as recommended by Assistant Co. Engineer in Report of 5th February, 1964, at an estimated cost of £150 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Letter dated 30th April, 1964, from Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., Wicklow, re Foreshore Protection.

The following letter from Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., was submitted:—

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS, LIMITED.

TMC/PO.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Murrough,

Wicklow.
30th April, 1964.

Re: Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., Wicklow—Foreshore Protection

Dear Sir,

Our factory at North Quay, Wicklow, is built on land leased from the Wicklow Urban District Council. Its northern boundary is exposed to the high seas that sweep in through the Harbour mouth when strong winds blow from the north east.

As a consequence, due to the absence of any protective works, the safety of the North Quay, the factory and the public thoroughfare which passes through it, has been jeopardised on a number of occasions in recent years. Indeed a most serious situation arose on 3rd December, 1963, when, during the course of a gale, the foreshore was washed away to within eight feet of one of our acid storage tanks.

The seriousness of this situation was brought to your notice in our letter of 4th September, 1963, in which we inquired if you would be prepared to provide such protective works as were necessary to safeguard our factory as a charge to public funds, the cost of these measures being estimated at that time to be about £6,000.

In your reply of 11th Sept., 1963, you informed us that your Council had no authority to execute such works, the Coast Protection Act, 1963, not having as at that time become law.

On receipt of your reply, and because of the threat to our factory, we decided to embark on the necessary protective works ourselves and this we did with the permission of your Council and of the other public and local bodies concerned. Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Council Engineer, acted as our Consultant for this project, and, under his direction and guidance, the works were satisfactorily completed on 14th February, 1964, at a cost of about £4,200.

We have always considered that the cost of this work should be met from public funds and now that the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has become law we would ask you, as the named promoting authority, to raise the matter through the prescribed channels so as to obtain a grant to reimburse Shamrock Fertilizers, Limited, for the expenditure incurred by them on this work.

We need scarcely emphasise again that the protective work carried out by Shamrock Fertilisers, Ltd., has safeguarded not only its own interests, but those of the Authority in which the ownership of the North Quay is vested, the Urban District Council who own the land and the public who use the thoroughfare passing through it.

We would remind you that there will be an annual recurring expenditure on the maintenance of this protective work and we presume that the cost of this will be met by the Wicklow County Council.

Your early attention to this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Shamrock Fertilizers, Limited,

T. M. Cullen.

c.c. Department of Transport and Power.

The Town Clerk, Wicklow.

The Harbour Master, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that it did not seem that the Council could give a Grant in this case because the work had been carried out some while ago. The Council agreed that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to whether the Council could take any action in regard to the matter.

Item No. 25—Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 12th December, 1963.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 12th December, 1963.

Item No. 26—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Loan of £1,580 from National Bank, Ltd., for purchase of Forestry Fire Pumps.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 16th April, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,580 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of Forestry Fire Pumps, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Loan of £15,000 from National Bank, Ltd., for Reconstruction of Arklow Bridge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 14th April, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £15,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the Reconstruction of Arklow Bridge, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Water Supply at Boghall Road, Bray.

Councillor Temple suggested that it would be desirable that a 4" pipe be provided to serve the houses at Boghall Road, Bray, rather than a 2" which he thought might not give sufficient supply to the houses. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the calculations showed that a 2" main would be ample for the demand which could be expected from this group of houses. It was agreed that the Engineer re-examine the matter and confirm if the 2" pipe was adequate.

Carrig Water Supply.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the proposed extension of the water supply from Lacken to Carrig and asked that this work be put in hands as soon as possible.

Rathdrum Road Sign.

Councillor Haughton again referred to the need for replacing the sign at the cross roads near Rathdrum indicating "Rathdrum."

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and C. Timmins—Requesting the Council to employ an extra Temporary Engineer to expedite the mapping of cottages for vesting.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the wall bounding the lands of John Grandy, Fairwood, Tinahely, situated at Boleybawn, be raised and put into proper repair.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantlin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

AGENDA:

1. To consider continuation of Schemes of Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses, Reconstruction and Repair of Dwellinghouses and for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities for a further year to 31st March 1965.
2. Application of Mr. Norman Walker, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, for Reconstruction Grants in respect of cottages at Annacrivey.
3. Application for approval to sale of vested cottage at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.
4. To consider Notice of Motion—That owing to the serious need for housing accommodation in Tinahely that the Council take immediate action with regard to the provision of ten cottages in Tinahely (names of applicants submitted).
5. Letter addressed to Chairman of Council by Mr. P. Rourke, Macreddin Road, Aughrim, requesting provision of three houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, for applicants (names submitted).
6. Application for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of house at Drummin East, Delgany.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council employ an extra Temporary Engineer to expedite the mapping of cottages for vesting.
9. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of May, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of June, 1964.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of Mr. Bert Reilly who had been an employee of the Council at Wicklow for many years. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Edward Byrne on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. John Cavanagh. The County Secretary asked that the County Manager, himself and the staff be associated with the Resolutions of Sympathy.

Claim For Overtime.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the matter of a claim which had been made by the late Mr. Bert Reilly and a Mr. Doyle for overtime and asked that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Position of Acting County Engineer.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that a recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commissioners in regard to the position of County Engineer and the person recommended had been asked to say when he would be available to take up duty. The Council asked that the position of Acting County Engineer be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Public Lighting at Aughrim.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 28th May, 1964, from the Electricity Supply Board in which it was stated that in 1962 it was agreed that to eliminate the delay necessarily involved in having to issue a written order to replace a failed lamp the Council would honour verbal orders given to the Board's staff.

It was stated that this arrangement had worked satisfactorily in most places, but that some confusion remained regarding who had authority to request replacements, whether certain failures were reported and when. The E.S.B. suggested that a Meeting be arranged between representatives of the Council and of the Board on any day of the week commencing Monday, 15th June, 1964. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, and the County Secretary would meet representatives of the E.S.B. at Wicklow or Rathdrum on a date agreed with E.S.B. and that a Report be submitted to the Council subsequently.

Item No. 1.—Continuation of Schemes of Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses, Reconstruction and Repair of Dwellinghouses and for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities for a Further Year to 31st March, 1965.

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for the continuation of these Schemes for a further year. To date Loans to an amount of £119,800 had been raised by the Council and the number of Grants allocated to date were as follows:—

		Amount
Grants for Reconstruction of Houses	1,037	£99,697
Grants for New Houses	39	£6,855
Grants for Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities	385	£16,061
The number of Grants paid to date and the amount thereof were as follows:—		
Reconstruction of Houses	924	£90,557
New Houses	33	£5,405
Water Supply and Sewerage	384	£16,090

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmons.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the continuing for a further year to 31st March, 1965, of the Schemes for the making of (1) Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses, (2) Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction and Repair of Dwellinghouses, and (3) Supplementary Grants for the Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Application of Mr. Norman Walker, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, for Reconstruction Grants in Respect of Cottages at Annacrivey.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Walker had reconstructed two cottages on his farm at Annacrivey and had been paid a State Grant of £46 in respect of one and £72 in respect of another. In both cases the floor area was less than 500 sq. ft. In the case of one cottage it was 398½ sq. ft. and in the case of the other 310½ sq. ft. The Council's Scheme required that a dwelling be at least 500 sq. ft. in floor area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That having noted Report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants of £46 and £72 to Mr. Norman Walker, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, in respect of the reconstruction of cottages at Annacrivey.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Application for Approval to Sale of Vested Cottage at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Council considered the application of Miss Mary T. McCarthy, daughter of Timothy McCarthy (deceased), for permission to dispose of her interest in cottage No. 349/6 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, of which her father, Timothy McCarthy, had been tenant-purchaser. Miss McCarthy had taken out Letters of Administration to the Estate of her deceased father. It was proposed to dispose of the cottage to Mr. Patrick Doyle, 32 O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy. Mr. Doyle was married, had four children and had resided in the Newtown district all his life. Miss McCarthy lived in Dublin with her sister and her brother; the only other member of the family was abroad.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Miss Mary T. McCarthy, Administratrix of the Estate of the late Timothy McCarthy, to dispose of her interest in cottage No. 349/6 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, to Mr. Patrick Doyle, 32, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—To Consider the Following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Alan H. Hadden—That Owing to the Serious Need for Housing Accommodation in Tinahely that this Council take Immediate Action with regard to the Provision of (10) Ten Cottages in Tinahely. Names of Applicants Submitted: 1, Francis Byrne, Kevin Street, Tinahely; 2, Michael Byrne, Barton Street, Tinahely; 3, Patrick Keogh, Kevin Street, Tinahely; 4, Patrick O'Toole, Lugduff, Tinahely; 5, James Grace, Knockatom-coyle, Tinahely; 6, James Doran, Ballyrahan, Tinahely; 7, Michael O'Toole, Railway Terrace, Tinahely; 8, George Barnes, Railway Terrace, Tinahely; 9, Liam Downes, Tinahely; 10, Not Available Yet.

The County Secretary stated that Application Forms for provision of cottages had been sent to each of the persons listed, but only five had been returned so far. These had been received from Messrs. Francis Byrne, Kevin Street, Michael Byrne, Barton Street, James Doran, Ballyrahan, Michael O'Toole, Railway Terrace, Lugduff, and George Barnes, Lugduff. The Forms had been sent to the Chief Medical Officer who had been asked to report on the present housing accommodation of each applicant. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 5.—Letter Addressed to Chairman of Council by Mr. P. Rourke, Macreddin Road, Aughrim, Requesting Provision of Three Houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, for Applicants.

The County Secretary stated that the names supplied by Mr. O'Rourke were as follows:—

Samuel McCauley, Kilmagig, Avoca.

Patrick McDaid, Ballyarthur, Avoca.

J. Kearns, c/o Mrs. Julia Byrne, Tigroney, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that Application Forms would be sent to these persons and the County Medical Officer would be asked to report on their housing needs.

Item No. 6.—Application for Loan Under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of House at Drummin East, Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Thomas Hayden, Drummin East, Delgany, for a Loan of £2,100 in respect of the erection of a house at Drummin East. Mr. Hayden was in permanent employment as a spray-painter and his earnings for the current year were estimated at £725. It appeared that Mr. Hayden would be eligible for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of the house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,800 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Loans Scheme to Mr. Thos. Hayden, Drummin East, Delgany, in respect of the erection of a new house at Drummin East.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The Council noted that there were no refusals of permission to report in respect of the previous month.

Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council Employ an Extra Temporary Engineer to Expedite the Mapping of Cottages for Vesting.

Councillor O'Neill referred to discussions at previous Meetings regarding arrangements for the mapping of cottage plots in order to complete arrangements for vesting and urged that an extra Temporary Engineer be engaged for this purpose. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer considered that it would be most difficult to recruit a qualified Engineer for this purpose alone and that at present it was difficult to find Engineers for any purpose. The County Secretary stated that a proposal received from two Third-Year Engineering Students to carry out the work of mapping cottages for vesting on the basis of payment per site mapped, the payment to cover remuneration and travelling expenses, had been accepted and approved by the Department. The Students estimated that they would be able to prepare about 400 maps during the Summer holidays. Similar arrangements had been made with two other Students, but the County Engineer informed the Meeting that the other Students had not a car available and consequently would not be able to undertake the work. It was suggested by Members of the Council that the other Students might be engaged to prepare maps for cottages which would be convenient to public transport.

Item No. 9.—Repairs Carried Out to Cottages During Month of May, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of June, 1964.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of May and of those to be repaired during the month of June, 1964.

Vested Cottages—Proposed Purchase by Council and Proposed Transfers by Tenant-Purchasers of Portions of Plots Attached to Vested Cottages.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple, the County Secretary stated that the following reply had been received from the Department of Local Government to the representations made by the Council at the previous Meeting in regard to vested cottages:—

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TEACH AN CHUSTAIM,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH 1.
29th May, 1964.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.
Ref: Hsg. Admn.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of 21st April and 6th May regarding vested cottages and to state that the matters raised are being considered in connection with the new Housing Bill.

As regards the subdivision of vested cottage plots I am to add that where housing authorities have, subject to section 23 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, suspended the statutory condition relating to subdivision of cottage plots to enable a second dwelling to be erected on a vested plot, by themselves or by private persons, the Minister has raised no objection to the proposals.

Mise, le meas,
T. CLARKE.

The County Secretary stated that in the cases referred to by Councillor Temple Draft Resolutions could be prepared for submission to the next Meeting of the Council in order to seek the sanction of the Minister to the suspension of the statutory condition prohibiting the sub-division of cottage plots. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

Provision of Housing in Bray Area.

Councillor Temple referred to request made at a previous Meeting of the Council for the carrying out of a survey of the area around Bray with a view to finding suitable sites for development for housing and inquired if any Report was available. The County Manager stated that he had been giving this matter personal attention and that the area which could be served by the proposed Joint Sewerage Scheme being arranged by the Council and by Bray Urban District Council had been determined provisionally. The Consultants were proceeding with the carrying out of the necessary tests with a view to completing their Report. The County Manager pointed out that if the sewerage services were being extended to serve lands not previously served it would be reasonable that a development charge be made on the owners of the lands benefitting from the provision of this service. The Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would meet at an early date to discuss the matter of the provision of houses and development of sites for housing in the vicinity of Bray.

Boghall Water Supply.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple the County Secretary stated that tenders had been received for the water supply at Boghall and had been opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Council and that a Report of the County Engineer in regard to the tenders would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Laragh Housing Scheme.

In reply to Councillor R. Miley the County Secretary stated that the Contract for the erection of houses at Laragh had been signed and the Contractor was commencing work on that date.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over road at the Banks, Manor Kilbride, now constructed as a public road.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that this Council provide a dumping ground at Dunlavin and that the refuse be collected one day per week.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council condemn as unfit for human habitation the cottage occupied by Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim. Furthermore, that Engineer be asked to make arrangements to acquire site at opposite side of road, if possible.

In the name of Councillor M. Deering—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting of the Council that extra houses be provided in Dunlavin.

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory—I hereby give notice that at next Meeting I shall move that land be acquired to provide at least ten houses in Newtownmountkenedy area; also that land be acquired sufficient for the erection of ten houses for private persons; also that land be acquired for the provision of five houses in Ashford area; and that Report be submitted at August Meeting as to progress made.

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—That in view of the recent increase in the cost of living that the question of differential rents be reconsidered.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th and 23rd March and 6th April, 1964.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1964.
3. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.
4. Contribution to Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., and nomination of representative and Director.
5. Recommendations of Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee re filling of vacancies on Committee.
6. Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club for closing of road at Altidore for Hill Climb on 27th June, 1964.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That Council provide a Car Park near Barniskey Church, Redcross, for convenience of parishioners, as over forty cars are left on public road on Sundays. Mr. Hall is prepared to give free to Council land the width of road, provided the Council will fence same.
8. Application from Glenealy Hall Committee for provision of parking facilities for Hall and Graveyard.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over road at the Banks, Manor Kilbride, now constructed as a public road.
10. Acting County Engineer.
11. Application of employees at Council Yard, Wicklow, for overtime—Report of County Engineer.
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23. Report on claim for loss of bullock at Kilcavan, Carnew.
24. Letter from County Councils' General Council re Motion in regard to allowing of discount for early payment of rates.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th April, 1964, had been received and circulated to the Members subsequent to the issue of the Agenda.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th and 23rd March, 6th and 13th April, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor McCarthy regarding an application from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for a revision of remuneration of Rate Collectors the County Manager pointed out that applications for revision of remuneration had been submitted in respect of many grades of officers and that these were being dealt with in due order through the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration which had been approved by the Council. There were applications awaiting decision in respect of many other grades of officers other than Rate Collectors and these applications had been received prior to that in respect of Rate Collectors. The application on behalf of Rate Collectors would be dealt with in due course.

Mental Hospital Staff.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager stated that advertisements had been issued by the Local Appointments Commission inviting applications for senior medical and nursing posts for the new Mental Hospital at Newcastle. Plans for alterations to the buildings had been prepared by Mr. V. Kelly, Consultant Architect, and were being examined by the Department of Health. It was felt by the Department that it would be desirable that the views of the R.M.S., when appointed, be obtained in regard

to any proposed alterations and also that his views be available in relation to the recruitment of other staff. Applications would be invited by public advertisement for the filling of any posts on the staff.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1964, shall not exceed £100,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To fix Date for Annual Meeting of Council.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, the 29th June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m. as the date and time for Annual Meeting of the Council for the year 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Contribution to Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., and Nomination of Representative and Director.

The County Secretary stated that the Secretary to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., had requested that the Council formally nominate a Director to the Company and also confirm their agreement to the contribution of a sum of not less than £500 in respect of the current financial year. The Council had already provided in the Estimates the sum of £500 for tourism.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 11th May, 1964, from the Secretary to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., we approve of the payment of the tourist contribution of £500 for the year 1964/65 to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd. We hereby nominate Councillor J. J. McCrea as a Director to the Organisation and also as a representative of the Council at the General Meeting to be held on the 16th June, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Recommendations of Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee re Filling of Vacancies on Committee.

Having considered recommendations of the Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee as conveyed in letter of 15th May, 1964, from the Clerk of the Sub-Committee,

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor Mark Deering, Milltown, Dunlavin, to be a member of the Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. M. O'Kelly, The Grove, Hollywood. That we hereby appoint the Rev. R. A. Warke, Dunlavin, as a member of Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of the Rev. J.S.C. Stronge, The Rectory, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club for Closing of Road at Altidore for Hill Climb on 27th June, 1964.

The County Secretary stated that the usual public notices had been issued and no objections had been received. The Council had agreed to the closing of this road for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb in previous years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 27th June, 1964, between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove-Ballinastoe Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
—That Council provide a Car Park near Barniskey Church, Redcross, for convenience of parishioners, as over forty cars are left on public road on Sundays. Mr. Hall is prepared to give free to Council land the width of road provided the Council will fence same.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had called on Mr. Hall and that Mr. Hall had informed him that he had not previously heard of the proposal that he grant a free site to the Council for the purposes of a Car Park and that he would consider the matter. The Assistant County Engineer stated that Mr. Hall had already given a site for a new School at this place and it might be that the parish could provide a Car Park in part of the school grounds. It was agreed that a further Report on the matter be obtained.

Item No. 8—Application from Glenealy Hall Committee for provision of Parking Facilities for Hall and Graveyard.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Glenealy Hall Committee stating that due to the turn of the road at the Hall parking facilities were almost non-existent. Similarly there were no parking facilities at the Graveyard directly opposite the Hall. In recent years there had been a complete stoppage of traffic on the road while funerals took place. The Committee was anxious to provide parking at the Hall and stated that this would also facilitate motor-

ists attending funerals. These facilities could be provided if the piece of ground in front of the Hall was developed. The Committee was prepared to offer this ground to the Council and, if necessary, offer a Grant of £20 towards this end as well. The County Engineer had been asked for a Report on the matter, but the Report was not yet available. The Council noted that a Report would be submitted.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over Road at the Banks, Manor Kilbride, now constructed as a public road.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the Meeting on the 10th February, 1964, when a Report of the County Engineer on the matter had been submitted. It was stated in the Report that there was no widening or levelling required on the road and that the drainage was good and that it had been extensively treated with sand/gravel by the owners of an adjoining sand pit. The road would be useful in so far as it would provide a shorter line to the Main Sallygap Road from Kilbride. It was stated also that the sand pit owner would undertake to provide sand and gravel free of cost for any small additional levelling necessary prior to tar surface dressing. The cost of the tar surface dressing for the first year was given as £600. The Council at that Meeting had referred the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for the current year. The County Secretary stated that the matter had been raised at the Meeting of the Members for the Baltinglass Area when considering the Road Works Programme, but that no provision had been made in the Scheme for tar surface dressing of the road. There were four houses along the road. Councillor J. Miley stated that no work would be required on the road in the current financial year and that consequently there should be no objection to the Council's taking it over. Councillor Timmins stated that while not opposing the proposal to take over the road he felt that a Report should be available as to the present condition of the road and as to whether any works would be necessary on it in the present year. It was agreed to defer the matter and obtain an up-to-date Report on the condition of the road and have the matter further considered by the Members of the Council for the Area.

Item No. 10—Acting County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. T. J. Donovan, at present County Engineer, Roscommon, had been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for the position of County Engineer, Wicklow, and had indicated that he would be available to take up duty on the 1st September, 1964. It was intended accordingly to continue the temporary employment, in an unestablished capacity, of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne as Acting Engineer until the taking up duty by Mr. Donovan. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 11—Application of Employees at Council Yard, Wicklow, for Overtime—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked for a further Report in regard to the application for overtime of the late Mr. B. O'Reilly and Mr. J. Doyle, employed at the Yard at Wicklow, but that the Report had only just been handed in and there had not been time to consider it. The County Secretary stated

that the employees concerned were employed in the Wicklow Urban District Area and consequently received remuneration at the same rate as that paid to Urban District Council employees and worked similar hours to these employees. A 45-hour week was applied to County Council workers as from 3rd November, 1961, but did not apply to Urban Council workers until 1st April, 1962. The claim for overtime was made in respect of the period November, 1961, to June, 1962. As any payment made would be subject to review at Audit it would be necessary to ensure before payment was made that the Council was in order in paying overtime in the particular circumstances. Councillor McCarthy referred to letter of 30th April, 1962, addressed by the County Engineer to the County Secretary conveying the County Engineer's recommendation on the matter and stated that he felt that these workers were entitled to payment of overtime. The Council noted that the further Report of the County Engineer would be considered.

Item No. 12—To Affix Seal of Council to Mortgage for Loan of £8,070 for Purchase of Equipment for Snow Clearance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 30th April, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £8,070 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of equipment for snow clearance, to be repaid within seven years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—To Affix Seal of Council to Mortgage for Loan of £3,376 for Purchase of Fire Appliances for Tinahely and Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 25th day of March, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £3,376 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of Fire Appliances for Tinahely and Blessington Fire Stations, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Fire Protection Standards—Letter from Department of Local Government forwarding Revised Standards and Report of Chief Fire Officer.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 20th May, 1964, from the Department of Local Government forwarding revised Fire Protection Standards for public buildings and institutions and indicating that the

Minister desired that immediate steps be taken to spotlight attention on the necessity for protective measures, especially in the case of institutions, hotels, and other buildings providing substantial dormitory accommodation. It was requested also that the fullest local publicity be given to the revised Standards and in particular that persons responsible for the safety of buildings which provided dormitory accommodation or which housed large numbers be made fully aware of the Standards necessary to ensure a reasonable degree of safety in these buildings. It was stated also that the Minister considered the time opportune for the making of an up-to-date survey of all buildings whose condition or use could be regarded as constituting a special fire hazard. It was asked that appropriate action be taken in relation to such buildings and where necessary owners be compelled to refrain from using them altogether or until effective fire protection measures had been put into force to render the buildings reasonably safe. In particular it was stated that action be taken in regard to buildings in which children were accommodated in large numbers and that persons in charge of such buildings should have their attention directed to the requirements of the Standards covering evacuation procedures and a regular system of fire drills. The Department asked for a Report on the action taken by the Council to be submitted not later than 31st July, 1964. The Chief Fire Officer had reported in regard to the Standards and had drawn attention to certain of the clauses in the Standards which he felt required clarification. He expressed the view that he doubted if any single hotel, boarding-school, public building or hospital would comply with the new Standards and indicated that the survey required of all premises with dormitory accommodation would take some while to complete without assistance. The County Manager stated that the revised Standards were mainly concerned with the provision of better means of escape from fires and the provision of further safeguards. The Chief Fire Officer had already carried out a series of inspections in the Bray Urban District and a number of notices had been issued to owners of buildings in the area asking them to carry out further precautions by way of providing means of escape and additional fire extinguishers, etc. The requirements under the revised Standards were stringent and Local Authorities had to comply with them. Councillor Haughton referred to a fire which had occurred in the chimney of the boilerhouse at St. Kevin's, Rathdrum, and also asked that a Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer as to the number of night staff which he would consider necessary for St. Colman's Hospital. He considered that the present arrangements might not be satisfactory. The County Manager stated that a fire had occurred at St. Kevin's and that repairs had been carried out. The County Medical Officer had been asked for his views regarding the staffing at night time of St. Colman's Hospital. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and Report of the Chief Fire Officer in regard to the revised Fire Standards.

Item No. 15—Salary Scale for Clerical Officers—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government regarding a salary scale for Clerical Officers had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

E.L.5/64.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,

Teach an Chustaim,

Baile Atha Cliath.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer

to recent developments in connection with the salary scale for Clerical Officers. A number of enquiries have been received from Local Authorities as to the appropriate scale to be applied to future appointees to the Clerical Officer Grade. In this connection I am to state that the Minister is prepared to sanction the following scale for Clerical Officers appointed from forthcoming competitions:—

£400 x £35—£1,000 plus an annual allowance on marriage of £125 a year. The marriage allowance is payable to male officers as from the date of marriage and is additional to the scale. Thus at the maximum a married male Clerical Officer would be in receipt of £1,000 plus marriage allowance of £125. Marriage increments are not payable.

Where the salary scale £390 x £34—£560 x £56—£616 x £39—£1,084 x £41—£1,125 (inclusive of the 9th Round Increase) is payable to existing Clerical Officers it may, if the local authority so desire, be paid to officers to be appointed from existing competition panels where appointments have already been made from such panels and the appointees are in receipt of the scale £390—£1,125.

Existing Clerical Officers may be allowed at any time to opt for the scale £400 x £35—£1,000 plus marriage allowance where appropriate, and should be placed on the new scale at the point representing the same number of increments on that scale as had accrued to them on their existing scale. For this purpose, however, extra increments payable on marriage should be disregarded. Thus a married Clerical Officer who is being assimilated to the scale £400 x £35—£1,000 should enter that scale at a point corresponding to the point he would have reached on his existing scale if he had not married.

In regard to recruitment to the grade of Clerical Officer, the Minister considers that more advance publicity should be given to competitions being held by local authorities. In this connection it is recommended that the Manager or some other senior officer of the local authority should contact the authorities of local Secondary and Vocational Schools with a view to bringing to the notice of pupils of suitable age and standard details of future competitions for Clerical Officers. If permission of the school authorities is obtained, Managers should consider arranging that talks combined with question and answer sessions be given in the various schools with a view to stimulating recruitment of young persons to the service of local government. It is desirable that senior pupils of Secondary and Vocational Schools should be aware of the fact that entry to the service of local authorities is by way of open public competition and that the local service affords an interesting and rewarding career with opportunities for advancement to senior positions. The Minister desires that local authorities should arrange a programme on the foregoing lines and in that way ensure that the best possible type of recruit is attracted to the service of local authorities. Local authorities may, of course, avail themselves of any other suitable opportunities of publicising recruitment to the grade that may arise from time to time.

Consideration should be given to the need for publicising competitions for Clerk-Typists. Local Authorities may find that a regular planned programme of publicity conducted locally will yield results in continuing to attract to the grade of Clerk-Typist suitable condi-

dates of high standard.

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D. TURPIN.

To the Secretary or Clerk of each Local Authority.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 26th May, 1964, Ref.: E.L.5/64, from Department of Local Government, we approve of the application of the revised salary scales and allowances for Clerical Officers as set out in the letter.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Jubilee Nursing Association—Contributions by Council.

The County Secretary submitted letters received from the Grey-stones and Delgany District Nursing Association and from the Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association in regard to the possibility of the closing down of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. The County Secretary stated that there were six District Nursing Associations operating in County Wicklow and particulars of the Grants paid by the Council to the Associations were given. The Minister for Health in a letter of 5th November, 1957, had conveyed the sanction of the Minister to the payment of a total annual grant not exceeding 75% of its total annual expenditure to a District Nursing Association where the Council was satisfied that the Nursing Association continued to make reasonable efforts to raise funds and was providing the appropriate services for the Health Authority. The present Grants expressed as percentages of the District Nursing Associations' expenditure ranged from 33% to 63%. The County Secretary stated that it was felt that the Council would agree that the District Nursing Associations were providing a valuable service and that the Council would wish to continue to assist this service by the payment of increased Grants, where necessary, in order to ensure their continuance. Members of the Council spoke regarding their experience of the District Nursing Associations in their areas and agreed that the Nursing Associations were providing a very valuable service and should be assisted to continue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered Report in regard to the Jubilee Nursing Associations in County Wicklow we approve of the payment by the Council of annual Grants to the existing District Nursing Associations within the limits sanctioned by the Minister for Health and subject to the conditions indicated by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 17—FUEL FOR ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL—LETTER FROM BORD NA MONA.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 6th May, 1964, from Bord Na Mona in regard to the use of coal at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and expressing regret that coal should be purchased instead of turf for the heating of the Institution. The Board asked that the decision to use coal be reconsidered. It was suggested by the Board

that a substantial saving in fuel costs could be achieved by arranging for direct deliveries of machined turf as required. The County Secretary stated that following an inspection of fuel at St. Colman's Hospital by a Committee of the Council last year, the Committee had recommended that coal be used in the open fires and in the boilers at St. Colman's Hospital to provide a better standard of heating than had applied previously. The County Accountant pointed out that the use of coal instead of turf produced by the Council had effected a reduction in the costs of fuel for St. Colman's Hospital in the current year. Councillor Miley inquired regarding the use of turf from Ballinagee Bog, and the County Secretary stated that turf from Ballinagee Bog was being used for Baltinglass Hospital. Councillor Miley suggested that by adopting a more efficient Scheme for the production of turf at Ballinagee it should be possible to reduce the cost of the turf. The County Manager stated that the costs of turf from Ballinagee Bog had worked out at £4 8s. 0d. a ton, delivered, and that the turf was not of very good quality. Councillor Temple referred to an inspection of the turf at Baltinglass Hospital by the Committee of the Council in the previous year, and stated that there could be no comparison between the turf being produced at Ballinagee and that which could be purchased from Bord Na Mona. He felt that the Council had been influenced by the matter of providing some local employment in recommending the continued use of turf from Ballinagee Bog. The Council noted the position in the matter.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO ADMINISTRATION BLOCK AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Bermingham, Temporary County Architect, had prepared a Plan which was submitted to the Council, for carrying out alterations to the Administration Block at St. Colman's Hospital which would shortly be vacated when the staff were transferred to the new Offices at Wicklow. The Plans provided for making available six bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, livingroom and diningroom on the first floor of the Block and this would accommodate Nursing Staff at present accommodated in the main building. The County Secretary stated that the County Manager and himself had been asked to attend at the Department of Health during that week to discuss proposed alterations and reconstruction of St. Colman's Hospital. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that improvements and reconstruction at St. Colman's Hospital was very much needed. He understood that the Minister for Health was anxious to have works put in hand generally to improve the standards of County Homes. The County Manager stated that the Council over several years had been carrying out work at St. Colman's to provide improvements in the accommodation at the Hospital. He agreed that much more still required to be done. The County Manager pointed out that following the War the first item which required attention was the matter of treatment of tuberculosis, and consequently work on improvement of County Homes had had to be deferred. The major problem in St. Colman's Hospital was the matter of heating and sanitary services. The Council's Architect some years ago had submitted Plans for improvement of the building and these had been approved by the Council and submitted to the Department, but it had not been possible to proceed with them at that time. Subsequently when it was found that Newcastle Hospital would be coming available for use for some other purpose, some Members of the Council had felt that it might be suitable for use as a County Home which nowadays was in fact a Home for Old People. It had now been decided, however, to use Newcastle Hospital for the purposes of a Mental Hospital. The proposal now submitted to the Council would provide alternative accommodation

for Nursing Staff and would make available more room in the main building for patients. The County Manager stated that the number of patients maintained in St. Colman's Hospital had shown a reduction in recent years, and whereas at one time there were up to 250 patients in the Hospital the numbers recently had fallen to about 180. The Council approved in principle of the proposal and noted that a further Report would be submitted in regard to improvements generally at St. Colman's Hospital following the discussions with officers of the Department of Health.

ITEM NO. 18—PROPOSED COAST PROTECTION SCHEME AT BALLYGANNON, KILCOOLE—TO GIVE UNDERTAKING REQUIRED BY SECTION 3, COAST PROTECTION ACT, 1963.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council, as promoting authority for the Coast Protection Scheme at Ballygannon, near Kilcoole, County Wicklow, hereby undertake that if after the carrying out by the Commissioners of Public Works of a preliminary examination of the encroachment of the sea the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph 'A' of Subsection 1 of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or the Council, as promoting authority, makes a declaration under Paragraph 'A' of Subsection 1 of Section 5 of the Act, the Council, as promoting authority, will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a Notice under Subsection 1 of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has been served.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 19—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR BOGHALL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer, we hereby approve of the acceptance of the tender of John Butler in the sum of £2,851 15s. 0d. for the Water Supply Scheme at Boghall and authorise the borrowing of the sum of £3,100 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Corporation of Dublin had approved of Plans for the extension, but an application had not yet been submitted for the connection to the main. Having regard to the recent correspondence with the Corporation of Dublin in regard to water supplies in the North-Eastern part of the County there might be difficulty in obtaining the agreement of the Corporation to the connection, but since the Plans had already been approved it was presumed that no objection would arise. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 20—ESTIMATE OF COST OF EXTENSION OF RATHNEW WATER SUPPLY TO MILLTOWN NORTH, MILLTOWN SOUTH, AND BALLINABARNEY.

The County Secretary submitted Plans and Specification and Estimate of Cost received from the County Engineer in respect of the

extension of Rathnew water supply to Milltown North, Milltown South and Ballinabarney. The cost of the work was estimated at £4,900. If the Council approved a copy of the documents would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. Members of the Council raised the matter of the supply of houses between Rathnew and Glenealy, and the County Secretary stated that the Plans submitted did not provide for any extension of the main from the junction of Brickfield Lane on the Rathnew/Glenealy Road towards Glenealy. The Council asked that an estimate of cost and a Report be submitted for providing an extension along the Rathnew/Glenealy Road as far as the point served from the Glenealy water supply so as to provide a service for all houses on this road. It was agreed that in the meantime the Plans prepared be forwarded to the Department of Local Government for examination.

**ITEM NO. 21—CARRIGOONA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME—
LETTER FROM CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.**

The County Secretary stated that the Corporation of Dublin had informed the Council that the Corporation was willing to grant a connection for a Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona to the Council, provided that the Council would then be responsible for the maintenance of the Scheme and payment of accounts for water consumed, and on the condition that the Council would provide a water supply themselves within five years to supply the Scheme. It was stated in the letter that the City Engineer had indicated that he was not in a position to recommend that any further additional supply be given in County Wicklow. The Committee which was submitting the Scheme at Carrigoona had written to say that at a recent Meeting at which Members of the Council for the Area had attended, it was learned that an extension of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme to Kilmacanogue had been proposed by the Council and that it would be possible to connect the Carrigoona Scheme to a Scheme provided from Enniskerry. They asked that the Council agree to accept the Corporation's terms for the making of a connection to serve the Scheme. The County Secretary stated that a further letter had been received from the Corporation of Dublin dated the 1st June in which reference was made to the correspondence regarding the Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme and also the Council's application for a water supply for Newcastle, and it was stated that the Corporation was not in a position to increase the water supply to Wicklow from its existing sources. The letter also stated that the Corporation was at present, in conjunction with the Dublin County Council, considering the possibility of exploiting other sources of supply. One of the possible sources mentioned by the City Engineer was Lough Dan, and as this source of supply was in the area under the control of the Council regard would have to be had to the requirements and development proposals of the County Council in its exploitation. It was stated that any proposals which the Corporation might have for the development of that source would be long-term and would not assist in meeting the immediate requirements of the Council. The Corporation asked if arrangements could be made to discuss the matter at an early date. The County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for a discussion with the Corporation on the matter. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that now that Dublin Corporation had indicated that they could no longer provide water connections for North Wicklow, it would be necessary for the Council to embark on a new Water Supply Scheme and he felt that the Council should consider bringing a supply of water from Lough Dan. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that having regard to the continued development of Bray and

the area adjoining it, it would be necessary for the Council to find another source for water supply in the area. Councillor Temple asked for a Report in regard to the possibility of extending the Enniskerry supply in order to enable the Council to meet the requirements of the Corporation for making a supply available for the Carrigoona Scheme. The County Secretary submitted a Report of Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, of the 2nd June, 1964, in which he indicated alternative arrangements for providing extensions from the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme to the Kilmacanogue area from which a supply might be given to Carrigoona. He pointed out, however, that since most of the houses in the Carrigoona Scheme were at a very high level, it would be necessary to pump from the Council's main to a service reservoir in either case. The cost of extending the present 4" diameter main from Cookstown Lane to the Carrigoona Scheme was estimated at about £7,100, and this main could be extended further to Kilmacanogue and could take over the supply for houses at present connected to the Dublin Corporation mains. The alternative proposal for bringing a main from the Golden Gates, Enniskerry, via Ballybawn, would cost about £16,000 and would serve 77 houses, including the houses around Ballybawn and the group at Carrigoona. The total output from the Enniskerry works was 120,000 g.p.d. and the present demand at Enniskerry was approximately 40,000 g.p.d. The proposed extensions would increase the demand by about 16,000 g.p.d. and consequently the total demand would still be well within the present output of the Enniskerry works. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, the Council approved in principle of the recommendations made in the Report submitted by the Chief Assistant County Engineer and agreed that the matter be discussed with the Corporation of Dublin at the Meeting to be arranged.

**ITEM NO. 22—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR
EDWARD BYRNE—THAT OWING TO THE INADEQUACY
OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND THE HARDSHIP EN-
COUNTERED BY THE TENANTS OF COTTAGES IN THE
AREA OF WILLOG GROVE THAT A REPORT BE SUB-
MITTED AT AN EARLY DATE TO THIS COUNCIL.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked for a Report on the matter, but it was not yet available. Councillor Edward Byrne asked that the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that a full Report be available for the Meeting.

**ITEM NO. 23—REPORT ON CLAIM FOR LOSS OF BULLOCK AT
KILCAVAN, CARNEW.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Council's reservoir and filter beds were on the lands of Mr. James Byrne, Kilcavan, Carnew, and that recently two of Mr. Byrne's bullocks had got into the reservoir and one had been drowned. He stated that this had happened due to the gate being open. He felt that the Council had a responsibility in the matter and that compensation should be paid to the owner. The County Secretary stated that the facts had been reported to the Council's Insurers who had indicated that the Council had no liability in the matter and consequently the Council was not in a position to pay compensation. The County Manager pointed out that it was a well recognised principle that fencing was carried out for the purpose of keeping in and not keeping

out. Councillor Haughton suggested that the Council might write to the Insurance Company pointing out their views in the matter and asking if an ex gratia payment could be made in the circumstances. It was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Insurance Company accordingly.

ITEM NO. 24—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL RE MOTION IN REGARD TO ALLOWING OF DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF RATES.

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

National Bank Chambers,
1/2, Cavendish Row,
Dublin 1.
13 Bealtaine, 1964.

Discount on Rates

A Chara,

"That legislation be introduced by the Government at an early date to permit rating authorities to allow a discount for the early payment of rates, in addition to the powers they already have under the Rates on Small Dwellings Act, 1928."

The above motion, received from Kerry County Council, was discussed at the meeting of the County Councils' General Council, held in Dublin on the 7th May, 1964.

From the discussion it would appear that the only likely advantage to be gained from such a power would be the saving of interest on bank overdraft accommodation from the time of issue of the Demand Notes until the Rates begin to be received by the County Council. This apparent advantage, however, would be nullified as the amount of the discount allowed would need to be made good in the amount of Rates to be collected in the following financial year.

For these and other reasons my Council decided to seek the views of the County Councils on the proposal.

I should, accordingly, be obliged if you would let me have the views of your Council at an early date and, if in favour of the proposal, a brief summary of what advantages your Council thinks would accrue from adoption of the motion.

Mise, le meas.

ENRI Mac DAIBHEID,

Runai.

To:

The County Secretary.

The Council agreed that no advantage would be derived from supporting the proposal from Kerry County Council.

ITEM NO. 25—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

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

RESOLUTION FROM KILKENNY CORPORATION.

Councillor J. O'Toole inquired why the Resolution from Kilkenny Corporation in regard to the Irish language which had been circulated to all public bodies had not appeared on the Council's Agenda. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Secretary had

submitted the item to him previously, but since there was a long Agenda he had passed it over. It was agreed that the item be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he understood that the new Planning and Development Bill would come into operation at an early date and referred to the recent announcement by the Minister that he had appointed an Adviser to advise on the Regional Plan for Dublin, the region including part of County Wicklow, but not extending South of Wicklow town. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that regard should be had to all of Wicklow County when considering the Dublin Region, and that since the Council would have the responsibility of preparing a Plan under the new Act it would be an advantage to have the assistance of the expert who had been engaged by the Minister for this purpose. The County Manager stated that the Minister had appointed Professor Myles Wright as Adviser on Regional Planning for Dublin City and County and the area adjacent which included the part of Wicklow within a radius of thirty miles from Dublin. He agreed that it would be desirable that all County Wicklow be included in the Dublin Region as there were many problems arising in the County which would be linked with the matter of Regional Development. The County Manager stated that he felt that the County could not be reasonably divided in regard to the planning of the Dublin Region and that the entire County should be included when considering the Regional Plan. It was agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Local Government to allow the entire County of Wicklow to be considered by Professor Myles Wright when dealing with the Dublin Regional Development Plan.

REPORT ON QUARRIES.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired if the Report being prepared by the Consultant Engineer in regard to Quarries could be expedited and asked that it be submitted to the Council as soon as possible.

MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY ROADSTONE, LTD.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report be submitted to the next Meeting on the quantity and cost of materials supplied by Roadstone, Ltd., for the surfacing at Kilpedder.

NEW LORRIES.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report in regard to the experience of the Council with the new lorries be submitted to the next Meeting.

PLOT AT RATHNEW.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had received a letter from a person at Rathnew claiming £15 compensation for the use of his plot by the Council when road improvements were being carried out at Rathnew, and that this man had been deprived of tilling his plot for the year. He was now being asked to allow a wayleave for the new water supply. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the matter be inquired into.

DUMPING AT MONASTERY.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge referred to her complaint at a previous Meeting of dumping being carried on at Monastery and asked that

this matter be attended to as complaints were being received of the area becoming infested with rats.

SRUHAUN WATER SUPPLY.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that the revised documents for Sruhaun water supply were being prepared.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:

That I or someone for me will move that the owners of land required for road making be paid for the land taken by this Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 29th June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. Temple.

The County Secretary attended.

AGENDA.

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of seven representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
4. Appointment of three representatives on County Council's General Council.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and relatives of the late Councillor Charles W. Hudson. The Members of the Council paid tribute to the valuable service rendered by Councillor Hudson as a public representative over a long period of years. The County Secretary, on behalf of the County Manager, himself, and the members of the staff asked to be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow of the late John Kelly, Lugduff, Tinahely, who had been an Overseer of the Council for a great many years.

ITEM NO. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That Councillor James J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and taken up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCrea expressed his thanks to the Members for his re-election and thanked the Members of the Council for their co-operation and courtesy during the previous year, and also expressed appreciation of the help given by Council officials. Councillor McCrea signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ITEM NO. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That Councillor Henry J. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office. Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office.

ITEM NO. 3—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the following Members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

E. Byrne,

J. Everett, T.D.,

J. Gregory,

J. Haughton,

R. Miley

(and one vacancy).

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to defer filling the position on the Joint Burial Board which had been held by the late Councillor C. W. Hudson pending the filling of his place on the Council.

ITEM NO. 4 — APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

J. J. McCrea.

G. Timmins.

Passed unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the National Monuments Advisory Committee, the persons appointed to hold office until next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne.

P. McCarthy.

R. Miley,

M. J. O'Neill,

J. Quigley.

Passed unanimously.

REPRESENTATION ON DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Councillor E. Byrne inquired whether the Council could obtain representation on the Dublin Health Authority so as to enable the Council to keep in contact with the patients from County Wicklow being maintained at the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. He referred to the previous recommendation of the Council that Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge be continued as a Member of the Visiting Committee for the Mental Hospitals and stated that he understood that Dublin Health Authority had indicated that there was no vacancy on the Committee. He expressed the view that it was very desirable that some representative of the Council visit the County Wicklow patients periodically. The County Secretary stated that following the making of the appropriate Orders by the Minister which took effect on 1st April, 1964, the Council was no longer entitled to any representation on the Dublin Health Authority for mental health purposes as from that date the Council were constituted as a Mental Health Authority for County Wicklow. The matter of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge continuing temporarily to serve on the Visiting Committee for the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority while County Wicklow patients were being maintained there had been raised with the Dublin Health Authority, but it had been indicated that the Committee had recently re-appointed the Visiting Committee for the Hospitals and that there was no vacancy which might be allocated to Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge. The Members of the Council asked that further representations be made to the Dublin Health Authority and to the Minister for Health to allow of a representative of the Council continuing to have the right to visit patients for County Wicklow while maintained in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. J. O'Neill and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I or some Member for me will move a motion requesting the Council to arrange to have a light erected on the approach road leading to the Catholic Church at Davidstown, Donard.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of striking the Rate for the year 1964/65 and for dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 6th July, 1964.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. Everett, T.D., Hugh B. Hipwell and J. Gregory, N.P. The Co. Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power, were present.

AGENDA:

1. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1965, sign and seal Rate Books, and authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
2. Application from the Legal Personal Representatives of the late William Doran for consent to dispose of interest at 11, Mill Road, Killincarrig.
3. Application of Mrs. Margaret Dunne, Drumdangan, Glenealy, for consent to sale of vested cottage to Mr. Laurence Byrne, "Glencoria" Moneystown, Bray.
4. Applications for permission to dispose of portions of plots attached to vested cottages for the purpose of erection of houses thereon.
5. Applications for Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses at "Black House," Kilmolin, and at Kilmacanogue.
6. Letter from Department of Local Government and Counsel's Opinion in regard to proposed amendment of Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for the erection of new houses.
7. Rates of Subsidy for Council cottages—Circular from Department of Local Government.
8. Proposed acquisition of housing sites at Bray—Recommendations of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory—That land be acquired to provide at least ten houses in Newtownmountkenedy area; also that land be acquired sufficient for the erection of ten houses for private persons; also that land be acquired for provision of five houses in Ashford area; and that Report be submitted at August Meeting as to progress made.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering—That extra houses be provided in Dunlavin.
11. Regulations under Section II of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, made by the Minister for Local Government.
12. Application for Loan towards cost of erection of new house.
13. Application of Mr. W. Fenelon for renewal of Licence for Caravan Park at New La Touche Road, Greystones.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne — That owing to the inadequacy of the water supply and the hardship

encountered by the tenants of cottages in the area of Willow Grove that a Report be submitted at an early date to this Council.

15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council condemn as unfit for human habitation the cottage occupied by Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim, and that, furthermore, Engineer be asked to make arrangements to acquire site at opposite side of road, if possible.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—That in view of the recent increase in the cost of living that the question of differential rents be reconsidered.
- 16A. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
17. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of June, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of July, 1964.

Item No. 1.—To Determine and Make County Rate for Service of Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1965, Sign and Seal Rate Books, and Authorise Affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and Sign and Seal Demands on Urban District Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1965, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Council in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1965, as follows:—

Arklow	...	...	£15,812 14 8
Bray	...	...	£63,029 16 7
Wicklow	...	...	£12,561 8 10

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Application from the Legal Personal Representatives of the Late William Doran for Consent to Dispose of Interest in Cottage at 11, Mill Road, Killincarrig.

The County Secretary stated that the Legal Personal Representatives of the late William Doran proposed to dispose of their interest in his vested cottage to Mr. Patrick Redmond, The Downs, Delgany, for the sum of £500. Mr. Redmond was a carpenter, a native of the district, was married and had two children.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered application of Legal Personal Representatives of the late William Doran, tenant-purchaser of No. 11, Mill Road, Killincarrig, we approve of consent being given to the disposal of their interest in the cottage to Mr. Patrick Redmond, The Downs, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Application of Mrs. Margaret Dunne, Drumdangan, Glenealy, for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage to Mr. Laurence Byrne, "Glencoria," Moneytown, Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered application of Mrs. Margaret Dunne, Drumdangan, Glenealy, for consent to the disposal of her interest in cottage No. 407 at Drumdangan, Glenealy, we approve of consent being given to the disposal of her interest in the cottage to Laurence Byrne, "Glencoria," Moneytown, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—Applications for Permission to Dispose of Portions of Plots Attached to Vested Cottages for the Purpose of Erection of Houses Thereon.

The County Secretary referred to discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council at which it had been indicated that the Minister for Local Government would be prepared to agree to sanction the suspension of the operation of the statutory condition prohibiting the disposal of any part of the plot attached to a vested cottage in cases where it was desired to use portion of the plot for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage. Two applications had been submitted to the Council by a Mr. Peter Tuite, County Brook, Enniskerry, and by Mr. James Doyle, 12, Monastery, Enniskerry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the statutory condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the vested cottage occupied by Mr. Peter Tuite, County Brook, Enniskerry, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the statutory condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the vested cottage occupied by James Doyle, 12, Monastery, Enniskerry, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5.—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses at "Black House," Kilmolin, and at Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £76 to Mr. James Hicks, "Black House," Kilmolin, Enniskerry, in respect of the reconstruction of his house.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Reconstruction Grant of £100 to Miss Rosaleen Mills, Sutton Park School, Sutton, Dublin, in respect of the reconstruction of dwellinghouse known as "Creagh," Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—Letter from Department of Local Government and Counsel's Opinion in Regard to Proposed Amendment of Scheme for the Making of Supplementary Grants for the Erection of New Houses.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 12th March, 1964, from Department of Local Government, in which it was indicated that in the opinion of the legal advisers of the Department Section 12 of the Act of 1962 could not be interpreted as providing the power to make Supplementary Grants in respect of houses provided by a person or Company for occupation by an employee of a person or Company. Counsel's Opinion had also been obtained on the matter and Counsel confirmed that the Section did not give the power to allow of the making of Supplementary Grants for New Houses in these cases. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, said that he felt that the Council should be authorised to make Supplementary Grants where an employer provided a house for an employee and Councillor H. B. Hipwell suggested that the Council might make representations to the Department of Local Government to have the Section amended. The Council agreed that an amendment of Housing legislation be requested so as to permit of Grants being made to employers who were erecting houses for their employees.

Item No. 7.—Rates of Subsidy for Council Cottages—Circular from Department of Local Government.

Letter of 11th June, 1964, from Department of Local Government in regard to the application to dwellings provided by County Councils of the differential rates of subsidy which had operated in the case of houses provided by Urban Housing Authorities, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Minister had indicated that he was prepared in certain cases to consider applications for payment of subsidy at a rate not exceeding 66 2/3rd per cent. of the appropriate loan charges in respect of houses provided under the Labourers' Acts for families living as sub-tenants in labourers' cottages which were deemed to be overcrowded. In the case of unvested cottages this concession would apply only in respect of sub-tenancies created on or before 1st June, 1964, and it would be conditional on the Minister being satisfied in each case that appropriate steps had been taken to prevent a recurrence of sub-tenancing in the dwelling from which the family was re-housed and it would be given only on the clear understanding that the Housing Authority would in future enforce strictly the relevant provisions of the Letting Agreement. As regards vested cottages the higher rate of subsidy would be available in respect of dwellings provided to relieve statutory overcrowding in such cottages on the same basis as it was now available for the relief of overcrowding in private dwellings. Where overcrowding was relieved in a vested cottage the Housing Authority must, however, take steps to ensure that the statutory conditions were henceforth observed in relation to that cottage and where it came to the Min-

ister's notice that the Housing Authority had failed to prevent a recurrence of sub-tenancing he would consider reducing or terminating any subsidy payable in respect of the cottage. It was emphasised in the letter that the existing statutory provisions applicable to the selection of tenants as well as the other requirements which normally govern the payment of subsidy and the amount of the subsidy would, of course, continue to apply. Members of the Council expressed disagreement with the terms of the Circular and pointed out that many of the lettings of Council cottages were made for the purpose of relieving overcrowding as a result of sub-tenancies and that it would be unreasonable to refuse to allow the higher rate of subsidy in such instances. The Council directed that the matter be referred to the General Council of County Councils with the indication that the Council disagreed with the terms of the Department's Circular.

Item No. 8.—Proposed Acquisition of Housing Sites at Bray—Recommendations of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting had considered a Report on a Survey which had been carried out with a view to finding sites suitable for housing purposes in the Bray area. Due to the difficulty experienced by persons in obtaining sites for housing in the vicinity of Bray it was considered by the Members that the Council should acquire lands for the purpose of making sites available for building. The County Secretary informed the Council in committee that the following sites had been recommended for acquisition:—

1. A site on the Southern side of Boghall Road at the Eastern end of the Road, owned in part by the Earl of Meath and partly by Mr. B. Mullen;
2. Site containing 15 acres on the North side of Boghall Road adjoining Oldcourt Park;
3. Site on the West side of Killarney Road adjoining the present Ballywaltrim Housing Scheme and containing 8½ acres.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That having noted recommendations of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area following their Meeting on the 16th June, 1964, we approve of negotiations being entered into with the owners of lands in the vicinity of Bray for the acquisition of lands for housing.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory — That Land be Acquired to Provide at Least Ten Houses in Newtownmountkennedy Area; Also that Land be Acquired Sufficient for the Erection of Ten Houses for Private Persons! Also that Land be Acquired for Provision of Five Houses in Ashford Area; And that Report be Submitted at August Meeting as to Progress Made.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there were two sites which appeared to be immediately suitable in the Newtownmountkennedy area, i.e., an extension of the

existing Scheme at O'Neill Park, on the lands of Messrs. Shortt, and a more desirable site and more suitable to the layout of dwellings for provision of a better type of house on the Newtownmountkenedy/Kilcoole Road, about a quarter of a mile from the village. This latter site was convenient to sewerage and water supply and electric light and was favoured by the Acting County Engineer. A Report was not available in regard to sites at Ashford. The Council agreed that the matter be further examined and Reports submitted to the August Meeting.

Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering—That Extra Houses be Provided in Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That extra houses be provided in Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Deering referred to the new Technical School being provided at Dunlavin and the possibility of a small factory starting in the district and felt that the Council should do something about providing extra houses. He stated that there was a school-going population of 250 in the village and that houses would be in demand by the time they had been provided by the Council. The Council agreed that the County Architect and the County Medical Officer investigate and report on suitable sites in the Dunlavin area.

Housing at Tinahely.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh asked that a Report in regard to the proposed provision of ten houses at Tinahely be submitted at the next Meeting.

Houses at Grattan Park and Kilcoole.

In reply to Councillor E. Byrne the County Secretary stated that the Layout Plan and Estimate of Cost in respect of the proposed provision of nine houses at Grattan Park had been submitted for approval by the Department, but a reply had not yet been received. The matter of a layout for the Housing Scheme at Kilcoole was being dealt with by the Council's Architect.

Item No. 11.—Regulations Under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, made by the Minister for Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that by Order of the Minister Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, came into operation on the 1st June, 1964, and accordingly Loans made by the Council in respect of the erection or purchase of buildings would be made in future under the provisions of that Section and the Regulations made thereunder and not under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. Copies of the Regulations made by the Minister had been circulated to the Members, together with a Draft Scheme for the making of Loans for the purchase or erection of new houses. It would be noted that the Regulations provided that the maximum advance that might be made in respect of a house was £2,250 and that the existing income and valuation limits of eligibility for Loans continued to apply where the Council raised the moneys for the purposes of mak-

ing these advances from the Local Loans Fund. It was provided in the Regulations that in future the borrower would be required to use the house as his normal place of residence unless the Housing Authority consented to his residing elsewhere, either for a specified period or indefinitely. Previously the Small Dwellings Acts had provided that the borrower reside in the house for a minimum period of three years. The Regulations also provided that the Council could arrange for effecting insurance on houses in respect of which Loans were advanced and recovering the amount of the premiums from the borrower. The Council decided to defer a decision on the adoption of the Scheme to the next Meeting, but agreed that in future the Council should arrange for insurance of houses on which Loans were advanced and the recovery of the premiums from the borrower.

Item No. 12.—Application for Loan Towards Cost of Erection of New House.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,800 to Mr. Terence T. Byrne, "Rose Bungalow," Sea Road, Kilcoole, under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, in respect of the erection of a new house at Priestnewtown, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13.—Application of Mr. W. Fenelon for Renewal of Licence for Caravan Park at New La Touche Road, Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had inspected the Site and recommended that the Licence be renewed, but that it be limited to a total of twenty caravans and fifty campers. The following Report had been submitted by the County Medical Officer:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Rathdrum.

DENIS F. MCCARTHY, M.D., D.P.H.,
Chief Medical Officer.

Co. Wicklow.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Re/ Camping and Caravan Site—W. Fenelon,
Greystones.

A Chara,

This site was first licensed in 1962. It was again licensed in 1963 but an objection was raised with the Minister for Local Government. Early in 1964 the Minister turned down the objection and upheld the Local Authority. In 1962 and in 1963 I reported that it conformed with the regulations and recommended that it be licensed. I have inspected it on various occasions this year the last times being on the 4th and 5th inst. It conforms with the regulations and is very well kept. The sanitary accommodation is adequate and well kept. There are at present 18 caravans—5 of which are occupied and 8 living tents. The whole site was very clean and I could find no litter whatever. I recommend that the licence be granted.

There is, however, a new development in the area since the licence was first granted in 1962. There is to be, I understand, on the upper or left hand side of the road considerable housing development. This would make the area one which with the exception of Fenlon's and Brady's fields will be largely a built up area. Because of this development the Council may wish to reconsider the planning requirements of the area and to indicate that it might be more desirable if Fenlon's camping field was likewise devoted to housing in the interests of uniformity generally. On the other hand it can be argued that a well kept licenced camping and caravanning site would not be detrimental to the amenities. This is a matter for careful consideration by the Local Authority. In any event whatever may be the decision regarding the future planning for the area the licence should in my view be granted for this year.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY (Chief Medical Officer).

The Residents' Association of the New La Touche Road had objected to the renewal of the Licence and the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had interviewed representatives of the residents at a Meeting in Bray and had also interviewed the applicant. The residents objected to the renewal of the Licence on a number of grounds, including that of annoyance and disturbance caused by persons using the Caravan Park and it was contended that the area was a residential one and was not a suitable place for a Caravan Park. They indicated that should the Licence be renewed it was their intention to appeal to the Minister against the renewal. In reply to an inquiry as to whether the Site was being sold Mr. Fenelon stated that he had not entered into any Agreement to sell the Site, but he was not prepared to say that he would continue to operate the Site himself.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. William Fenelon, Church Road, Greystones, for renewal of the Licence for the Caravan Site off the New La Touche Road, Greystones, and the recommendations of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, and the Report of the County Medical Officer, we approve of the granting of a Licence for a further year, the Licence being limited to twenty caravans and fifty persons in camps.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell stated that the Council should indicate to the applicant that in the following year they might have to take into account further development in that particular area. Councillor H. J. Byrne opposed the renewal of the Licence on the grounds that the Site was not a suitable one for a Caravan Site. He pointed out that the land on the other side of the road was being developed for housing and he felt accordingly that this Site should not be licensed for caravans. Councillor Temple stated that there had been a certain amount of annoyance caused to residents in the previous year and the Council should make it clear that if there was any contravention of the licence it would be withdrawn. The resolution was passed by the Council, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne
—That Owing to the Inadequacy of the Water Supply and the Hardship encountered by the Tenants of Cottages in the Area of Willow Grove that a Report be Submitted at an Early Date to This Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported on the matter and had stated that the pump which was out of order near Willow Grove was one owned by the Land Commission and had been erected to supply the two adjacent houses. The Council houses on the County Road to the Silver Springs Hotel were served by fountains and these were working satisfactorily. Councillor E. Byrne asked that representations be made to the Land Commission to have this pump put in working order.

Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—
That Council Condemn As Unfit for Human Habitation the Cottage Occupied by Edward Murphy, Kilpipe, Aughrim, and that, Furthermore, Engineer be Asked to Make Arrangements to Acquire Site at Opposite Side of Road, If Possible.

The County Secretary stated that the following Report had been received from the Assistant County Engineer:—

Court House,
Arklow
29th May, 1964

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

re:Cottage at Kilpipe.

Dear Sir,

The cottage mentioned at the last County Council Meeting refers to one built at Kilpipe. The site was chosen by the Sites Committee and the cottage was completed in 1938 or 1939 by Direct Labour. The walls are of 12" mass concrete and would appear to have been alright until they cracked one night suddenly about 10 or 12 years ago.

Buttresses were put to the back wall, but no other repairs seem to have been done, and water is seeping in through the cracks and the cottage is very damp.

I inspected the cottage with Mr. N. Farrell recently and we both think it can be repaired by raking out the cracks and stopping them properly, hacking off all plaster and re-plastering at a cost of approximately £140.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. CAFFREY.

JPC/PD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey we approve of repairs being carried out to the cottage at Kilpipe at an estimated cost of £140.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 16.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—That In View of the Recent Increase in the Cost of Living That the Question of Differential Rents be Reconsidered.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, complained that the differential rents system was being abused and contended that the application of the Scheme was causing hardship.

It was

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

Resolved—That in future when differential rents are being applied the Members of the Council for the Electoral Area concerned be consulted.

Passed Unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the differential rents system had been applied from a Resolution passed by the Council and following approval by the Minister for Local Government. Some modifications of the Scheme had been suggested by the Council, but these had not been approved by the Minister. The Department of Local Government in their last letter on the subject had pointed out that the rents of Council houses in County Wicklow compared very favourable with rents charged in other Counties. The County Manager pointed out that the introduction of differential rents had enabled the Council to let houses at rents which otherwise would not have been possible. He again pointed out that any case of hardship which was brought to his notice was reviewed sympathetically. He stated that it would be very difficult to have each revision of rent reviewed by the Local Committees.

Medical Cards.

Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that the matter of the issue of Medical Cards should also be reviewed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the question of issue of Medical Cards be examined.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

The County Manager pointed out that the Health Acts provided that the determination of eligibility for entry on the General Medical Services Register was one for the Manager. He felt that reasonable standards were being applied in County Wicklow and pointed out that the percentage of Medical Cards in the County was higher than the average for the country as a whole.

Item No. 16A.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary gave details to the Council of applications under the Town and Regional Planning Acts which had been refused during the month of June and the reasons for refusal in each case. In regard to the refusal of permission for an extension to a house at Glencormac, Bray, for Mr. Eamonn Black, Councillor Hipwell stated that the owner wished to add additional bedrooms and felt that the application should be granted. The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused because it was felt that the existing water

supply would not be adequate to cater for the proposed extension. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., felt that the matter of the water supply was not a valid reason for refusing permission. It was agreed to have the matter reviewed by the County Medical Officer. In regard to the application of Mr. J. O'Boyle for approval to the erection of ten houses at Oldcourt Road, Bray, Councillor Temple stated that the applicant was prepared to reduce the application to four houses and proposed to provide septic tanks for these four houses and to make provision for their connection to the public sewer when it was available. It was agreed that the application be reviewed by the County Medical Officer.

Item No. 17.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During Month of June, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of July, 1964.

The Council noted the list circulated of repairs carried out during June, 1964, and of cottages to be repaired during July, 1964.

Works at Shillelagh.

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the village of Shillelagh was entered for the Tidy Towns Competition and asked that the matter of footpaths at the gates leading to the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church be examined and also the matter of provision of additional public lights.

Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

In reply to Councillor R. Miley the County Secretary stated that it was expected that tenders could be invited shortly for the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Lackan Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that Plans for this Scheme were expected to be ready within the next couple of weeks.

Water Supply at Ballykillavane.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in a Memorial from residents at Ballykillavane, asking that the water supply be extended to their houses.

Water Supply From Kilcoole To Knockroe.

Councillor E. Byrne asked that the question of the extension of the water supply from Kilcoole to Knockroe be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Medical "Direction."

Councillor H. B. Hipwell stated that he had issued a "Direction" to a person recently for medical treatment and that the Medical Officer had handed back the "Direction" to the person concerned and had informed him that he would have to obtain a note from the Assistance Officer. He inquired whether the Doctor was obliged to provide the medical treatment when such a "Direction" was issued. The County Secretary stated that in such a case the Doctor was required to provide treatment. Councillor Hipwell asked for a full Report on the matter from the Doctor concerned.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council provide an extra room at cottage of Patrick Smith, Askakeagh, Ballinglen, as his wife is suffering from tuberculosis and using the stairs has an adverse effect on her health.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council build six houses in Aughrim, as approved by County M.O.H., owing to many married persons living in sub-standard houses.

In the name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the Council acquire land in the Templarney area for the erection of twenty houses.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the sewerage main be extended from Tinahely to serve all the cottages in the Churchlands Housing Scheme.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th July, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuiathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Acting County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power, were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th May and 1st June, 1964.
2. Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1965.
3. Application for closing of roads at Wicklow on 3rd and 5th August, 1964.
4. County Road Improvement Grant—Letter from Department of Local Government re application for increase in Grant.
5. Report on experience of Council Lorries.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That owners of land required for road making be paid for the land taken by the Council.
7. Arrangements for collection of Rates in No. 17 Rate Collection District.
8. Reconstruction and Improvement of St. Colman's Hospital—Report of County Manager on Scheme of Improvements. (Copy circulated).
9. Water Supply Schemes—Water supplies in East and Mid-Wicklow—To consider Report of County Manager on discussions with Dublin Corporation officials. (Copy circulated).
10. Caravan Park at New La Touche Road, Greystones—To consider further application for renewal of Licence and objections received from Residents' Association. (Copy circulated).
11. Revision of salary scale of Superintendent Assistance Officer.
12. Domestic Scavenging Service for Boghall, Ballywaltrim and adjoining area—Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Council provide a dumping ground at Dunlavin and that the refuse be collected on one day per week.
14. Public lighting at Annamoe.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill — That Council arrange to have a light erected on the approach road leading to the Catholic Church at Davidstown, Donard.

16. New Vocational School, Dunlavin—Application of Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £40,600 to defray cost of erecting and equipping new School.
17. Coast Protection Act, 1963—Reports of County Engineer re fore-shore protection works required at Wicklow.
18. Letter from County Councils' General Council re proposed holding of Seminar on problems of Local Administration for members of the County Councils' General Council.
19. — An Run o mBardas Cille Commings — Anois go bfuil tuarascáil an Coimisiún um Aitheasc na Saeilse ar fáil, iarraimid ar an Rialtas polasaí dea-gha a cur i bfeidhm a bfuil tairde ar úsáid na teanga náisiúnta a leanú in ád shó de saoil na hÉireann; iarraimid ar gac údaras sa tír Comhairle éin níos mó úsáid a baint as an Saeilse; agus seallaimid ar dtacaíocht féin do cuspóir aitheasc na Saeilse. agus go gcuirtear coip de'n Rún. seo go dtí gac údaras aitiúil in Éirinn."
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1.—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th May, and 1st June, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th May and 1st June, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mrs. Dorothy H. Hudson asking that her sincere thanks be conveyed to the Council, the County Manager, and staff, for their kind letter of sympathy on the death of her husband.

Item No. 2.—Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1965.

The County Secretary submitted proposed amendments to the Scholarship Scheme for 1965, as suggested by the Department of Education. The Council decided to refer the Scheme for examination by the Scholarship Committee and agreed to co-opt Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson. It was arranged that the Meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, the 20th July, 1964.

Item No. 3.—Application for Closing of Roads at Wicklow on 3rd and 5th August, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That having considered application of Wicklow Re-

gatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Wicklow described hereunder on Monday, 3rd August, 1964, between the hours of 12 noon and 5.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta:—

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

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Wicklow described hereunder on Wednesday, 5th August, 1964, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of Kart Racing on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

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

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that it be assured that insurance cover was available in respect of any accident which might occur in connection with the closing of the roads. The Council also asked that the Council's Solicitor advise as to whether the Council incurred any liability in closing a road for the purposes of a Motor Car Race should any accident occur in the course of the racing.

Item No. 4. — County Road Improvement Grant—Letter from Department of Local Government Re Application for Increase in Grant.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted and noted by the Council:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile A-ha Cliath 1,
13th June, 1964.

Secretary,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo on the subject of the County Road Improvement Grant allocated to the Wicklow County Council for 1964/65, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, as explained previously, it has become necessary, having regard to the over-riding needs of the main road system, to effect reductions in the amount of the County Road Improvement Grant allocations in the case of counties in which the county road improvement programme has reached an advanced stage—in County

Wicklow the mileage of county roads that had been made dust-free by the 31st March, 1963, represented 69.7 per cent. of the total county road mileage. In this way it has been possible to concentrate to a greater degree on urgent and essential works on the more heavily-trafficked routes. I am to draw attention also to the fact that in the current year the Council's allocations for county and main road improvement combined show an increase of £8,100 over last year.

The regional distribution of the County Road Improvement Grant within the county is essentially a matter for determination by the County Council.

Mise, le meas,

D. WALSH.

Road from Rathnew to Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiul,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath,
9th July, 1964.

R.27/28/1.

Secretary,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 20th May, 1964, relative to the planning, etc., of road improvement schemes, and to state that the Rathnew via Beehive to Arklow portion of the Dublin/Arklow/Wexford Arterial Road as well as being the more direct route than the alternative one (Rathnew via Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca and Woodenbridge to Arklow), has been shown by traffic counts, including the August, 1963, traffic census, to be carrying considerably greater traffic volumes. There could be no question of giving arterial road status to both the Rathnew/Arklow sections, but it is pointed out that the Council have at their disposal their annual allocation by way of Main Road Improvement Grant for the improvement of main roads, including the Rathnew/Rathdrum/Arklow Road, other than arterial roads.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. CRIODHAIN.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the Council had asked on previous occasions that portion of the Main Road Improvement Grant be allocated for improvements on the Woodenbridge section of the Rathnew via Rathdrum to Arklow Road. He suggested that some money should be allocated for this work in the next financial year.

Item No. 5.—Report on Experience of Council Lorries.

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Engineer

had not yet submitted the Report requested. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the August Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Owners of Land Required for Road Making Be Paid for the Land by the Council.

Councillor Miley stated that persons in the Vallemount/Ballyknockan area had not been paid for land acquired by the Council and in some cases the land had been acquired up to twenty years ago. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been advised that where a sum of more than £20 was paid in respect of the acquisition of land that a formal Transfer was necessary and in such cases it was essential that the landowner be in a position to produce Title. It had been found in many cases that the Title was not in order. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government that arrangements be made to simplify the procedure and reduce the cost of registration of Title to lands. On the proposal of Councillor Miley the Council agreed that the Council's Solicitor be asked to attend the next Meeting of the Council to explain the position regarding the acquisition of lands.

Item No. 7.—Arrangements for Collection of Rates in No. 17 Rate Collection District.

The County Secretary stated that following the death of Collector Denis Kinsella the Rates in the District had been collected from the Council's Office throughout the preceding year. It was necessary for the Council to determine how Rates should be collected for the current year. The County Secretary submitted letters received from Thomas Kehoe, Collector, No. 2 District, and from Thomas Mulligan, Collector, No. 16 District, asking that District No. 17 be divided between them, with revised remuneration. The present remuneration of Collector Kehoe was £565 maximum, and of Collector Mulligan £785 maximum. If the area were divided between the two Collectors the maximum remuneration for each post was proposed at £880, i.e., salary of £660 with bonus of £220 maximum. If it were decided to fill the position by the appointment of a Collector the remuneration proposed was £565.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the filling of the post of Rate Collector, No. 17 Collection District, and approve of the remuneration for the post being fixed at salary of £440 per annum with bonus of £125 payable subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That having considered application from Rate Collectors Thomas Kehoe (District No. 2) and Thomas Mulligan

(District No. 16) we approve of Rate Collection District No. 17 being divided between these two Collectors by the addition to their existing Districts of townlands as follows:

District No. 2

Collector: THOMAS KEHOE.

District Electoral Divisions of:

Ballinglen, Tinahely and Cool-lattin.

District No. 16

Collector: THOS. MULLIGAN.

District Electoral Divisions of:

Kilballyowen and Kilpipe.

That we approve of the application of revised salaries for the altered areas as follows:—

Collector: THOS. KEHOE.

Salary £660 p.a. plus Bonus of £220, subject to compliance with usual conditions.

Collector: THOS. MULLIGAN.

Salary £660 p.m. plus Bonus of £220, subject to compliance with usual conditions.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, J. Quigley, P.C., and J. Temple—SIX.

AGAINST: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—THIRTEEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by thirteen votes against to six in favour and the Resolution in the name of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, was declared carried by thirteen votes in favour to six against.

Item No. 8.—Reconstruction and Improvement of St. Colman's Hospital—Report of County Manager on Scheme of Improvements.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
3rd July, 1964.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: SCHEME OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.

Dear Councillor,

For some time past a Scheme of Improvements which would lead to better accommodation for persons maintained by the Council in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, has been under consideration. It will be recollected that Outline Plans showing how

sanitation and improved heating, together with additional accommodation, could be provided, were prepared some years ago. Soon after these Plans were prepared, however, it became possible to provide better accommodation for the Female Infirm Cases by using the former St. Kevin's Sanatorium which stands on an adjoining site at Rathdrum. This became possible in 1957 through the marked falling-off in the number of cases of tuberculosis requiring institutional treatment. It meant that much better accommodation became immediately available for about 45 to 50 Female patients.

In recent years there has been a continuous decline in the number of persons requiring maintenance in the Council's Institution at Rathdrum. One of the reasons for this decline is that some cases formerly maintained there are now looked after in Special Homes. For a number of years, from 1946 onwards, there was a Maternity Unit attached to the Institution. This provided a service not only for persons resident in the Institution, but also for private patients, but it has been closed for a number of years past. In addition it is probable that improved living conditions resulting from the advent of rural electrification and improved water supplies and sanitation in villages and rural areas have meant that old persons can more conveniently be maintained in their own homes. It is also likely that the numbers seeking admission would have been affected by the payment of Disability Allowances under the Health Acts. Whereas about fifteen years ago the average number of persons to be maintained in the Council's Institution at Rathdrum ran from 240 to 250 at the present time the number usually is about 170 to 180.

Future Provision For Inmates.

The figures of occupancy for the past fifteen years having been carefully reviewed it is now felt that it would be reasonable to assess the requirements of St. Colman's Hospital at 175 beds made up as follows:—

125 Chronic Sick (80 Males; 45 Females).

50 Ambulant Cases (25 Males; 25 Females).

The number of "casuals," i.e. those seeking food and shelter for a night or two (and many of whom seem to move from one Home to another throughout the country) is nowadays quite small. It is felt that it would scarcely be necessary to make special provision for them.

It may happen too that from time to time a family (mother and children) has to be accommodated in St. Colman's because of eviction or inability to obtain accommodation otherwise. It is considered, however, that these cases might be provided for in the Female Ambulant Section.

Provision For Staff.

The present Nursing Staff at St. Colman's Hospital is made up of:—

1 Matron.

7 Nursing Sisters.

4 Lay Nurses.

This total of twelve Nursing Staff all live in the Institution. In addition one or two Holiday Relief Nurses may live in. The Religious Order which runs the Institution also supplies one Seamstress and one Book-keeper. These also live in. The Sisters belong

ing to the Religious Order which runs the Institution all live in a separate building at the rear of the Main Block. The four Lay Nurses live in part of the Main Block, but it is now proposed to remove them shortly to the Administration Block near the main entrance.

The total Domestic Staff comes to twenty-one and is made up of Wardsmaids, Laundresses and Kitchen Staff. In addition four Relief Staff would be required for holiday duty. Of the Domestic Staff, however, only one lives in the Institution. There are two Wardsmen employed in the Institution and of these one lives in. Finally there are two boilermen who live outside the Institution.

The Matron and seven Nurses belonging to the Religious Order which runs the Institution are catered for in the special staff quarters at the rear of the Main Block. As mentioned earlier it is proposed to move the Lay Nurses to the Administration Block at the front which, it is expected, will become vacant at an early date as a result of the transfer of the administrative and clerical staff to the former County Hospital premises in Wicklow. It would be desirable that the Lay Nursing Staff should be given accommodation at some distance away from the Main Block; this is a position which already obtains in respect of the Religious Order Nursing Staff. In addition the movement of the Lay Nursing Staff to the Administration Block would set free a number of rooms in the Main Block which are required for the accommodation of inmates.

Proposals for Erection of New Buildings.

Recently the Programme of Improvements was again reviewed by the Department of Health and on 18th ult., officials of that Department visited Rathdrum and surveyed the existing accommodation and possible sites for new buildings. It will be remembered that already the Council has approved of a proposal to locate the Lay Nursing Staff in the Administration Block and the Department of Health is approving of this proposal. As mentioned earlier this will make available a number of rooms in one of the main Blocks which can then be used for residents of the Institution. It was also agreed with the Department of Health that the former Maternity Unit which is sited at the rear of the Main Block should be used immediately for Chronic Sick Cases and the Matron has been instructed to arrange for this without delay. In this way better accommodation could, it is felt, be afforded immediately for about ten or twelve cases.

The requirements in the matter of new buildings would, it is considered, be met by the erection of a new 80 Bed Unit for Male patients in the grounds of the former St. Kevin's Sanatorium and by the provision of a new Kitchen Unit and a new Boilerhouse. The site which a preliminary survey indicated might be the most suitable would be one to the north west of St. Kevin's Sanatorium. In this position the new Unit would have both shelter and a good outlook. The new Kitchen Unit and Boilerhouse would be intended to serve both the new Unit and the existing buildings.

The Council agreed some time ago that Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, who has been engaged in recent years on Hospital Buildings Schemes by the County Council, should be assigned the work of preparing the Scheme of Improvements for St. Colman's Hospital. If the Council now approve of the present proposals for a new 80 Bed

Unit and new Kitchen Unit and Boilerhouse then the Consultant Architect can be instructed to prepare a Schedule of Accommodation and Outline Plans.

Already Plans for the conversion of the Administration Block into Nursing Staff accommodation have been approved by the Council and when the necessary Specification is ready tenders for the carrying out of the work will be invited.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY,

MF/JK.

Wicklow County Manager

Councillor Temple referred to the jail-like appearance of the entrance at St. Colman's and asked that consideration be given to removing or lowering the high walls. Councillor Haughton stated that some of the patients would be concerned at the lowering of the walls as they afforded shelter. The County Manager stated that he felt that the cost of erection of the new buildings would work out at about £1,500 per bed, or about £120,000 in all. In addition there would be the cost of the Boilerhouse and the Kitchen Unit. If it were possible to have the new Unit erected at a price of £1,200 per bed the total cost, including the Boilerhouse and Kitchen, might be between £120,000 and £130,000. The County Secretary referred to the Plans which had been approved by the Council for the conversion of the Administration Block into Nursing Staff accommodation and stated that the Council's Architect had revised the Plans following consultation with officers of the Department of Health and had provided for a fire-escape and for some extra wash-hand basins. The revised estimated cost was £4,350.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Manager dated 3rd July, 1964, we approve of Plans being prepared for the erection of a new 80 Bed Unit for Male patients in the grounds of the former St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, and for the provision of a new Kitchen Unit and new Boilerhouse to serve both the new Unit and existing buildings. We approve of the engagement of Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, to prepare the necessary Plans.

We approve also of the revised Plans for the conversion of the Administration Block into Nursing Staff accommodation at the revised estimated cost of £4,350.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9.—Water Supply Schemes—Water Supplies in East and Mid-Wicklow.—To Consider Report of County Manager on Discussion with Dublin Corporation Officials.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
3rd July, 1964.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: Water Supply Schemes—Water Supplies in
East and Mid-Wicklow.

Dear Councillor,

Of late the Council has been experiencing difficulty in obtaining the agreement of Dublin Corporation to make available new supplies of water from the Corporation (Vartry Scheme) supply in North and East Wicklow. It has been indicated by the Corporation that owing to the demand for new services in the Dublin Metropolitan Area they feel that they could not continue to agree indefinitely to applications for new supplies from Corporation mains in County Wicklow.

As mentioned at a recent Meeting of the Council it was suggested by the Corporation that a Meeting between Dublin Corporation and Wicklow County Council officials for discussing these difficulties might be helpful and on 25th ult., this discussion took place.

Details were given by the Corporation of the marked increase in consumption which had occurred in the Metropolitan Area in the east ten to fifteen years. It was pointed out that apart from Dublin City and Dun Laoghaire Borough the Corporation now was endeavouring to supply water to a large part of North County Dublin. In addition supplies had been made available to a large area in Kildare. These new extensions were only possible to arrange as a result of the taking of new supplies from the River Liffey at Leixlip. The water supply from Poulaphuca (which again is allied to hydro-electric plant of the E.S.B.) is used for Dublin City and County and part of Kildare; it does not make a supply available to any part of County Wicklow.

The Corporation representatives stressed that on occasion they have had to refuse applications for new developments in County Dublin because of the inability to make water supplies available under existing circumstances. They mentioned that they were trying at the present time to assess the future needs of Dublin County having regard to expected expansion in the coming years. At the same time Kildare County Council was asking that further new supplies be afforded in their area as it was found that the only convenient way to make water available in parts of Kildare would be from Dublin Corporation sources. The Corporation representatives stated that in a number of instances they had been approached about water supplies for new development in North East Wicklow and also in one or two instances by persons installing Group Schemes. They felt that these applications should come through the County Council and be considered by them as part of the Council's programme for new water supplies. It was also mentioned that having regard to the existing demand it seemed that Wicklow County Council probably would within quite a short time have to consider new sources of supply such as, say, Lough Dan which was under consideration some years ago. It was eventually agreed that Wicklow County Council would carry out a survey of existing and possible demands for water in the County and having assessed the total quantities which it would be expected would be required within the next twenty years the source from which this could be met could then be examined. It seemed likely that Enniskerry water supply may

have to be expanded. It was suggested that this might be arranged by the construction of a dam in the Glencullen Valley. Already the Council is preparing a Scheme for a supply from Garryduff.

In addition it was suggested that the possibility of expanding the East Wicklow Regional Scheme should be investigated and in particular the linking up of it with Lough Dan. It was felt that if a supply from Lough Dan became available possibly almost all the needs of North and East Wicklow could be met from this source in conjunction with a new Scheme based on Garryduff and the expansion of the Enniskerry supply.

About fifteen years ago the Council had under consideration a proposal for the taking of a water supply from Lough Dan and Professor P. E. Purcell, Consultant Engineer, who designed the East Wicklow (Cronroe) Regional Scheme, had shown in outline how the latter Scheme could be linked up with Lough Dan.

When the total future demands have been assessed and the possibilities of meeting them from the sources already mentioned have been explored the Corporation then could review the matter and see how the new proposals could be associated with their own existing and future arrangements. Apart from the design aspects of these proposals it will be evident that rather complex financial considerations would probably also have to be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY,

WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

MF/JK.

The County Manager explained that Dublin Corporation had indicated that they were finding it difficult to meet the demands in the City and in North Dublin and part of Kildare where they had agreed to supply water. The Corporation felt in consequence that they could not continue to agree indefinitely to applications for new supplies from Corporation mains in County Wicklow. The Corporation had suggested that the Council might review the demands for water in the North Eastern area of the County for future years and then see how new proposals could be fitted in with the Corporation's existing and future arrangements. The County Manager stated that many new Water Schemes were before the Council at present and that in the Southern part of the County the Department had approved of a Regional Scheme costing over £200,000 and that this Scheme had now reached the final design stage. The improved water supply for Blessington would be put in hands shortly as the Scheme had been approved and tenders would be invited very soon for the Laragh/Annamoe Scheme. A Scheme was under examination from Garryduff to improve the Rathdrum supply and to provide a supply for Avoca and Woodenbridge and also to supplement supplies to East Wicklow, particularly for the Brittas Bay area. It was felt that the Council should consider extending the East Wicklow Regional Scheme by taking water from Lough Dan for the East of the County and might also expand the Enniskerry Scheme. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the Corporation of Dublin had obtained the rights of water from the Vartry source in 1860 and he felt that the Council should have rights to obtain water supplies from the Corporation mains in the North Eastern area since the supply originated in County Wicklow. He felt that there was an ample supply of water in Roundwood at present. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that further discussions should be held as soon as possible with the Corporation so as to ascertain what water could be made available from the Corporation's supplies

for supplies in County Wicklow during the next few years. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Manager explained in committee the legal position in regard to the obligation of the Corporation to supply water in North Wicklow. He indicated, however, that they could scarcely expect the Corporation to give increased supplies to meet new demands indefinitely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we note Report of the County Manager dated 3rd July, 1964, on discussions with officials of Dublin Corporation in regard to water supplies for North and East Wicklow and agree that the possibility of expanding the East Wicklow Regional Scheme and the linking up of the Scheme with Lough Dan be investigated and that the expansion of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme be examined. We agree that an assessment of the future needs for water in the North Eastern area of the County be obtained.

That we enter into negotiations with Dublin Corporation in relation to water supplies in next twenty years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10.—Caravan Park at New La Touche Road, Greystones—To Consider Further Application for Renewal of Licence and Objections Received from Residents' Association.

The County Secretary stated that following the last Meeting of the Council on the 6th July, 1964, a letter conveying objections of the residents of the New La Touche Road, Greystones, to the renewal of the Licence for the Caravan Site at the New La Touche Road, had been received and apparently it had been delayed in the post and should have reached the Council prior to the date of the Meeting. In the circumstances Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, had agreed that the objections received be notified to the Members and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on that date. A copy of letter of 2nd July, 1964, on behalf of the Residents' Association, together with a copy of a Petition giving the grounds of the objections which had been forwarded to the Council in February, 1963, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The following Report of the County Medical Officer had been received:—

REPORT

Public Health Department,
Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.
8th July, 1964. 7 p.m.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

Re: Renewal of Licence for Caravan Site—
New La Touche Road, Greystones—
Mr. W. Fenelon.

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt this afternoon of two communications re above, one (referred to as 'A') from Mr. G. M. Griffin et al. of

Feb. 1963, and the other (referred to as 'B') from Mr. G. M. Griffin of "Sunrise," New La Touche Road, Greystones, of 2nd July, 1964.

Of the 10 points raised in 'A' only two concern my department, Nos. 7 and 8, and 7 only partially. Re 7 the screening required was provided to the satisfaction of the Local Authority. Re 8, neither the Health Inspector or myself have ever found any accumulation of litter or refuse or any evidence of rats. The site is very well kept. 'B,' however, necessitates some comment. The site fully conforms not only with our standards, but to those laid down internationally by the Council of Europe and I have always found Mr. Fenelon co-operative and willing to do all that we required of him. I can understand the La Touche Road residents' objections, as any person's activities, however legitimate, are liable to impinge on others; "no man is an island". I do, however, take exception to their attack on the integrity of Mr. Comyn and their denigration of him in an attempt thereby to bolster up their case. Mr. Comyn has not yet received his copies of 'A' and 'B' and I assume that he will take any steps he deems necessary to protect his reputation, but I would like to state categorically that I have the highest regard for him as a man and as a Health Inspector of undoubted efficiency and integrity, both as regards this specific case and as regards all his other work. In thirty years of dealing with Sanitary and Health Inspectors and having them on my staff I have never had one for whom I had a higher regard both as a man and as an efficient and upright Health Inspector.

I assume that letters 'A' and 'B' will be laid before the County Council and I request that the same publicity be given to this letter.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY,

Chief Medical Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Medical Officer and objections received from residents of the New La Touche Road, Greystones, we approve of renewal of the Licence for the Caravan Site at New La Touche Road, Greystones, for Mr. W. Fenelon for a further year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11.—Revision of Salary Scale of Superintendent Assistance Officer.

The County Secretary submitted application received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and the Workers' Union of Ireland for a revision of the salary scale for the office of Superintendent Assistance Officer on the same lines as the revision recently granted to Staff Officers under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That having considered application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union and Workers' Union of Ireland we approve of

the application of the following revised salary scales for the office of Superintendent Assistance Officer from the dates indicated and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of salary:—

From 1st October, 1963. £1,005 x £40—£1,325.

From 1st February, 1964. £1,125 x £45—£1,485.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12.—Domestic Scavenging Service for Boghall, Ballywaltrim and Adjoining Area—Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that at a recent Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area the Committee had agreed on the area to be served by a Domestic Scavenging Service in the district adjoining Bray, i.e. covering the Boghall, Avondale, Ballywaltrim, Kilcroney, Killarney Road, Hollybrook and Oldcourt areas.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of tenders being invited by public advertisement for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Boghall, Avondale, Ballywaltrim, Kilcroney, Killarney Road, Hollybrook and Oldcourt areas, as recommended by Committee of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Council Provide a Dumping Ground at Dunlavin and that the Refuse be Collected on One Day Per Week.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that he had not yet received any Report in regard to a site for a Dumping Ground at Dunlavin. Councillor Miley stated that there was a site available and asked that a Report on the suitability of the site be obtained. It was agreed to adjourn the matter pending the receipt of a Report in regard to the site for the Dumping Ground.

Item No. 14.—Public Lighting at Annamoe.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she understood that some alteration in the public lighting at Annamoe was desired. It was agreed that the Engineer be asked to report on the matter.

Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That Council Arrange To Have A Light Erected on the Approach Road Leading to the Catholic Church at Davidstown, Donard.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the approach road to the Catholic Church was the public road to Donard and that the E.S.B. overhead line extended to a house at the corner and to fix a light near the entrance gate to the Church an extra pole would be necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That we approve of a quotation being obtained from the

E.S.B. for the provision of a public light on the approach road leading to the Catholic Church at Davidstown, Donard.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16.—New Vocational School, Dunlavin—Application of Vocational Education Committee For Grant of £40,600 to Defray Cost of Erecting and Equipping New School.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 25th March, 1964, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the making of a Grant of £40,600 under the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the erection and equipping of a new Vocational School at Dunlavin and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £40,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of thirty years, to defray the cost of the Grant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17.—Coast Protection Act, 1963—Reports of County Engineer Re Foreshore Protection Works Required at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Engineer had reported, as requested by the Council, on the matter of coast protection works at Wicklow Urban District. In regard to the work which had been carried out by Shamrocks Fertilisers it had been indicated by the Commissioners of Public Works that since the Council had not been the promoting authority for this work under the Coast Protection Act it would not be possible for the Council to obtain a Grant in respect of it. The Acting County Engineer had reported that there were still about 150 yards of protection work needed at either end of the section where the works had been carried out by Shamrock Fertilizers and he estimated the cost of these works at about £8,000. There was also work required between the end of the Promenade and the Chemical Works and the estimated cost of the work at this place would be £5,750. Councillor Temple suggested that before the Council made a decision on the matter under the Coast Protection Act it would be desirable to obtain the views of the Urban District Council who were primarily concerned in the matter. The Council agreed to defer the matter and to ascertain the views of the Wicklow Urban District Council in regard to the proposed Schemes.

Item No. 18.—Letter from County Councils' General Council Re Proposed Holding of Seminar on Problems of Local Administration For Members of the County Councils' General Council.

The following letter received from the County Council's General Council was submitted:—

ARD CHOMHAIRLE NA gCONDAETHE

(County Councils' General Council)

National Bank Chambers,

1/2, Cavendish Row,

Dublin, 1.

10 Meitheamh, 1964.

The County Secretary

A Chara,

For some time past my Emergency Committee has been in touch with the Institute of Public Administration about suggestions made

by a number of County Councillors for the holding of a Seminar on problems of local administration such as Health, Housing, roads, etc.

The Committee favoured the idea and were of opinion that a Seminar should be held for the members of the County Councils' General Council. Mr. Colm O Nuallain, Assistant Director of the Institute, by request, addressed the meeting of the General Council held in Dublin on 7th May, 1964, and the Council was unanimous in favour of the holding of such a Seminar.

It is suggested it should be held in or near Dublin, probably in November. An overnight stay in the city would be necessary. Lectures would be given by Irish and, perhaps, Continental experts. If the Seminar is a success and the members are satisfied they derived benefit from it, the Institute is prepared to hold Seminars for County Councillors on a regional basis at a later date.

The meeting agreed that if for some reason a member of the General Council was unable to attend the Seminar, the County Council may send a Councillor in his place.

As regards the expenses involved, I have received intimation that the Minister for Local Government will have no objection to any proposals by County Councils to reimburse members' reasonable expenses incurred in attending at such Seminar.

I should be obliged if you would bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council and let me know if your Council is willing to bear the expenses of members attending the Seminar.

Mise, le meas,

Enri Mac Daibheid,

Runai.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of expenses of the Council's representatives on the County Councils' General Council in attending at Seminar to be arranged by the Institute of Public Administration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19.—Rún O mDáras Cille Coinnig—“Anois go bfuil tuarascáil an Coimisiún um Aitheoacán na Saeilge ar fáil, iarraimis ar an Riailtas polasaf dearfá a cur i bfeiróm a beiré dírite ar úsáir na teanga náisiunta a leatnú ingáe gnó de saoil na hÉireann; iarraimis ar sáe údaras sa tír comhoibriú eun níos mó úsáir a bainc as an Saeilge; agus seallaimis ar dtacaíocht féin do cúspóir Aitheoacán na Saeilge.

Saeilge, agus go sáurtear cóip de'n Rún. seo go dtí sáe údaras Aitheoacán in Éirinn.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—Anois go bfuil tuarascáil an Coimisiún um Aitheoacán na Saeilge ar fáil, iarraimis ar an Riailtas polasaf dearfá a cur i bfeiróm a beiré dírite ar úsáir na teanga náisiunta a leatnú ingáe gnó de saoil na hÉireann; iarraimis ar sáe údaras sa tír comhoibriú eun níos mó úsáir a bainc as an Saeilge; agus seallaimis ar dtacaíocht féin do cúspóir Aitheoacán na Saeilge.

As an amendment

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—While we agree with the restoration of the language we object to the use of compulsion for the purpose.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—NINE.

AGAINST: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. B. Hipwell, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins—SEVEN.

The amendment was declared passed by nine votes in favour to seven against.

The Council agreed that the adoption of the amendment could be interpreted as meaning that whilst the Council favoured the objectives set out in the Kilkenny Corporation Resolution they did not, however, approve of compulsory measures in the endeavour to achieve them.

Declaration of Vacancy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby declare the position of Councillor which had been held by the late Councillor C. W. Hudson to be vacant and determine to fill the vacancy at the next Meeting of the County Council to be held on 17th August, 1964

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Rate Collection.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report on the Rate Collection for the year ended 31st March, 1964, be circulated to the Members.

Domestic Scavenging at Carnew.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he had been informed that Carters engaged on the Scavenging Service at Carnew had refused to collect refuse at houses. It was agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

Report on Financial Progress.

Councillor Hadden asked that a Report be submitted indicating what effect there would be on the Estimates for the coming year of recent Schemes approved by the Council.

Notice of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that William Nolan, Mongnacoolle, Aughrim, be given permission to dispose of his vested cottage to Mrs. Philomena Sargent, 2, Avonbeg Cottages, Ballinaclesh.

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the following identity and the fact that \mathcal{H}^1 is a Hilbert space, we have

Committee Chairman: John G. Weller, Chairman, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003. Committee Members: Joseph M. C. Arnold, President, The Trustees of the Mary Whitall M. Fund, 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003; Robert E. Brown, President, The Trustees of the Mary Whitall M. Fund, 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003; Robert E. Brown, President, The Trustees of the Mary Whitall M. Fund, 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in *United States v. Williams*, 975 F.2d 1029 (9th Cir. 1992), affirmed the conviction of a defendant who had been charged with possession of a firearm with intent to distribute. The defendant had been charged with possession of a firearm with intent to distribute. The defendant had been charged with possession of a firearm with intent to distribute. The defendant had been charged with possession of a firearm with intent to distribute.

1. Secretary Grant for Election of New House Application
 2. State of Texas at Chambersburg, Tennessee