

of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by Mr. L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, James Gregory, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That we the undersigned request the Co. Manager to make enquiries into the case of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Nuns Cross, Ashford, who made application for Home Assistance and was refused and request a report to be submitted to this Council on the 12th August, 1968."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Glenealy for the purpose of building Council houses." (b) "That this Council make a playing field out of their land in Ballygannon, Rathdrum." (c) "That this Council employ Trainee Draughtsmen."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— (a) "That a report be given at our next Meeting on the progress in providing the new lights that had been recommended for erection at Aughrim and Avoca." (b) "When is it proposed to have entrance to Macreddin Graveyard laid as agreed."

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:— (a) "That a water supply be provided to three houses in Ashtown Lane, Wicklow." (b) "That the Council acquire land at Kilpedder for the building of three houses for Michael Vines, Ben McLoughlin and Mrs. Murray."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss M. Walsh:—"That we ask the County Engineer to provide a report on the complaints made by Mr. G. Condon, a Council road worker, regarding Mr. O'Donnell, the Engineer for the Tinahely area."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss M. O'Neill:—"That a full time Engineer be employed in the Bray Electoral Area."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and F. Hynes:—"That we condemn the anti-democratic provisions of the proposed Criminal Justice Bill."

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, 12 August, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of 10 bungalows on portion of the lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as per plans and specification submitted."

(b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

(c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke and William Cleary:—"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

2. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.

3. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new Dwellinghouses.

4. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

5. To authorise Loan of £12,000 for purpose of making Grants for private Water Supply and Sewerage facilities.

6. To authorise Loan to defray cost of erection of Rural Houses.

7. Higher Education Grants Scheme—To consider Draft Scheme as circulated to Members.
8. Application for Permit for Public Address System at Baltinglass on 24th August, 1968.
9. Application from Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee for reception of Deputation concerning provision of Site for Camp in North Wicklow Area.
10. Public Rights-of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach, Arklow—Letter from Department of Local Government re Council's request for indemnity against Costs.
11. Proposed Appointment of Building Surveyor—Report of County Engineer.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:— "That the Council declare William Tighe, Blesington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:— Requesting the Council to have the cottage now occupied by Michael English, Fryanstown, Dunlavin, transferred to his name."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That this Council build a house without undue delay for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a site which he has secured from Mr. Fred Sutton, Loggan, Gorey."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:— "That the Council purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites either private or otherwise and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That a site of 2 acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built there."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the three acre cottage plots in Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. Temple and Edward Byrne:— "That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) and likewise the Supplementary Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses."

20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will build a house for Patrick Mullins, on a site to be provided by his Father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— That this Council repair the following cottages:— Reps. Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Reps. Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Reps. John Corcoran, 34, Ballybeg, Rathnew."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:— "Ashford— That the Council proceed immediately with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field and that the main sewerage be provided for without further delay."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:— That the Council provide building land in Rathdrum immediately to allow for commencement of new houses."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council transfer the tenancy of Cottage No. 216, Ballinahinch, from James Doyle to Mrs. Mary Doyle."
26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council waive their portion of the annuity they are claiming from Miss Magee, Ballinalea, Ashford, from the sale of her plot of ground on the grounds of hardship."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That piped water be extended to Council houses at Boleybawn, Tinahely."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:— "That ten extra houses be built in Baltinglass."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:— "That ten extra houses be built in Dunlavin."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That the Council acquire housing sites at Carnew opposite the new Council houses."
31. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Glenealy for purpose of building Council houses."
 - (b) "That the Council make a playing field out of their land in Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
32. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—
 - (a) "That a water supply be provided to the three houses in Ashtown Lane, Wicklow."
 - (b) "That the Council acquire land in Kilpedder for the building of three houses for Michael Vines, Ben McLoughlin and Mrs. Murray."
33. Repairs to Cottages carried out in July, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired in August, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as Follows:— (a) In the Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "By Virtue

of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the Erection of 10 Bungalows on Portion of the Lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as Per Plans and Specification Submitted." (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—"That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the Co. Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the Erection of 25 Houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we defer consideration of Notices of Motion in relation to planning applications of Peter Whyte and Sean Nolan for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, and report to Meeting of Council on 19th August, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

(C).—In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke and William Cleary:—"That we the Undersigned, Hereby Direct the Wicklow Co. Manager Under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to Withdraw Proceedings for the Possession of the Cottage in Drumdangan, Glenealy, Occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to Continue the Tenancy and Occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow Co. Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella.

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor Costello as to whether if the Resolution were passed the County Manager could lawfully give effect to its terms the County Manager pointed out that the Council had a statutory duty to ensure that the "statutory conditions applying to a vested cottage were complied with."

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we defer consideration of the matter to allow of ascertaining from Mr. Desmond Kinsella if he was prepared to desist from using the premises for business purposes, if allowed to remain in occupation of the premises.

The amendment was accepted by the Council and consideration of the original proposal was deferred accordingly.

Item No. 2—Applications for Supplementary Grants Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £250 to Edward McGrath, St. Ann's, 1, Greenpark Terrace, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Michael Farrington, Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £270 to William Byrne, The Stores, Aughrim, in respect of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Purchase of New Dwellinghouses. Increase in Rate of Interest From Local Loans Fund.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been notified by the Department of Local Government that the Minister for Finance had given a direction under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund, 1935, fixing at 7½ per cent. per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after the 1st August, 1968. The previous rate of interest was 7 per cent. Accordingly, the rate of interest now chargeable on Loans made to persons for the erection of new dwellinghouses would be 8½ per cent. The increase in the rate of interest represented an increase of approximately 13/- per £100 in the annual repayments. The Council noted the increase in interest rates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Patrick Marah, Old Village, Rathnew, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Milltown North, Rathnew, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Patrick Geoghegan, Annacarney, Valleymount, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Annacarney, Valleymount, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Sylvester McDonald, Ballybeg, Rathnew, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmacoo, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to John Napier, 104, Main Street, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilcoole, subject to evidence being supplied of Mr. Napier's intention to marry and amount of loan to be based on certificate of market value by County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to John Burke, Sheepwalk, Avoca, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballinaheese, Arklow, subject to verification of income.

Passed unanimously.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Legal Personal Representatives of the late Margaret Wolohan for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 89/10 at Ballynattin to Thomas McBride, 102, St. Peter's Place, Arklow, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £416 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to William Lee for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 141/1 at Ballykilmurray to Mrs. Theresa Smith, St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan, subject to the payment of the sum of £283 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Jeremiah McGrath, for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 27/10 at Curravanish to

Patrick Brennan, Churchlands, Tinahely, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £340, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Augustine Murphy for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 66/1 at Moneymore, Grangecon, to Patrick Nolan, Lowtown, Grangecon, subject to the payment to the Council of one-third of market value or purchase price, whichever is the greater.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Martin Byrne for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 226/10 at Glenphilipeen to Murtagh P. McDonnell, c/o Mrs. D. Kenny, Glenphilipeen, Tinahely, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of one-third of market value or sale price, whichever is the greater.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Christopher Byrne for the sale of Vested Cottage No. 246/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to Edward Hanlon, Greenane, Rathdrum, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £133 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—To Authorise Loan of £12,000 for Purpose of making Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities.

The County Secretary stated that a further Loan was required to enable the Council to continue the provision of Grants to persons for the provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities. During the previous financial year a total of 130 Grants had had been made at a cost of £7,785 and in the current financial year to the 31st July, 1968, 47 Grants had been issued costing £2,708. A further Loan of £12,000 was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of £12,000 for the purpose of making Grants for private water supply and sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—To Authorise Loan to Defray Cost of Erection of Rural Houses.

The County Stated that a loan of £22,000 was required to meet

the cost of 8 rural cottages. The Loan was based on an average cost of £2,750 per house. The County Secretary pointed out that the last Tender received for the erection of a rural cottage amounted to £2,582 and that rural cottages generally involved the sinking of a well for water supply and provision of septic tank for sewerage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £22,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of 8 rural cottages.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Higher Education Grants Scheme—To Consider Draft Scheme as Circulated to Members.

A copy of a Draft Scheme of Grants for Higher Education in accordance with the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968, had been circulated to the Members. The County Secretary stated that the Draft Scheme was based on that supplied by the Department of Education and as regards the value of the Grant similar provision to that which had been included in the Council's University Scholarship Scheme was inserted under which the full grant would be £175 per annum in the case of a candidate whose normal family residence was situated within 18 miles from the University College or Institution and in other cases the value of the full grant would be £300 per annum. Councillor S. Costello drew attention to the provision in Article 5 (c) of the Draft Scheme and the reference in Article 8 of the Scheme in relation to the acceptance and continuance of Grants and the making of application for Grants and expressed the view that the only such condition should relate to academic achievements and that the matter of a student's conduct should not affect the continuance of the Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we approve of the Scheme of Grants for Higher Education for the year 1968/69 in accordance with the draft submitted to this Meeting.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 8—Application for Permit for Public Address System at Baltinglass on 24th August, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a Permit for the use of a Public Address System on Cor. Reg. No. XZA-49, on Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Blessington, Hollywood, Dunlavin, Donard, Baltinglass, Tinahely and Shillelagh areas and in West Wicklow in general for the purpose of advertising an "Auto-Crossing" in aid of Baltinglass Hall Building Fund.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application from Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee for Reception of Deputation Concerning Provision of Site for Camp or Halt in North Wicklow Area.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. J. A. Reid, The Manse, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray, Secretary to the Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee, asking if the County Council would receive a Deputation from the Committee so that they might present their case concerning the provision of a site for a Camp or Halt somewhere in the North Wicklow area. It was stated that many people were gravely disturbed about this problem and the Committee would be grateful for any help or co-operation the Council might be able to give them. It was indicated that the Chairman of the Committee was Mr. John S. Conan, "Graigueconna," Old Connaught Avenue, Bray. The County Secretary stated that Rev. Mr. Reid had been informed that the application from the Committee for the reception of the Deputation would be submitted to the Council but it was pointed out that since the problems in relation to the camping of Itinerants recently appeared to have arisen in the Co. Dublin area just North of Bray inquiry was made whether the Committee had approached Dublin County Council on the subject of providing a site for a Camp or Halt in the Co. Dublin area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we approve of the reception of a Deputation from the Bray Itinerants' Settlement Committee at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th August, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Public Rights-Of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach, Arklow—Letter from Department of Local Government Re Council's Request for Indemnity against Costs.

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

Department of Local Government,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council. Custom House, Dublin 1,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow. 30th July, 1968.

re: Establishment of Public Rights-of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach, Arklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of 8th May and 10th April, 1968, on the above subject concerning the Resolution passed by the County Council asking the Minister to indemnify the Council against any costs incurred in the establishment of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach, Arklow. I am to state that the Minister does not have at his disposal any funds which would enable him to indemnify the Council as suggested.

Mise, le meas,

Maire Lee.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had been informed by the Chief State Solicitor's Office that a further Resolution was required by the Council to be completed under Seal.

indemnifying the Attorney General against any Costs which might be incurred by the Council or for which the Council might be made liable in regard to the Actions for establishing rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach. The Council's Solicitor was preparing a suitable form of Resolution to meet the requirements of the Attorney General and this would be submitted to the Council at the Meeting on the 19th August, 1968. The Members of the County Council expressed disappointment at the Minister's decision and reiterated their view that the Council's action in endeavouring to establish the existence of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach should be regarded as a national matter in view of the need for the preservation of public rights to beaches generally. The Council asked that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision. Councillor S. Costello pointed out that charges were being made for access to the beach at a number of points at Brittas Bay and inquired whether the Council was taking proceedings in all such cases. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council's action related only to places where satisfactory evidence was available that a public right-of-way had existed.

Item No. 11—Proposed Appointment of Building Surveyor—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Wicklow Co. Council. County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
6th May, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

A Chara,

Complaints have been received concerning the workmanship on the houses and drainage scheme on 26 houses off Boghall Road, Bray, being erected by a private builder. I understand that a large number of these houses are being purchased with the aid of loans from the County Council. It would, therefore, be desirable that inspections of the quality of the workmanship should be carried out by the County Council, to safeguard their interests. To do so, however, it would be necessary to appoint a Building Surveyor, as employed by Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation, as it is not possible to carry out such inspections with the existing staff.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the Housing Scheme at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray:—

Department of Local Government,
O'Connell Bridge House,
Dublin 2

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 25th June, 1968, regarding a housing scheme at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the grants on this scheme which is completed for about two years have been paid in full. The grants were paid on the basis of certificates furnished

by the Department's inspectors from time to time and any defects reported on were brought to the notice of the builder for remedial action.

Complaints were received from the purchasers of some of the houses and these were investigated. In general items complained of were of a minor nature which would normally be covered in the maintenance clause of the building contract. At this stage it is not proposed to carry out further inspections of the houses.

Mise, le meas,

In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that a summary of the complaints received in relation to the houses at Bentley Park and of the defects found by the Council's Health Inspector had been given to the Department. Councillor Costello urged that a copy of the Report of the Health Inspector be sent to the Department of Local Government. Councillor Costello also asked that a report be obtained from the Health Inspector in regard to his meeting with a representative of the Contractor with a view to arranging for the remedying of the defects found.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the appointment of a Building Surveyor for the purpose of carrying out inspections of quality of workmanship on houses being purchased with the aid of Loans from the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:—“That the Council Declare William Tighe, Blessington, to Whom a Council Cottage is Let Under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a Qualified Person for the Purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the Cottage he now Occupies be Vested in Him.”

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William Tighe was a member of the Garda Síochána who had been appointed as tenant of this cottage in October, 1958, as at that time there were not sufficient applicants qualified. The rent of the cottage was 37/- per week plus Rates. It was not the policy of the Council to regard members of the Garda Síochána as “qualified persons” for the purpose of purchasing cottages occupied by them in view of the fact that they were subject to transfer and would not necessarily be continuing to reside in the area. Councillor J. Miley stated that Garda Tighe would be remaining in Blessington and that he should have the opportunity of purchasing his cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 97 of the Housing Act, 1966, we hereby declare William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of

Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"Requesting the Council to Have The Cottage Now Occupied by Michael English, Fryanstown, Dunlavin, transferred to His Name."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Michael English for the transfer of the tenancy of the cottage to him on the 10th January, 1968. Mr. English was single and aged 54 years and lived alone in the cottage. He had also made application to purchase the cottage. Since he was single and living alone it had been decided to leave the tenancy in the name of the legal personal representatives of the former tenant and there was no question of terminating the occupation of the cottage by Mr. English. An estimate of repairs of the cottage in the sum of £83 12s. 0d. had been deferred as he was not the tenant and could not be considered as an applicant for vesting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That Cottage No. 100/2 at Fryanstown, Dunlavin, occupied by Michael English be transferred to his name.

Passed unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:—"That this Council pay Mr. Neil Foreman, Tiglin, Ashford, a Supplementary Grant of £450 for the erection of a bungalow."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That a suitable water supply be provided to serve the five cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the water supply for Knockrobin Cottages be proceeded with forthwith."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council employ a man to clean the village of Glenealy once a week."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That we request the County Manager to continue the employment of Dr. McCarthy as Chief Medical Officer for six months on reaching 65 years or his successor and that we forward it to the Minister of Health as a recommendation."

The remaining Items on the Agenda were deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th August, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and Co. Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of ten bungalows on portion of the lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as per plans and specification submitted."

(b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th April, 6th May, 13th May, and 20th May, 1968.

3. To receive Deputation from Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee regarding proposal that site be provided for a Camp or Halt for itinerants in the North Wicklow Area.

4. Right-of-Way to Beach at Brittas Bay—To pass Resolution giving undertaking to pay costs and expenses of Attorney General and any Costs awarded against the Council.

5. Slaughterhouse at Blacklion, Greystones — Report of County Medical Officer.

6. To authorise additional expenditure in respect of Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities in relation to Officers of Vocational Education Committee.

7. Revision of Remuneration of (a) County Accountant; (b) Assistant Librarian and Library Assistant—Recommendations under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration.
8. Appointment of Representative on Wicklow Harbour Board—Letter from Dockers and Fishermen, Wicklow Harbour, and letter from Charles Byrne, 21, Castle Street, Wicklow.
9. Proposed Industrial sites at Blessington and Baltinglass.
10. Site for Swimming Pool at Blessington.
11. Proposed Branch Library at Blessington — Recommendation of Library Committee.
12. Site for Dumping Ground at Tinahely.
13. Tenders for Domestic Refuse Collection for Avondale Park, Boghall, Ballywaltrim and Dargle Valley Area.
14. Proposed extension to Burial Ground at Manor, Kilbride.
15. Dispensary Medical Services at Tinahely — Letter from Tinahely Development Association.
16. Use of lands at Newcastle Hospital—Report of Chief Clerk.
17. Coast Protection Scheme at Bray Promenade — Letter from Office of Public Works.
18. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 9th May, 1968.
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:— "That the pedestrian crossing be moved from the crossing known as Ledwidge Crescent."
20. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—
 - (a) Requesting a report on the progress made in providing the new lights that had been recommended for erection at Aughrim and Avoca.
 - (b) Inquiring when it was proposed to have the entrance to Macreddin Graveyard laid as agreed.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council employ Trainee Draughtsmen."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss Nancy O'Neill:— "That a full time Engineer be employed in the Bray Electoral Area."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, James Gregory, John Temple and Edward Byrne:— "That we request the County Manager to make inquiries into the case of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Nun's Cross, Ashford, who made application for Home Assistance and was refused and request a report to be submitted to this Council on the 19th August, 1968."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss Mary Walsh:— "That we ask the County Engineer to provide a report on the complaints made by Mr. G. Condon, a Council Roadworker, regarding Mr. O'Donnell, the Engineer for the Tinahely area."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello—Resolution for General Council of County Councils:— "That we condemn the anti-democratic provisions of the proposed Criminal Justice Bill."

26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:— "That this Council pay Mr. Neil Foreman, Tiglin, Ashford, a Supplementary Grant of £450 for the erection of a bungalow."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That a suitable water supply be provided to serve the five cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the water supply for Knockrobin Cottages be proceeded with forthwith."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council employ a man to clean up the village of Glenealy once a week."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That we request the County Manager to continue the employment of Doctor McCarthy as County Medical Officer for six months on reaching 65 or his successor and that we forward it to the Minister of Health as a recommendation."
31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of ten bungalows on portion of the lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as per plans and specification submitted."

The County Secretary submitted the following Report of the consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area of this proposal:—

Application of Mr. Peter Whyte for permission for erection of ten houses at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue.

As decided at the Meeting of the Council on 12th August, 1968, this application was considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their meeting on 14th August, 1968, at the Town Hall, Bray. The persons who had submitted objections to the proposal, i.e., Messrs. L. C. Rutledge, "Aughris," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, and his Architect, Mr. E. Lionel Crosby, Chartered Architect; Dr. Charles E. Dalglish, "Rockhurst," Kilmacanogue, and his Solicitors, Messrs. Fred Sutton and Co.; Mr. H. Hart-Barry, "Stella Montis," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue; and the Joint Hon. Secretary of An Taisce had been invited to attend. Councillors H. J. Byrne (Chairman), E. E. Byrne, S. Costello, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple attended the meeting.

Particulars of the application together with the Reports of the Co. Medical Officer and County Engineer, both of whom recommended that permission be refused there being no public water or sewerage facilities available and the ground being unsuitable for the treatment of effluent by a proliferation of septic tanks together with the adverse effect on the amenity value of the area, were submitted. The objections received were also read to the meeting. Mr. H. Hart-Barry who attended drew particular attention to his concern in regard to the matter of water supply and pointed out that it was not indicated how a water supply could be

provided. It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, and seconded by Councillor Temple, "that we recommend grant of permission subject to Mr. Whyte satisfying the County Engineer in regard to the matter of the water supply." Councillor Costello having objected to any recommendation to approve and Councillor Miss N. O'Neill having also indicated her objections the Chairman declared the proposal passed by three votes in favour to two against.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Peter Whyte that morning stating that it was proposed "to negotiate a water supply from Group Scheme that was recently constructed at Glencormac. As an alternative to this a well would be sunk, an automatic electric pressure pump be installed and a 24-hour capacity Nolox storage reservoir would be erected at a height sufficient to gravitate to all the houses proposed." The County Secretary stated that the Group Scheme referred to was the Carrigoona Group Scheme which had been provided to meet the needs of existing householders and had been limited to 45 houses and that the Scheme was now fully absorbed. The County Secretary stated that a letter had also been received from Mr. H. Hart-Barry, "Stella Montis," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, in which he suggested that a categorical statement be obtained from the applicant as to the source from which the water was to come as at present there was a complete lack of information on this important point. He stated that this of course would have to be to the satisfaction and inspection of the Council officials and would not affect the amenities of the present residents. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed by the Members who had signed the Notice of Intention to propose the Resolution to withdraw the Notice and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That the application be deferred and the site of the application be inspected by a sub-committee of the Council and a report submitted to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following sub-committee for the purpose of inspecting the site for the proposed 10 bungalows on the lands at Glencormac South:— Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, B. Phelan, J. Miley, T. Keenan and J. Gregory.

- (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:— "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mr. Sean Nolan for permission for the erection of 25 dwellings in La Touche Estate in Rathdown Road, Greystones, has been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th August, 1968, and the Members of the Council had agreed to recommend to the Council that the matter be deferred further to the meeting to be held on the 2nd September, 1968, to enable the applicant to submit revised proposals with a view to endeavouring to overcome the objections which had been made to the proposals as submitted. The County Secre-

tary stated that the grounds of the objections were (1) the inadequacy of the sewerage treatment works to take sewerage from this additional development; (2) the size of house and type of house proposed to be built which it was contended would have an adverse effect on the value of adjoining property; (3) the fact that the back gardens of a number of houses would face the adjoining road at the entrance to Greystones, and (4) the likelihood of flooding of the area by the stream which ran across the field. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution to Meeting of the Council to be held on the 2nd September, 1968.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge on the death of her father.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th April, 6th May, 13th May, and 20th May, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 — To receive Deputation from Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee regarding proposal that site be provided for a Camp or Halt for Itinerants in the North Wicklow Area.

Mr. J. S. Conan, Chairman, Bray Itinerant Settlement Association, with Miss S. Pim, Hon. Treasurer, and another member of the Association, attended the Meeting. Mr. Conan referred to the national policy in relation to the itinerant problem and stated that the purpose of the Deputation was to seek the assistance of the County Council in providing a temporary camping site for itinerants. Miss Pim stated that the Committee could do little until the itinerants were established in one place and stated that the Association were visiting twelve families and endeavouring to arrange for the education of the children. A site where caravans could be placed with provision of water and sanitation was needed and also it was considered that some temporary halt, preferably alongside or near a main road, would be required. In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council Mr. Conan stated that the Association had four sites in mind as follows:— (1) near the dump at Bray Harbour; (2) Sports Ground near Dargle Laundry; (3) site at Hollybrook on the late Mr. Heatley's land; (4) field behind Sunbeam Home, Bray. The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Costello, that a joint meeting be arranged between the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Bray Urban District Council and the Bray Itinerants Settlement Association with a view to agreeing on a suitable site and arranging for its establishment.

Item No. 4—Right-of-Way to Beach at Brittas Bay—To pass Resolution giving undertaking to pay costs and expenses of Attorney General and any Costs awarded against the Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had reported that he had been informed by the State Solicitor that the

Resolution which had been passed by the Council was not adequate to comply with the requirements of the Attorney General and that a formal written undertaking under Seal by the Council verified by the Council's Solicitors was required. The Council's Solicitor stated that while he felt the queries raised by the State Solicitor were unnecessary he considered it better to comply with the requirements. The Council's Solicitor had supplied a draft of an appropriate Resolution for passing by the Council under Seal. In reply to Councillor J. Miley who expressed doubt as to the desirability of the Council in proceeding with the proposed action, the County Secretary pointed out that the Council had unanimously agreed to take the necessary action to establish the existence of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach following representations received from persons in these areas who were prepared to give evidence of the existence of such rights-of-way.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the Council hereby undertake to pay all costs and expenses of the Attorney General in the action against the owners of lands at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach to establish the public rights-of-way to the sea and any costs awarded against the Council, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Resolution.

Passed, Councillors J. Bourke and J. Miley dissenting.

Item No. 5 — Slaughterhouse at Blacklion, Greystones — Report of County Medical Officer.

The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted and noted by the Council:—

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow,
9th August, 1968

Re: Slaughter House — Blacklion — Lenehan, Fox and Co.

I have inspected these premises and report as follows:—

Slaughter house buildings are connected to the main drainage so that possible pollution of the adjacent stream is not a matter which arises. The slaughter house is constructed in accordance with public health standards. The offal is removed daily, and on my inspections the premises were clean and well kept and there was no evidence of nuisance. The nearest dwelling is that of Mr. Taylor which is 137 feet distance. "Sunnybank" is 146 feet away. Model by-laws ask that a slaughter house should not be less than 100 feet from the nearest dwelling but the Council's by-laws specify no distance. Should permission be revoked it would be very difficult to resist a claim for compensation. There are in the County Health District and Urban Districts slaughter houses much nearer to dwellings.

if the slaughter house is properly maintained no nuisance should arise.

DENIS F. MCCARTHY,
Chief Medical Officer

Item No. 6—To authorise additional expenditure in respect of Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities in relation to Officers of Vocational Education Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £4,551 6s. 8d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of gratuity and Superannuation Allowance to Mr. William Coughlan and gratuity to the representatives of the late Miss Sheelagh Hurley and adjustment of pensionable remuneration of Mr. P. J. Murray, being former Officers of the Vocational Education Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Revision of Remuneration of (a) County Accountant; (b) Assistant Librarian and Library Assistant — Recommendations under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having considered recommendations made under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the following revised salary scales:—

County Accountant: £1,770 increasing by six annual increments of £75 to a maximum of £2,220 (inclusive of 10th Round increase) with effect from 1st day of April, 1968.

Library Assistant: £452 x £40—£652 x £76—£728 x £45—£1,088 with effect from 1st April, 1967.

Assistant Librarian: £1,088 x £45—£1,260 with effect from 1st Apr., 1967

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales from the dates indicated.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Appointment of Representative on Wicklow Harbour Board—Letter from Dockers and Fishermen, Wicklow Harbour, and Letter from Charles Byrne, 21, Castle Street, Wicklow.

The following letters received were submitted by the Co. Secretary:

21 Castle Street,
Wicklow,
27/7/68

To: County Secretary,
Co. Council Offices,
Wicklow

Dear Sir,

I wish to make application to have my name put forward for membership of the Harbour Commissioners.

As the Coxswain of the Lifeboat and a fisherman for the last 20 years—with 20 years sea experience prior to this—I am naturally in-

terested in harbour developments and all things connected with the Harbour. I will submit at a later date a letter of recommendation from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Byrne.

Wicklow Harbour,
27th July, 1968.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned Dockers and Fishermen wish to place before your Council the name of James Quinn, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, as our representative for the vacant position on Wicklow Harbour Board. We trust that our nomination will be accepted.

SIGNED

M. Patchell
W. Doran
James Doran
John Doyle
J. K. Quinn
J. O'Connor
James Connor
John Devlin
E. Bean
Mat Sillery
Gerry Kavanagh
Joey Kelly
Tony Quinn
John J. Beamish
Tom Ryan
P. White
T. Lawless
P. Keogh

James Ryan
Joe Fitzgerald
Thomas Corkish
P. Dunne
J. Ronan
G. Darcy
J. McCloskey
Sam Doyle
D. Donnelly
M. Quinn
Kit Dunne
John Quinn
James K. Quinn (Jnr.)

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. James Quinn as a representative of Wicklow County Council on the Wicklow Harbour Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late James Everett, T.D.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Charles Byrne as a representative of Wicklow County Council on the Wicklow Harbour Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late James Everett, T.D.

The appointment of Mr. Michael Eamon Herbst to represent the Council on the Wicklow Harbour Authority was proposed by Council-

lor H. J. Byrne who stated that Mr. Herbst had built up a Cattle Export Trade in Wicklow Port and was the second largest shipper having shipped 7,000 cattle within the present year. He employed about 12 men at every shipment and had invested £18,000 at Wicklow Harbour. As the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne was not seconded the question as to whether Mr. James Quinn or Mr. Charles Byrne would be appointed was put to the Meeting and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

For Mr. James Quinn: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—Thirteen.

For Mr. Charles Byrne: Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Gregory and F. Hynes — Three.

Mr. James Quinn was declared appointed to represent the Council on the Wicklow Harbour Authority by thirteen votes in his favour to three votes for Mr. Charles Byrne.

Item No. 9—Proposed Industrial Sites at Blessington and Baltinglass.

The County Manager informed the Members of the Council of proposals for the acquisition of sites for industries at Blessington and Baltinglass as had already been approved generally by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of sites for industries at Blessington and Baltinglass and authorise the necessary expenditure for the purpose of defraying the cost of such acquisitions.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Site for Swimming Pool at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on a site at Blessington which it had been indicated was being donated free to the Council by Mr. L. M. Byrne, Downshire House Hotel, for the purpose of a site for the swimming pool. The County Engineer considered the site was suitable and pointed out that a Car Park would have to be provided on the site and some alignment would be required for safe exits and entrances to the site which would involve the removal of some trees. The County Engineer considered that the site could be further developed into a Civic Centre or a Public Park with seats, tennis courts, putting greens, etc., and with proper landscaping could be developed into a desirable amenity thereby enhancing Blessington as a tourist centre. Pending receipt of a copy of the plans and specifications and other documents for a prototype swimming pool which had been sought from the Department of Local Government, the County Engineer was not in a position to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the swimming pool at Blessington. The County Secretary stated that following a further phone call to the Department it had been indicated that the plans would reach the Council on the following day.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the offer of Mr. L. M. Byrne, Downshire Hotel, Blessington, for a site for swimming pool at Blessington as recommended by County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the thanks of the Members of the Council be conveyed to Mr. L. M. Byrne for his generous gift of the site for the purposes of the swimming pool.

Item No. 11—Proposed Branch Library at Blessington — Recommendation of Library Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Library Committee had examined Plans prepared by the Council's Architect for a Branch Library at Blessington adjoining the Assistant County Engineer's Office and had approved of the site and of the plans. The Committee did not consider that there was a necessity for providing sanitary facilities in the Library and were of opinion that it could be arranged for the Branch Librarian to have the use of the sanitary facilities in the adjoining Engineer's Office. The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
19th August, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Branch Library at Blessington.—Item No. 11.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th ultimo.

I enclose herewith Plan prepared by Mr. Bermingham, Architect.

The accommodation consists of a large room 20' 0" x 24' 0" with a recess for the Librarian's desk, a draught lobby and a sheltered porch. The area of the main room is 480 sq. ft. Generally the books are arranged on adjustable shelves fixed to the walls except for two low level stands in the middle of the room for children's books and displays. Thus the librarian has an unrestricted view of all book shelves. This arrangement provides a total of 453 lin. ft. of book shelving. The accommodation has been discussed with the County Librarian and approved by him. Heating will be provided by thermostatically controlled electric tubular heaters located in ventilated casings under the windows. Lighting will be provided by built-in fluorescent ceiling fittings.

The estimate cost of the work is approximately £2,200 (cs. 0d).

You will notice that no toilets are being provided. I consider this most undesirable both for the Staff and the public using the library. The estimate cost of providing such accommodation would be in the region of £200 to £300 and it is recommended that they be included.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council having considered that it would be preferable to provide the toilet facilities as recommended by the County Engineer

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Co. Library Committee for the erection of a Branch Library at Blessington on site adjoining Assistant County Engineer's Office in accordance with Plans and specifications prepared by the Council's Architect and direct the the Plans and Specifications be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval to invitation of Tenders. We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,500 to defray the cost of erection of the building.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Site for Dumping Ground at Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acquisition of a site containing 34 sq. perches at Tinahely for the purpose of a dumping ground from Mr. James Pierce. Mr. Pierce had sought the figure of £275 for the site, which represented a rate of £1,300 per acre and was considered unreasonable. A figure of £50 had been offered to Mr. Pierce but he had indicated that he was not prepared to consider such an offer which he regarded as altogether inadequate. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out the difficulties which the Council had experienced in endeavouring to obtain a Dumping Ground in Tinahely and expressed the view that this was the only suitable site for a Dumping Ground. She stated that many landowners would not be prepared to have a site for a Dumping Ground on their lands irrespective of what price were offered to them by reason of the effect of a Dumping Ground on the value of adjoining lands and she agreed that the offer of £50 made to Mr. Pierce was altogether inadequate. She stated that Mr. Pierce had indicated that if a reasonable offer had not been made by the Council within a week he would make other arrangements for disposal of the site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we offer £175 for site for dumping ground at Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he accepted that there was much merit in the points made by Councillor Miss Walsh and that an offer, as recommended by the Council, would be made immediately.

Item No. 13 — Tenders for Domestic Refuse Collection for Avondale Park, Boghall, Ballywaltrim and Dargle Valley Area.

The County Secretary stated that two Tenders had been received for this Domestic Refuse Collection Service, viz. from Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray, at £380 for one year and £1,140 for three years, and from Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue, at £375 for one

year, £950 for three years and £1,500 for five years. In view of the fact that Mr. Sutton had given every satisfaction in previous years the Co. Engineer recommended that his Tender be accepted for one year only even though his Tender was £5 higher than that of Mr. Cahill. Mr. Cahill had not previously carried out work for the Council but his Tender for the Refuse Collection in Newtownmountkennedy had been accepted recently.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we note the Report of the County Engineer of the 16th July, 1968, on his examination of Tenders received for the provision of Domestic Refuse Collection Service for the Avondale Park, Ballywaltrim, Boghall and Dargle Valley Area and approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray, for the coming year in the sum of £380.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Proposed Extension to Burial Ground at Manor Kilbride.

The County Secretary stated that when a Deputation of residents from Manor Kilbride area was received by the Council at the Meeting on the 17th June, 1968, it had been pointed out to the members of the Deputation that the price sought for land owned by Mr. Craul which was considered suitable was unduly high and the members of the Deputation had been asked to see if the price sought could be reduced. A letter had been received from Mr. James J. Hanlon who had addressed the Council on behalf of the Deputation indicating that Mr. Craul was now prepared to dispose of the site for the sum of £250. It was considered however that this price was also unduly high. Councillor J. Miley pointed out that Mr. Craul's land was on the opposite side of the road to the present Burial Ground and he considered that it would be preferable that the existing Burial Ground be extended into adjoining land rather than that a new site be obtained at the opposite side of the road. He was of opinion that suitable land could be obtained adjoining the Burial Ground which would be acceptable to the people residing in the area. The Council agreed to defer the matter with a view to seeing if a suitable site immediately adjoining the Burial Ground could be obtained at a reasonable price.

Item No. 15—Dispensary Medical Services at Tinahely — Letter from Tinahely Development Association.

The following letter from Tinahely Development Association was submitted:—

Tinahely Development Association

Tinahely,
Co. Wicklow.

Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

Tinahely Development Association held a special meeting on Thursday, 30th July, to deal with the question of Dispensary Medical Services.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter it was the unanimous decision of the meeting to request Wicklow County Council to appoint a Doctor who would reside in the Dispensary area of Tinahely.

Grave dissatisfaction was expressed by the members at the present situation whereby a Doctor has been appointed on a temporary basis, who resides five miles from Tinahely and who is not accessible by 'phone on weekdays after 10 p.m. or on Sundays after 8 p.m. due to inadequate 'phone services.

It is the general feeling of the people of Tinahely Dispensary area that they are not getting the Medical services to which they are entitled by not having a Medical Officer resident in Tinahely.

If further proof is needed this complaint can be sustained by a memorandum of names signed by very dissatisfied householders.

We urge you to give this matter your immediate attention by having it included on the Agenda for the next meeting of Wicklow County Council.

Signed on behalf of the Tinahely Development Association,

STANLEY WEIR

The County Manager stated that the Council was making arrangements to advertise for a temporary District Medical Officer and the Council noted the arrangements made.

Erection of Boundary Wall at Blacklion, Greystones:

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the sub-division of a cottage plot at Blacklion for the purpose of a site being made available to a Mr. Richard Doyle for the erection of a new dwellinghouse. As the cottage had been located at a bend in the road at Blacklion near the Catholic Church the County Engineer considered it essential that portion of the site be acquired for road improvement and in consequence the new house would be set back on the plot and a new boundary wall was necessary. The County Engineer had submitted an estimate from the Building Contractor in the sum of £395 for the erection of the boundary wall and since there were no tradesmen in the Bray area and the Council had insufficient men to carry out normal maintenance work the wall could not be erected by direct labour and he recommended that, in the circumstances, the tender be accepted. No funds had been made available in the present financial year for the carrying out of the work but it was desirable that the wall be erected now as the house was nearing completion.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 7th August, 1968, from Co. Engineer we approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. L. C. Redmond, Building Contractor, for the erection of boundary wall to road at Blacklion in the sum of £395 and authorise the expenditure of £395 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under Roads Services to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Reception of Deputation:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Ashford Labour Party Branch for the reception of a Deputation at the Next Housing Meeting in relation to the need for cottages for Ashford and footpaths in Ashford Village.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello.

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the reception of a Deputation from Ashford Labour Party Branch at the next Housing Meeting in relation to the need for cottages at Ashford and footpaths in Ashford Village.

Passed unanimously.

Traffic Signals at Bray:

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the two Tenders received for the provision of Traffic Lights at the junction of Main Street and Quinsboro Road, and had recommended the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Plessey (I.) Ltd., in the sum of £1,639 together with £50 per annum maintenance charge. The County Engineer pointed out that taking into account the maintenance charges the Tender of Messrs. Plessey (I) Ltd. was the lower of the Tenders received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of recommendation of County Engineer for acceptance of Tender of Messrs. Plessey (I) Ltd. for Traffic Signals at Bray in sum of £1,639 plus £50 per annum maintenance charge.

Passed unanimously.

Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme :

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received for extensions of the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme to supply the Curate's house, the School Hall, two Council cottages and 5 cottages on the Roundwood Road. The extension to supply the Curate's house, School Hall and two Council cottages was estimated to cost £522 10s 0d. and the extension to serve the cottages on the Roundwood Road was estimated at £1,512. The County Engineer recommended that the extensions be carried out as an extra on the existing Contract and pointed out that it was necessary that a decision be made on the matter as early as possible as the Contract was nearing completion. On the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council approved of carrying out the extensions as recommended by the County Engineer.

Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass:

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a further six houses be provided at Parkmore, Baltinglass, instead of the proposal to provide four additional houses. He stated that the present Contractor who had proved very satisfactory was pre-

pared to proceed with the erection of a further six houses as an extension to the existing Contract. The estimated cost of the additional six houses was £13,800.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of proceeding with a scheme for the erection of a further 6 houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for acceptance of the Tender of the existing Contractors for the erection of these 6 houses as an extension to the present Contract. We authorise the borrowing of a sum of £13,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of the houses.

Passed unanimously.

Scheme at Churchlands, Tinahely:

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired when the Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely, would be provided and pointed out that she had raised this matter previously at the Meeting of the Council on the 12th February, 1968, and had pointed out that the Scheme had been initiated in 1963 but had not been carried out and she wished to know when the work would be done. The County Engineer stated that part of the survey necessary for the Scheme had been completed and that he hoped to have the complete Scheme ready at an early date. He drew attention to lack of staff for such work.

Offices for Council Staff and Committee of Agriculture:

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley the County Engineer stated that the site for the Offices had been surveyed.

Engineering Staff:

Councillor S. Costello proposed that a special report be submitted to the Council in regard to staff requirements for the Engineering Section. He referred to a number of Schemes which had been approved by the Council and stated that if the Council wished to have works planned and carried out within a reasonable time it was necessary to ensure that the County Engineer had adequate staff to enable him to do so. He proposed that a full report on the matter be submitted for the consideration of the Council at a meeting in September. Councillor Miss Walsh, having seconded the proposal, the Council agreed that a special report on the matter of Engineering Staff requirements be prepared and submitted.

Domestic Scavenging Service for Knockroe

Councillor Costello asked if arrangements could be made to extend a Domestic Scavenging Service to Knockroe and it was agreed that this matter be examined.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the

City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Bolger, Silver Strand Rd., Dunbur, Wicklow, for erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council employ a Chemist full time or part time for Wicklow Dispensary."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—(a) "That the Council expedite the building of a house for Michael Moore in Stratford where a site is available." (b) "That the Council make representations to Local Government Department to increase the Grants for the building of new houses as the present Grants are not adequate in view of the present building costs."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the Co. Engineer furnish a report on the condition of all burial grounds in the Arklow Electoral Area which are the property of Wicklow County Council."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That watermain at Knockieran, Blessington, be extended to give supply to eight Council cottages."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd September, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, N. D. Farrell and K. C. O'Donnell, together with Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke and William Cleary:—
"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow Co. Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, B.S.C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Bolger, Silver Strand Road, Dunbur, Wicklow, for erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow." (Note no application thus far received).
2. To receive Deputation from Ashford Labour Party Branch re need for Cottages for Ashford and regarding Footpaths in Ashford Village.
3. Letter from Chairman of the Dublin Grand Canal Festival.
4. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of New Houses.

5. Proposed amendment of Scheme for making Supplementary Grants in respect of New Houses.
6. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new Dwell-houses.
7. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Water Supply to Cottages at Ennis Lane, Greystones—To authorise excess expenditure.
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- "That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council build a house without undue delay for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a site which he has secured from Mr. Fred Sutton, Loggan, Gorey."
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:- "That the Council purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites either private or otherwise and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That a site of 2 acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built there."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That the three $\frac{1}{2}$ acre cottage plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
14. (a) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. Temple and Edward Byrne:- "That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of State Grant (£275) and likewise the Supplementary Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses."
(b) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That Council make representations to Local Government Department to increase the Grants for the building of new houses as the present Grants are not adequate in view of the present building costs."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will build a house for Patrick Mullins, on a site to be provided by his father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council repair the following cottages:- Reps. Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Reps. Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Reps. John Corcoran, 34 Ballybeg, Rathnew."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "Ashford—That the Council proceed immediately with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field and that the main sewerage be provided for without further delay."

19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That the Council provide building land in Rathdrum immediately to allow for commencement of new houses."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council transfer the tenancy of Cottage No. 216, Ballinahinch, from James Doyle to Mrs. Mary Doyle."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That piped water be extended to Council houses at Boleybawn, Tinahely."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "That ten extra houses be built in Baltinglass."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:- "That ten extra houses be built in Dunlavin."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That the Council acquire housing sites at Carnew opposite the new Council houses."
25. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
(a) "That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Glenealy for the purpose of building Council houses."
(b) "That the Council make a playing field out of their land in Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
26. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:-
(a) "That a water supply be provided to the three houses in Ashtown Lane, Wicklow."
(b) "That the Council acquire land in Kilpedder for the building of three houses for Michael Vines, Ben McLoughlin and Mrs. Murray."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:- "That this Council pay Mr. Neil Foreman, Tiglin, Ashford, a Supplementary Grant of £450 for the erection of a bungalow."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That a suitable water supply be provided to serve the five cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the water supply for Knockrobin Cottages be proceeded with forthwith."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That the watermain at Knockieran, Blessington, be extended to give a supply to eight Council cottages."
31. Repairs to Cottages carried out in August, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired in September, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local

Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 Houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that revised plans as had been agreed had not been received from Mr. Nolan until the previous Thursday, the 29th August, and the County Engineer's Report on the plans had been submitted only immediately before the Meeting and had not yet been seen by the County Manager. The County Manager pointed out that there had not been adequate time to examine the revised proposals and get all necessary reports and referred to his statements at previous Meetings of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area regarding the difficulty that had arisen in providing new Council housing in the Greystones area due to overloading of the sewerage plant at the North Beach, Greystones, and had drawn attention to the necessity to give priority to Council housing over private development. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the consideration of the proposal could be deferred to the next month's Meeting as a revised proposal had now been submitted. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stressed the urgent need of proceeding with further houses in the Greystones area and on his proposal, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill, it was agreed that the Council proceed immediately with the Scheme for further houses at Grattan Park, Greystones. In reply to the inquiry whether a Consultant had been engaged to prepare plans for improvement of the Greystones sewerage system the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's recommendation on the appointment of a Consultant was not yet available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we request the County Manager to send forthwith to the Department the County Engineer's recommendation for appointment of a Consultant for Greystones sewerage.

Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke and William Cleary:—
"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Kinsella had submitted a letter indicating that he was prepared to desist from using the premises for business purposes as soon as he had secured a place to which to transfer it. Proceedings for recovery of possession of the cottage would accordingly be withdrawn. The Council noted the position in the matter.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, B.S.C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955,

we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Bolger, Silver Strand Road, Dunbur, Wicklow, for erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that plans had been handed in at the Meeting by Councillor R. Miley on behalf of Mr. Bolger but that there had been no opportunity of examining the plans. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the Notice of Motion to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 9th September, 1968.

Caravan Site — William Fenelon.

The Chairman submitted a letter he had received from the Greystones and District Civic Association regarding a decision of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting on the 14th August that a Deputation see the Minister in connection with the delay in giving a decision on the appeal against the refusal of the Council to grant a Licence for Mr. Fenelon's Caravan Park. The Association pointed out that the outcome of the appeal had been awaited for twelve months and that they felt that no delay should be necessary as the Minister had already rejected the appeal for the adjoining site, which was in Mrs. Fenelon's name, and the reasons for rejecting that site must also apply in Mr. Fenelon's case. They trusted that a Deputation would see the Minister in the near future. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been sent to the Department of Local Government asking that a Deputation be received. The Council directed that if a reply was not received within one week that a further letter be addressed to the Department stressing the urgency of the matter.

Applications for Reception of Deputations.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Rathdrum Development Association for the reception of a Deputation by the Council in regard to a number of matters agreed to receive the Deputation relating to Rathdrum. The Council at the Meeting on the 9th September, 1968.

Letter received on behalf of Knockroe Tenants' Association requesting the reception of a Deputation by the Council in connection with a dangerous road junction at Knockroe, a domestic refuse collection service and sewerage facilities was also submitted and the Council agreed that this Deputation also be received at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th September.

Item No. 2—To receive Deputation from Ashford Labour Party Branch re need for Cottages for Ashford and regarding Footpaths in Ashford Village.

Mr. N. Carthy addressed the Meeting and referred to the urgent need for the provision of houses in Ashford. It was stated that no houses had been built in the area for 20 years and that there were 32 applicants for houses. He referred to the site which had been recently purchased by the Council and asked if the Council could proceed with the erection of six houses without awaiting the provision of the Sewerage Scheme. Mr. Leslie Brown referred also to the number of applicants for houses in the area and the lack of a sewerage system and complained that the domestic scavenging service had only recently been introduced. Mr. Brendan Newsome stated that a new footpath was necessary in part of the village and referred also to approval having been given to extensions of the water supply to

serve parts of the Ashford area some years ago but that these had not yet been carried out. He stated that 100 persons were being supplied from one pump. The Chairman informed the members of the Deputation that reports on these matters would be submitted to and considered by the Council at their next Meeting.

Item No. 3 — Letter from Chairman of the Dublin Grand Canal Festival.

The following letter from the Chairman, The Dublin Grand Canal Festival, was submitted:-

DUBLIN GRAND CANAL FESTIVAL

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

August, 1968.

Dear Sir,

Due to the lack of any national organisation which will take responsibility for the development of our inland waterways as a whole, there is a very real danger that they will be used as solutions to other community problems before the huge tourist potential which they possess is fully understood.

To overcome this problem, the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland is holding a one-day 'teach-in' from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on September 7th in Dublin. We intend to bring together representatives from the Government, the prescribed bodies, the regional and local tourist development organisations and other interested bodies, with representatives of overseas waterways developments.

The aims of the 'teach-in' will be to show the progress which has been made in other countries, the potential of our waterways and the problems in developing them. It is also intended to form a National Development Organisation which will be responsible for the setting up of local development groups and their co-ordination. We invite you to send a delegation to the 'teach-in,' both as observers and contributors. Mr. Childers, Minister for Transport and Power, has been asked to perform the opening ceremony.

To encourage the use of our waterways, we are organising a water festival on September 6, 7 and 8 on the banks of the Grand Canal at Mespil Road. Events will include many competitions, lunch and teatime picnics and concerts, brass bands, a barbeque, social evenings in the Lansdowne Hotel, a fashion show and traditional and ballad concerts.

Due to the proximity of the opening date an immediate reply would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

G. Cahill O'Brien.

The Council appointed Councillors M. Deering, J. Miley and J. Temple, together with the County Engineer, to represent the Council at the "teach-in." It was agreed also that any Member interested might also attend.

Item No. 4—Applications for Supplementary Grants Towards Cost of Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant

of £250 to Mrs. Doris G. Butler, Waterville, Kilquade, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Coyne's Cross, Kiltimon.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to James Gillespie, Mountain View, Kiltegan, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at High Park, Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Carmelite Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Delgany, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Proposed Amendment of Scheme for Making Supplementary Grants in Respect of New Houses.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966, it was necessary to amend the Council's Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants so that it should be in accord with the provisions of the Act. It had been made clear in the 1966 Act that the Council could make a Supplementary Grant available either to or in respect of a person providing a house provided that the person first in occupation of the house after the erection or purchase was completed complied with the income limits as set out in the Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons for the provision of houses under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1968, as follows:—

Article 1 of the Scheme is hereby amended to read as follows:— (1) Where a Grant has been made by the Minister for Local Government under Section 16 of the Act of 1948, of Section 2 of the Act of 1962 or Section 15, 16 or 17 of the Housing Act, 1966, to or in respect of a person providing a house the Council may, subject to provisions of this Scheme, make a Supplementary Grant to or in respect of the person who is the person first in occupation of the houses after the erection or purchase thereof is completed.

Article 3 of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows: **Residence Qualification.** To qualify for a Supplementary Grant the person first in occupation of the house after the erection or purchase thereof is completed must be resident in the County of Wicklow and must have resided continuously therein for a period of three years prior to the date of the application.

In Article 4 of the Scheme the words "the person first in occupation of the house after the erection or purchase thereof is completed" shall

be inserted in place of the word "applicant" where such word occurs. Article 5 of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows:— A Supplementary Grant shall not be payable where the person first in occupation of the house after the erection or purchase thereof is completed is a single person without dependents resident in the house. Article 7 of the Scheme shall be amended by the substitution of the word "application" for the word "applicant."

Article 8 of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows:— The house towards the erection or purchase of which a Supplementary Grant has been made under this Scheme shall be occupied as a residence by a person who complies with the income qualification in this Scheme and such house shall not within five years from the date of completion be sold or leased without the consent of the Council and such consent will not be given until the amount of the Supplementary Grant paid has been refunded to the Council.

Article 9 of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows:— The Council will not make any Supplementary Grant in respect of a person first in occupation of a house after the erection or purchase thereof is completed, if a Supplementary Grant has been paid previously in respect of such person either in relation to the erection of a new dwellinghouse or the reconstruction, repair or improvement of this dwelling.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Purchase of New Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. William S. Kelly, Ballylusk, Ashford, who had applied for a Loan of £2,500 in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballylusk. Mr. Kelly was described as a farmer and was employed by his father at a weekly wage of £15. Mr. Kelly's father, William Kelly, was rated for 127 acres of land with a valuation of £91 18s. 0d. and also for buildings valued at £14.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to William S. Kelly, Ballylusk, Ashford, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballylusk, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the amount of the Loan be determined having regard to the market value of the house as assessed by the County Engineer.

Item No. 7—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William Galvin, Tenant-Purchaser of Cottage No. 291/6 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, proposed to dispose of his interest in the Vested Cottage to Mr. Joseph Doyle of 32 O'Neill Park for the sum of £800. Mr. Doyle

was a qualified person and had been recommended for one of the new houses at Newtownmountkennedy. Mr. Doyle had applied for a Loan of £800 to enable him to purchase the cottage. While it had not been the Council's practice to make Loans available for the purchase of Vested Cottages this appeared to be a case where the Council might agree to the making of a Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by William Galvin of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 291/6 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, to Joseph Doyle, 32 O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sum of £800 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage, and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £800 to Joseph Doyle, 32 O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, in respect of the purchase of vested cottage no. 291/6 at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Christopher Kehoe, Tenant-Purchaser of Cottage No. 67/3 at Ballyknockan, Vallemount, proposed to sell his interest in the cottage to Mr. Richard Weber, 13 Anglesea Street, Dublin, for the sum of £1,500. There was doubt as to whether Mr. Weber could be accepted as a qualified person. He had supplied details of his employment over the previous ten years as a Shop Assistant, a Clerk in a Book Shop and a Journalist and subsequently a Lecturer in a College in the United States where he is presently employed under a two year contract which would expire in June, 1969. It appeared that Mr. Weber was at present on holidays in Ireland but the owners of the flat at Anglesea Street had written to state that Mr. Weber had been a tenant there since 1962 but was required to leave the flat as he was now married and the flat was not suitable for a family.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Christopher Kehoe of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 67/3 at Ballyknockan, Vallemount, to Richard Weber, 13 Anglesea Street, Dublin, for the sum of £1,500, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage, and the annuity to continue to be payable.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That a decision be deferred pending the receipt of satis-

factory information regarding the employment of Mr. Weber and his intentions regarding occupying the house.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello—THREE.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—FOURTEEN.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill abstained from voting.

The Amendment was declared defeated by fourteen votes against to three votes in favour and the original Resolution in the name of Councillor J. Miley was declared passed on the same voting.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Francis H. Anderson, Tenant-Purchaser of Cottage No. 371/11 at Ballyfree, Glenealy, proposed to dispose of his interest in the cottage to Mr. J. A. Ferguson, 11, North Circular Road, Dublin, for the sum of £2,000. Mr. Ferguson was described as a semi-retired Tradesman—being a Saddler and it was stated he had an offer of employment in Dublin and that he intended to occupy the cottage permanently. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, the Council agreed that the seller be approached to ascertain if he would be prepared to dispose of the cottage to the Council for £1,333 6s. 8d. It was agreed that the Council would not, of course, be responsible for any Auctioneers' fees or legal costs.

Item No. 8—Water Supply to Cottages at Ennis Lane, Greystones—To Authorise Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the provision of a water supply extension to ten houses at Ennis Lane but permission had not been given by Dublin Corporation to connect to the Corporation Mains. The County Engineer had now recommended that the water supply be provided from the Templecarrig Water Supply Scheme by replacing the existing 3" main with 2" diameter P.V.C. main. The estimated cost of the work would be £1,082 and it was proposed to carry out the work by direct labour. The approval of the Council was requested to the defraying of the cost of the work from Revenue and the authorisation of the necessary additional expenditure in the present year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 16th August, 1968, we approve of his recommendation regarding the provision of a water supply to cottages at Ennis Lane, Greystones, and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,082 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work. Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the carrying out of the work of laying the main be put in hands at the earliest possible date.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That the Cottage of the Late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, Which She Has Willed to Her Son-in-Law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, Be Transferred to His Names."

The County Secretary stated that the late Mrs. Doyle had left the cottage, which had been vested in her, to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, who wished to have the premises registered in his name and apparently his Solicitor contended that he could not complete the registration as the Council had not registered the cottage in the Land Registry. It had been confirmed, however, that the cottage had been correctly registered and Mr. Mulligan had been informed of the Folio Number under which the cottage was registered in the name of the late Mrs. Doyle. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That this Council Build a House Without Undue Delay for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Milands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a Site Which he has Secured from Mr. Fred Sutton, Loggan, Gorey."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. O'Rourke had been asked on the 26th April if he would consider applying for one of the houses in the Scheme which the Council intended to build at Tinahely and had been asked to complete an Application Form but no reply had been received. Councillor Whelan stated that Mr. O'Rourke wished to have a house built at Loggan on the site which he had secured from Mr. Fred Hatton. The County Secretary stated that the site would be examined and a report obtained as to its suitability.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:— "That the Council Purchase or Acquire Land on Both Sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for Use as Building Sites Either Private or Otherwise and that the Engineer Examine This Possibility."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

12th August, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Monument Lane, Arklow: Proposed Acquisition of sites for Houses: Item 16.

The land is suitable for building. It is, however, situated nearly a mile from Arklow. I consider, therefore, that unless there are no sites available nearer to the town, this type of development would be undesirable in that it would tend towards sprawl development of the Town of Arklow. The question of services would also arise in that I understand the Urban Council's sewers would not be able to take the sewage effluent from this proposed development. This, however, would be a matter for Arklow Urban District Council as would also be the question of the water supply.

I further consider that if the Council were to acquire this site

and provide the water and sewerage services that it should be done at the cost of any proposal of developers by way of getting a contribution from them towards the capital cost of the provision of the services.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

Councillor Sweeney stated that it was proposed to widen this lane for the purpose of access to the Nitrogin Eireann Factory and that, consequently, housing sites along the road would be valuable. He felt it was desirable that the Council should acquire the land. The County Manager pointed out that Arklow Urban District Council had acquired a substantial area of land within the Urban District which would be available for housing. He pointed out that the Co. Engineer had indicated that the Urban District Council's sewers would not be able to take sewage effluent from a development at Monument Lane.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—“That a Site of 2 Acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is Offered for Sale and is Very Suitable for Building Be Bought by the Council and Houses, Which Are Badly Needed, Be Built There.”

The following Report of the Co. Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th April, 1968

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion Handed in by Cirs. T. Keenan and John Sweeney: “That a Site of 2 Acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for Sale and is Very Suitable for Building, be Bought by the Council and Houses, Which Are Badly Needed, Be Built There.” Item No. 20.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 28th ultimo.

The approach to this site is via a narrow private laneway, approximately 100 yards from the public road. It would be necessary to widen this road in order to give proper access to the site. There is also no sewer available to serve the site.

It is considered that the housing needs could be more economically met by providing sites near the Village of Aughrim. There is, I understand, a site owned by C.I.E. opposite the Hotel which was available some years ago. Another suggested site would be the land opposite the road to the existing new Housing Scheme, between the Catholic Church and the cottages. The suggestion of building the houses in an existing village where there are services is in accordance with Departmental policy.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had subsequently examined other sites at Aughrim and had submitted the following Report:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

12th August, 1968.

Re Acquisition of Land at Aughrim.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 4th June.

The site on Mr. Dunne's land has been examined and is found suitable. I enclose herewith Map showing sites marked 'A' and 'B' adjoining Mr. Dunne's cottage which I understand are owned by him. Houses built on these sites can be connected to the existing water and sewerage mains. The development would form a link between the Church and the Village and would improve its over-all amenities as a compact village unit.

It is recommended that both sites should be acquired simultaneously both from an economic point of view and that the overall layout plan would not be unduly restricted. The exact area of the sites will require to be verified when ownership is confirmed.

Site 'A' is approximately 1.8 acres and Site 'B' 1.076 acres, making a total area of 2.876 acres, which at £400 per acre would give a value of £720 for site 'A' and £430 for site 'B' making a total of £1,150.

Site 'A' would be suitable for the erection of 14 houses and Site 'B' for the erection of 9 houses, making a total of 23 houses.

These sites, both in fact, refer to as there being opposite the existing housing scheme between the Catholic Church and the Cottages, as set out in my report of the 6th April, 1968.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN
County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that the sites as recommended by the County Engineer be acquired.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—“That the Three $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre Cottage Plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be Divided to Provide Sites for Three New Houses There.”

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th April, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre Plots at Glen Road: Item No. 23.

A Chara,

These plots are not serviced and are not convenient to a public sewer.

It would be desirable that any demand for houses in the vicinity of Aughrim would be met by providing sites in the village where

services are available and such development would be in accordance with the Department's policy, ensuring that the existing small towns all grow into viable units.

Mise, ie meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that she had submitted the Notice of Motion at a time when there had been difficulty in obtaining any suitable site at Aughrim for housing purposes.

Item No. 14—(a) Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. Temple and Edward Byrne:— "That this Council Request the Minister to Increase substantially the Amount of the State Grant (£275) and Likewise the Supplementary Grant £275) to Enable People of the Middle Income Group to Build Their Own Houses." (b) Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That Council Make Representations to Local Government Department to Increase the Grants for the Building of New Houses as the Present Grants Are Not Adequate in View of the Present Building Costs."

Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that the State Grant of £275 in respect of the provision of a new house had been determined many years previously and that the cost of houses had increased substantially since the amount of the Grant had been determined. He felt it was reasonable that the State Grant be increased in proportion to the increase in the cost of houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses. We recommend that the grant be increased to £550. We direct that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill indicated that the Resolution met the terms of his Notice of Motion.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That I or Someone for Me Will Propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for New Houses Be Paid to Single Men if Money Is Available."

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available.

Councillor Timmins stated that he felt that a single person should not be excluded from the payment of a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house though he accepted that it was necessary that married applicants receive priority and, consequently, he had provided in his proposal that it was subject to monies

being available. Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor Costello opposed the proposal and pointed out that while the Council might have funds available at a particular time to make a Supplementary Grant to a single person it could happen that at a later date capital might not be available for Supplementary Grants and applications from married applicants would have to be refused. They pointed out that the Council would not have an assurance that capital would always be available to meet all requirements both for housing, and for sanitary services and that, consequently, the Scheme should not be amended in this respect. Councillor Timmins, having agreed to amend the proposal by the insertion of the words "living in unfit houses" after the words "single men" in the proposal a vote was called for and it was found that the Member present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan
—THIRTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill—FOUR.

The proposal was declared passed by thirteen votes in favour to four against.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That This Council Will Build a House for Patrick Mullins, on a Site to be Provided by his Father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow."

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had not yet been received from the County Medical Officer and the site had not been examined. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that these reports be obtained and that the matter be re-submitted as soon as possible.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That This Council Repair the Following Cottages:— Reps. Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Reps. Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Reps. John, Corcoran, 34 Ballybeg, Rathnew."

The County Secretary stated that in the case of the Reps. of Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew, the occupant of the cottage was Mr. Michael Dunne, who was aged 72, single and living alone, and was not eligible to purchase the cottage. In the case of the Reps. of John Corcoran, 34, Ballybeg, Rathnew, no application for transfer of tenancy nor an application to purchase had been received from the occupant of the cottage. As it was the policy of the Council to give priority to the repair of cottages for vesting repairs to these cottages had not been approved. In the case of the representatives of Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum, the tenancy had now been transferred to Mr. John Connolly, who had applied to purchase the cottage, and an estimate for the repairs in the sum of £120 8s. 0d. had been submitted and these could now proceed. Councillor Hynes pointed out that the expenditure required to carry out the repairs on the other

two cottages was not great but that these repairs were necessary to preserve the cottages and on the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Gregory, the Council agreed that the remaining two cottages also be repaired.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke:—
“Ashford—That the Council Proceed Immediately with the Building of Council Houses in Fitzpatrick's Field and that the Main Sewerage be Provided for Without Further Delay.”

The County Secretary stated that the purchase of this field had now been completed. The County Engineer had received the Consultant's Report in regard to the Sewerage Scheme and was at present examining it. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke:—
“That the Council Provide Building Land in Rathdrum immediately to Allow for Commencement of New Houses.”

The County Secretary stated that there had not been any further progress to report in regard to negotiations for acquisition of a site for housing at Rathdrum. The Council asked that this matter be expedited.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
“That This Council Transfer the Tenancy of Cottage No. 216, Ballinahinch, from James Doyle to Mrs. Mary Doyle.”

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Doyle, the husband of Mary Doyle, who had now applied for the tenancy of the cottage, left his wife some years ago and had not been heard of since and it was proposed to appoint Mrs. Doyle as tenant. On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miley, the Council agreed that Mrs. Doyle be made tenant of the cottage.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“That Piped Water Be Extended to Council Houses at Boleybawn, Tinahely.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer reported that due to Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant Engineer, being ill he had no staff to carry out the investigation. The Council asked that a report be submitted on this proposal as soon as possible.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—
“That Ten Extra Houses be Built in Baltin-glass.”

The County Secretary stated that at the last Meeting the Council had approved of proceeding with the erection of a further six houses at Baltin-glass. Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill stated that extra houses were needed and urged that a further ten houses be built and the necessary lands acquired.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—
“That Ten Extra Houses Be Built In Dunlavin.”

The County Secretary stated that three additional cottage plots were being acquired for the purpose of providing extra houses at Dunlavin but there had been difficulty in getting agreement in respect

of one of the sites. Councillor Deering stated that he would approach the tenant with a view to obtaining her agreement.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“That the Council Acquire Housing Sites at Carnew Opposite the New Council Houses.”

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.
 14th August, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY. (HOUSING SECTION).

Re: Carnew Housing Scheme.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 2nd ultimo in respect of Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Whelan. (Copy of letter addressed to you).

I enclose herewith copy of Map showing sites marked 'B1' (area 1 rood, 23 sq. perches), which is owned by the Council opposite the existing Council sites, marked 'A1' on map, which would be suitable for the immediate erection of four houses.

It is recommended that arrangements be made for the erection of four houses on this site.

Marked also on map are other sites 'C1' and 'D1' which should be acquired to meet future demand for housing in Carnew. These sites are convenient to all services, and would enable further development to take place convenient to the town in a compact manner. The total area of site 'C1' and 'D1' amounts to 4 acres, 1 rood and 17 sq. perches, and would be suitable for the erection of approximately 36 houses, both for Council and private, should the demand arise.

At £400 per acre, the value of Site 'C1' would be £357 10s. 0d. and Site 'D1' £1,387 0s. 0d., making a total of £1,744 10s. 0.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. O'DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, that the sites as recommended by the County Engineer be acquired.

Item No. 25—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
(a) “That the Council Compulsorily Acquire Land in Glenealy for the Purpose of Building Council Houses.”

Councillor Hynes stated that he had made a number of inquiries but had found it impossible to obtain agreement to the acquisition of any lands in Glenealy for the purpose of building Council houses and on his proposal the Council agreed that the Council acquire a suitable site compulsorily.

(b) “That The Council Make a Playing Field Out of Their Land in Ballygannon, Rathdrum.”

The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Hynes, that a playing field be provided on the Council's land at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

Item No. 26—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Gregory:—
(a) "That a Water Supply be Provided to the Three Houses in Ashtown Lane, Wicklow."

The County Engineer reported that as the Chief Assistant Co. Engineer was on sick leave he was unable to deal with the matter. On the proposal of Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Timmins, it was agreed that a water supply be provided for these houses.

(b) "That the Council Acquire Land in Kilpedder for the Building of Three Houses for Michael Vines, Ben McLoughlin, and Mrs. Murray."

Councillor Gregory stated that these applicants wished to have houses provided at Kilpedder and were not agreeable to accepting houses at Newtownmountkennedy. On the proposal of Councillor Gregory the Council agreed that suitable sites be sought at Kilpedder for the building of three houses.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:— "That This Council Pay Mr. Neil Foreman, Tiglin, Ashford, a Supplementary Grant of £450 for the Erection of a Bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that on inquiry from the Department of Local Government it had been found that a Grant totalling £450 had been paid to Mr. Foreman but the Council had not been notified of the payment. On receipt of a notification payment could be made. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That a Suitable Water Supply be Provided to Serve the Five Cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

The County Engineer reported that due to the illness of Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, he was unable to deal with the matter. The Council asked that a report on this matter be submitted as soon as possible.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the Water Supply for Knockrobin Cottages Be Proceeded With Forthwith."

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Department of Local Government had been requested to the plans for this extension which were submitted on the 23rd January, 1968, and inquiries from the Department had been answered on the 26th April, 1968, but approval had not yet been received. The Council noted that the Scheme was under consideration by the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the Watermain at Knockieran, Blessington, be Extended to Give a Supply to Eight Council Cottages."

Councillor Miley stated that these cottages could be served from the Scheme at present in progress at Knockieran, Blessington, and urged that the watermain be now provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That the water main at Knockieran, Blessington, be extended to give a supply to eight Council cottages as an extension of the Blessington Water Supply Scheme and we hereby authorise the raising of a supplementary loan to defray the cost of this extension. Passed unanimously.

Draft County Development Plan.

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Draft County Development Plan, as amended by the Council, would be available at the end of the week and would be on public display then for the purpose of allowing any persons to make objections or representations regarding the proposals for a period of three months. In order to allow a reasonable period for the Council to consider any objections which might be received it was felt that a further extension of time to the 31st January, 1969, for the making of the plan should be sought.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That in order to allow reasonable time for consideration of any objections which may be made to the Draft County Development Plan we request the Minister for Local Government to allow a further period to 31st January, 1969, for the making of a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 31—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out in August, 1968, and Cottages to be Repaired in September, 1968.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of August and of those to be repaired during the month of September, 1968.

In regard to repairs in the South/Eastern area the Co. Engineer stated that arrangements had been made to carry out repairs by direct labour.

Congratulations to Wexford Team.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council passed a Resolution congratulating the Wexford Team on their victory in the All-Ireland Final.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Hughes, Magherbeg, for the erection of a bungalow at Three-Mile-Water, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing L. D. Kinsella to redeem the annuity on his cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That this Council will acquire the 15 acres of suitable land offered by Mr. Leslie Sharpe for the provision of houses at Avoca."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build an extra twenty Council houses in Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:— "That I or some Member for me move that the Council suspend Standing Order of 1962 Scheme for Housing Grants so that John Murphy, Holyvalley, be paid Supplementary Grant the same as Local Government paid him."

In the name of Councillor Roger Miley:— "That the Council repair Andrew Gaffney's house at Kilmurray, Kilbride."

In the name of Councillor William Cleary:— "That the County Engineer furnish a report on the position of the erection of the lights on Arklow Bridge."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th September, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Bolger, Silver Strand Road, Dunbur, Wicklow, for erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Hughes, Magherabeg, for the erection of a bungalow at Three Mile Water, Wicklow."

2. Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association.

3. Deputation from Knockroe Tenants Association.

4. Minutes of Meetings held on 27th May, 1968, and 10th June, 1968.

5. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st December, 1968.

6. Housing and Sewerage at Ashford.

7. Application of £1 per week increase in wages to lorry drivers and Machinery Attendants and other employees—To authorise excess expenditure.

8. Revision of remuneration of Storekeeper.

9. Temporary office accommodation—Report of County Engineer.

10. Increases in Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances and Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.

11. Dispensary Medical Service at Tinahely—Letter from Dr. F. Monaghan.

12. Use of lands at Newcastle Hospital—Report of Chief Clerk.

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20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Whelan and Miss Mary Walsh:- "That we ask the County Engineer to provide a report on the complaints made by Mr. G. Condon, a Council Roadworker, regarding Mr. O'Donnell, the Engineer for the Tinahely area."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello—Resolution for General Council of County Councils—"That we condemn the anti-democratic provisions of the proposed Criminal Justice Bill."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council employ a man to clean the village of Glenealy once a week."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That we request the County Manager to continue the employment of Dr. McCarthy as County Medical Officer for six months on reaching 65 years or his successor and that we forward it to the Minister of Health as a recommendation."
- 23 (a) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes "That the Council employ a Chemist full-time or part-time for Wicklow Dispensary."
- 23 (b) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh "That the County Engineer furnish a Report on the condition of all Burial Grounds in the Arklow Electoral Area which are the responsibility of the County Council."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:- "That the County Engineer furnish a report as to the position of the erection of the lights on Arklow Bridge."
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as Follows:- (a) In the Names of Councillors Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Bolger, Silver Strand Road, Dunbur, Wicklow, for Erection of a Bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr.

Bolger for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow, had been refused by the Council on the grounds that (1) the erection of a bungalow at this place would result in ribbon development along a heavily trafficked road at a point only about three quarters of a mile from the Wicklow Urban District boundary and that the making of a new entrance to serve this house onto the adjoining road would give rise to a traffic hazard. The County Engineer had reported that the application now submitted by Mr. Bolger was identical with that previously submitted to and refused by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Jas. Bolger, Silver Strand Road, Dunbur, Wicklow, for erection of a bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

(b) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:- "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. James Hughes, Magherabeg, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Three Mile Water, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. James Hughes for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Three Mile Water, Wicklow, had been refused on the grounds that a bungalow erected on this site between the road and the sea would seriously affect the scenic amenities of the area. The site was on the Eastern side of the road from Wicklow to Brittas Bay at Three Mile Water. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that Mr. Hughes in his application had stated that the bungalow was for his own occupation and that his present house was in bad repair.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Jas. Hughes, Magherabeg, for the erection of a bungalow at Three Mile Water, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association.

The Council received a deputation from the Rathdrum Development Association who were represented by Messrs J. Aitken, J. P. Whelan and R. Haughton. Mr. Aitken stated that the water supply at Rathdrum had not been satisfactory for some time past and that at present the water was turned off at about 10.30 p.m. at night and not turned on in the morning until 8.30 or later. He stated that this

caused inconvenience to residents particularly persons having Guest-houses, etc. He also stated that the water pressure was very high at night. Mr. Aitken stated that he was aware that Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, had been carrying out investigations with a view to improving the supply prior to his illness. He asked if it would be possible to alter the hours during which the water was turned off. Mr. J. P. Whelan referred to the matter of the appointment of a Medical Officer at Rathdrum and the provision of a residence for him and expressed the view that it would not be possible to get a Doctor unless a satisfactory residence was provided. He referred to a site being available to the Council on the Fairgreen for the purposes of a Dispensary Residence. The County Secretary stated that in view of the impending changes in the Dispensary Medical Service as envisaged in the White Paper on the Health Services the provision of dispensary residences was not now being approved by the Department of Health. Mr. R. Haughton asked if a railing could be provided in place of the wall at the junction between the Lower Main Street and the Laragh Road to provide better vision at this junction and also suggested that the "Yield Right of Way" sign should be placed on the Laragh Road instead of on the Lower Main Street so that heavy vehicles would not have to stop and re-start on the steep hill. The County Engineer stated that as regards the water supply the matter of adjusting the hours during which the water was turned off would be examined. A new water supply for Rathdrum was included in the proposed Regional Scheme from Garryduff but this would not be available for some time to come and in the meantime steps were being taken to improve the existing supply. A number of leaks had been found and notices had been served on persons in the area to repair these leaks. The matter of the proposed alterations at the junction of the Lower Main Street and Laragh Road and alteration of the sign would be examined. In regard to the matter of housing Mr. Aitken stated that a field, which was suitable for housing and so indicated in the Plan for Rathdrum, was for sale by sanction on Thursday of that week. It was agreed that the matter of this site be examined immediately.

Item No. 3—Deputation from Knockroe Tenants' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from Knockroe Tenants' Association represented by Mrs. Julia Lang and Messrs B. Gilbert, T. Rennix, Robert Mitchell and P. Cosgrave. The members of the Deputation addressed the Council and drew attention to the following matters:—

- (1) Dangerous access from the Knockroe Road to the Main Road—It was stated that there were high ditches at the junction of the Knockroe Road with the Main Road and it was urged that the Council arrange to remove these ditches to provide satisfactory vision at the junction.
- (2) Domestic Scavenging—An application was made for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the thirteen houses at Knockroe.
- (3) Sewerage System—The Deputation sought the provision of sewerage facilities for the thirteen houses and stated that a site was available for a septic tank.

- (4) Condition of Knockroe Road—It was stated that the road at Knockroe was in bad condition with deep potholes and that the drainage was unsatisfactory resulting in houses being flooded from surface water from the road. Improvements to the road were requested.

The Deputation also asked that high hedges adjoining the road be trimmed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary;

Resolved—That ditches adjoining road at Knockroe be removed and that plans be prepared for provision of sewerage services for cottages at Knockroe.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 27th May, 1968, and 10th June, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Contract at Blessington.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Miley complained of the lack of progress in arriving at a settlement regarding the claim of Messrs C. Byrne and Sons, Contractors, for payment of the balance of the Contract for the Housing Scheme at Blessington and asked that Counsel's Opinion be obtained in regard to the operation of a Resolution under Section 4 to direct payment of the balance of the Contract. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the County Engineer would arrange to meet the Consultant, Mr. P. O'Brien, and the Contractor, with a view to reaching an agreement regarding the completion of outstanding works and the payment of such balance as might be certified to be due to the Contractor.

Water Supply at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Costello inquired when a report would be available in regard to the matter of a water supply to cottages at Kilmurray. The County Engineer stated that he had not sufficient staff available at present to report on this matter.

Item No. 5—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

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 Limited, 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 for the Quarter to 31st December, 1968, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Housing and Sewerage at Ashford.

The Council considered the following Report in regard to Ashford

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairman and Members of County Council

Ashford Sewerage

Dear Councillor,

Preliminary Report with supporting documents and Estimates of Cost have been received from Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, who is engaged by the Council to prepare the Sewerage Scheme to serve Ashford Village.

In his Report the Consultant indicates that the Scheme will provide drainage for 116 existing houses together with 40 new houses to be built by the Council at Ballinalea and an additional 106 new private houses which might possibly result from new development. The latter would, it is anticipated, be built largely in the Nun's Cross area.

In the lay-out and design of the proposed sewerage scheme the Consultant has sought to preserve the attractive character of the lands adjoining the Vartry River especially the ornamental gardens at Mount Usher.

It is stressed by the Consultant that new development should be controlled to preserve the present character of the village and that in consequence sporadic and indiscriminately sited new houses should not be allowed.

The proposed Scheme does not make provision for taking the washings and waste from the cattle mart at Ashford because of the technical difficulties which could arise.

Briefly the area served runs from Nun's Cross to the centre of Ashford; along the Main Road it would run just north of the National School south to junction of the Ballinalea access road with the main road; in the south-west direction it would serve as far as the entrance to Bel-Air and on the Mount Alto Road it would serve almost as far as Mount Alto. The disposal works will be sited beside the river some distance south of Mount Usher House and clear of the ornamental gardens.

The estimated cost for the Scheme to serve the entire drainage area which has just been described and would eventually, it is anticipated serve 262 dwellings is £70,500. This would give a cost of £268 per house, but for the present only 116 houses would be served and to this could be added the 40 new houses which the Council are arranging to erect at Ballinalea. The number of houses therefore in the immediate future to be served would be 156. The capital cost per house would be £452 and this is a rather high cost per house.

The Consultant in his Report points out that the Scheme is intended to serve an "open loosely-knitted development." The consequent cost would be fairly high. He also mentions that whilst the estimate of £70,500 would now provide for the entire sewerage works shown on his lay-out some of the sewerage lines could be deferred in the official contract and this would reduce the capital cost to £51,000.

Attached is a statement which shows the loan charges and annual cost which would result from (a) the Scheme to serve the entire drainage area and (b) initial Scheme to serve part of the entire drainage area. It will be found that the annual costs resulting from a Scheme with a capital cost of £70,500 would be about £4,190. This takes into account a state subsidy of 50 per cent. It would be equivalent to a rate of 4d. in the £. The annual charges to be met

for the Scheme for a reduced area and having a capital cost of £51,000 would be £3,325 which would represent a rate of 3d. in the £.

It is felt that it would be desirable to take a decision in relation to the charges to be made for new development. The provision of the sewerage would enable some lands to be developed at a density which could not apply if septic tanks had to be used—normally it is required that a site must measure 1 acre if a septic tank drainage be used. In the absence of main drainage a larger site would have to be used for new dwellings and the capital cost of a septic tank system would have to be met.

It is felt that it would be reasonable to require a contribution of £250 for each new dwelling with a floor area of 1500 sq. ft. or less.

There is no doubt that the provision of main drainage adds to existing land values and if the Council, in the interest of the Ratepayer and Tax Payer, is to ensure that some of this added value becomes available to the community and land should now be acquired in the Ashford district for new buildings—both Council houses and private buildings—before the cost of land rises.

Yours sincerely,

M. Flannery
County Manager

6th September, 1968.

Ashford Sewerage

Scheme to serve entire drainage area

(a) Estimated Capital Cost	£70,500
Loan Charges (25 yrs. loan @ 7½%— £9. 2. 3. per £100)	6,380
State Subsidy (50%)	3,190
Net charge on Rates	3,190
Annual Maintenance Costs	1,000
Total Annual Charges	4,190
Annual Charges of £4,190 equal to Rate of 4d. in £ (approx.)	

(b) Initial Scheme to serve part of Drainage Area.

Estimated Capital Cost	£51,000
Loan Charges (25 yrs. loan @ 7½%— £9. 2. 3. per £100)	4,650
State Subsidy (50%)	2,325
Net Charge on Rates	2,325
Annual Maintenance Costs	1,000
Total Annual Charges	3,325

Annual Charges of £3,325 equal to Rate of 3d. in £ (approx.)

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with the full scheme as submitted for the provision of sewerage services for Ashford, and that the plans be submitted for approval by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Members of the Council indicated agreement with the County Manager's recommendation that a contribution of £250 be sought for each new dwelling with a floor area of 1,500 sq. ft. or less, which would be connected to the new sewerage scheme.

Item No. 7—Application of £1 Per Week Increase in Wages to Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants and other Employees—To Authorise Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already ap-

proved of an increase of £1 per week in wages to Roadworkers as from 1st April, 1968, this being part of the phased increase under the 11th Round. The employees' Unions had asked that the 11th Round of increases apply to all Council workers with the exclusion only of those employees for whom separate arrangements were normally negotiated. It was proposed, therefore, that the £1 per week increase be also granted to Lorry Drivers, Machinery Attendants, Non-Nursing personnel in Council's Institutions and other wholetime employees.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the application of the £1 per week increase in wages granted to Roadworkers as from 1st April, 1968, to Lorry Drivers, Machinery Attendants, Non-Nursing personnel in Council's Institutions and other wholetime employees, excluding those employees for whom separate agreements have been negotiated and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of this increase in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Revision of Remuneration of Storekeeper.

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for the application of a revised salary scale for County Council Storekeepers and Analogous Grades of £800 x £50—£1,300, inclusive of the 10th Round, with effect from 1st April, 1968. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Storekeeper was on the maximum of the present scale.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having noted the recommendation under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of the revised salary scale of £800 x £50—£1,300, inclusive of the 10th Round increase, to the County Council's Storekeeper with effect from 1st April, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Temporary Office Accommodation—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Co. Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

28th August, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: Proposed Temporary Office Accommodation.

A Chara,

The existing Offices are now uninhabitable, as they are structurally unsound, unhealthy and unhygienic. There are no proper toilet facilities. The roof is leaking and there is a lack of lighting and ventilation. The accommodation is entirely inadequate and is overcrowded. The lay-out and situation of the Offices make it impossible to supervise the Staff and to have the work carried out efficiently.

The Council in continuing to use these Offices are breaking the

Law, as they do not comply with the Offices and Factories Act, 1958.

I enclose herewith Plan which I prepared for Temporary Offices, pending the erection of the permanent offices, together with Estimate received from Messrs. Terrapin Ireland Limited, The Murrough, Wicklow, for the erection of the offices. The tender submitted is £3,323. 9. 0. This does not include site works, foundations and ground works, which I estimate will bring the total all-in-cost of these offices to £4,000. Messrs. Terrapin have indicated that the buildings could be erected in two weeks from date of Order.

As the Staff in these offices have now informed me that they are not prepared to continue working in these offices for the coming Winter, I recommend that this tender be accepted and that the erection of these temporary offices proceed immediately.

When the new offices are erected, these offices could be taken down, without damage, as they are easily dismantled into sections, and could be used for any of the following:

Hospital Extensions.

Libraries.

Temporary accommodation to meet Urgent Housing needs.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN

County Engineer.

In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that it would take a very lengthy time to complete plans for the provision of permanent Council Offices for the Engineering Staff and accordingly the County Engineer had submitted this recommendation for temporary offices.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 28th August, 1968, we approve of his recommendation for the erection of temporary offices and for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Terrapin of Ireland Limited, The Murrough, Wicklow, in the sum of £3,323. 9. 0., and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £4,000 from the Council's Treasurer or other suitable source repayable over a period of 15 years to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Increases in Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances and Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had notified increases in the Allowances for Disabled Persons and under Infectious Diseases Maintenance Regulations to take effect from 1st August, 1968. The cost of applying the new rates for the period to 31st March, 1969, was estimated at £4,200 in respect of Disabled Persons and at £100 in respect of Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services of £4,200 to defray the cost of granting increases as provided under

the Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances (Amendment) Regulations, 1968, and of £100 in respect of the cost of granting increases under the Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances (Amendment) Regulations, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Dispensary Service at Bray.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council asked that the County Manager submit a report on the present Dispensary Service at Bray in respect of which complaints have been received.

Item No. 11—Dispensary Medical Service at Tinahely—Letter from Dr. F. Monaghan.

The following letter from Dr. F. Monaghan was submitted:-

Shillelagh,
Arklow, Co. Wicklow
25/8/68

Mr. J. A. Duggan,
Staff Officer,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to a report of the County Council Meeting which appeared in the August 24th issue of the "Wicklow People."

In this report it was stated that my telephone service is most inadequate and non-existent after 8 o'clock on Sunday nights. I was referred to as a "temporary doctor." It was inferred that I was not carrying out my duties as temporary D.M.O. of Tinahely Dispensary District in a satisfactory manner. These statements are false, misleading, libellous and very injurious to me in my professional and private life.

With regard to telephone service there is always someone to take calls for me when I am out. Calls from Tinahely area come through normally in a matter of seconds. As regards no service after 8 p.m. on Sundays this is false and very damaging. I have many times taken telephone calls after 9 p.m. on Sundays from people in the Tinahely district.

The term "temporary doctor" is a deliberate insult. I have been a registered medical practitioner for 23 years.

As regards the Tinahely peoples not getting the service to which they are entitled I have never yet refused a call from a Medical Card holder and have attended such patients almost every Sunday since last February, often late at night.

The statement that I reside "five miles away" is misleading as it does not say away from where. My residence is about 5 miles from Walsh's Hotel, Tinahely, but less than two miles from Tinahely Dispensary District.

I admit going to Mass on Sunday and Holidays of Obligation to a Church which has no telephone service. I would like to point out that for the past 26 years or so the Tinahely D.M.O. had no telephone although he resided 6 miles away from the village of Knockanna and further still from other areas in the district well populated with Medical Card Holders.

I would be obliged if you would let me know of the defamatory

and libellous statements I have referred to are being, or have been sent to the Department of Health.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS MONAGHAN.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that at the request of the Tinahely Development Association she had submitted complaints made by the Association in relation to the Dispensary Medical Service at Tinahely at the previous Meeting of the Council. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that she had made no criticism of Dr. Monaghan and that it appeared that he had misinterpreted the press report in the matter. Councillor Miss Walsh stated again that the telephone service in Shillelagh was not available outside of the period between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays and she understood was not available after 8 p.m. on a Sunday. She pointed out that the Tinahely Development Association were seeking that a District Medical Officer be made available, who would reside in the Doctor's residence at Tinahely. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that a copy of the letter received from the Tinahely Development Association in this matter be sent to Dr. Monaghan.

Item No. 12—Use of Lands at Newcastle Hospital—Report of Chief Clerk.

The following Report of the Chief Clerk was submitted:-

Newcastle Hospital,
Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.
7th August, 1968.

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

Re/ Land at Newcastle Hospital.

A Chara,

I wish to confirm that I have discussed your letter dated 11th July, 1968, with the Resident Medical Superintendent and the Co. Manager. It has generally been agreed that it would be undesirable to dispose of any portion of the lands attached to the Hospital for building or other purposes. The following matters were taken into account in arriving at this decision.

1. Limited acreage. The total acreage including buildings and grounds is 37 acres.
2. Possibility that land may be required for the building of Doctors' residences, extra Hospital buildings, church, etc.
3. The necessity to retain land to provide occupational and recreational facilities for perhaps 200 patients.
4. Desirability of protecting the privacy of staff and patients and also the privacy of householders.

It might be added that all the land attaching to the Hospital with the exception of one field and the area adjacent to the graveyard is at present being used.

Mise, le meas.

E. A. DUNPHY,

Príom Chleireach.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council accepted that the lands at Newcastle Hospital were at present required for the purposes of the Hospital.

Item No. 13—Coast Protection Scheme at Bray Promenade—Letter from Office of Public Works.

The following letter from the Office of Public Works was submitted:-

Office of Public Works,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am to refer to your letter of the 16th February, 1968, with enclosures, relating to the proposal by your Council under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, for a coast protection scheme at Bray Promenade.

There is specific provision in the Estimates for the current financial year for the carrying out of protection works at this area. The requirements of the Act are such that it would be at least fifteen months before any work could be started at Bray. Our Engineers who are familiar with the sea wall at the Promenade are of the opinion that no maintenance work has been carried out to the wall since the execution of works by this Office between 1941 and 1944 and in 1956. They consider that the repair of the wall should be undertaken without delay if serious deterioration is to be avoided. This work would be within the capacity of your Council, but if your Engineers so desire, our Engineers will be available to give advice.

Mise, le meas,

12 Iúil, 1968.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that this matter might be discussed between the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the Members of Bray Urban District Council at a joint Meeting which had been arranged to be held on the following night, the 10th September, 1968. The Council agreed that the matter be referred for discussion between the Members of the Bray Electoral Area and the Members of the Urban District Council.

Item No. 14—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 9th May, 1968.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on the 9th May, 1968, had been received. A letter had also been received from the County Councils' General Council stating that the General Council at their Meeting on the 8th August, 1968, had passed unanimously the Motion submitted by Wicklow County Council regarding access to beaches and had put forward a strong recommendation to the Minister for Local Government with the request that the matter be given his immediate attention. Other items received from the Council had been deferred to a special meeting to be held in September. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That the Pedestrian Crossing be Moved from the Crossing known as Ledwidge Crescent."

In the absence of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge the Council agreed to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 16—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—
(a) Requesting a Report on the Progress made in Providing the New Lights that had been recommended for Erection at Aughrim and Avoca. (b) Inquiring when it was Proposed to have the Entrance to Macreddin Graveyard laid as agreed.

The County Secretary stated that estimates had been sought from the Electricity Supply Board for provision of the new lights but to date the estimates had not been received by the County Engineer and another reminder was being sent.

In regard to the entrance to Macreddin Graveyard the County Engineer had reported that this work was now being put in hands. The Council noted the position in these matters.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council employ Trainee Draughtsmen."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been employing Trainee Draughtsmen but that it was necessary that this matter be regularised as the Department of Local Government had indicated that this post should be regarded as an Office rather than as an employment and that, consequently, such positions should be filled by open competitive examination and there should be a minimum standard of education required. The County Engineer had submitted recommendations on the matter and it was being taken up with the Department of Local Government. The Council urged that the matter be expedited and also recommended that the minimum remuneration be at a rate corresponding to that paid in other Counties, which it was understood was between £7 12s. and £8 per week.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss Nancy O'Neill:—"That a Full Time Engineer be Employed in the Bray Electoral Area."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill;

Resolved—That a full time Engineer be employed in the Bray Electoral Area.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration in conjunction with the report being submitted by the County Engineer and by the County Manager regarding staffing.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, Jas. Gregory, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That we request the County Manager to make inquiries into the case of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Nun's Cross, Ashford, who made application for Home Assistance and was refused and request a Report to be submitted to this Council on the 12th August, 1968."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistance Officer reported that he called on Mrs. O'Brien but that she did not wish to see him and asked him not to call on her again. He had, however, recommended that an increase in Assistance be allowed and this had been paid. The County Secretary gave particulars of the income available to Mrs. O'Brien. Councillor Hynes stated that he had called to the house and gave particulars of the circumstances as he found them and asked that the Council arrange for provision of bedclothes, etc., which he considered were necessary. It was agreed that the matter of providing additional assistance as suggested be examined.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors S. Costello, James Whelan and Miss Mary Walsh:— "That we ask the County Engineer to provide a Report on the complaints made by Mr. G. Condon, a Council Roadworker, regarding Mr. O'Donnell, the Engineer for the Tinahely Area."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

28th August, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion: Councillors S. Costello and Miss Mary Walsh: Mr. O'Donnell, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, Tinahely Area.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 24th ultimo.

Mr. O'Donnell, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, informs me that he has no objection to the men singing at their work. On the occasion complained of, however, he was giving instructions to an Overseer and Chargehands. The singing was irritating and interfering with his giving clear instructions. He asked Mr. Conlon to desist.

I do not consider that this was unreasonable. The manner in which he asked him to do so may, I agree, might not be the most diplomatic one.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN.

County Engineer.

Councillor S. Costello expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the Report and following discussion on the matter the Co. Engineer, at the request of the Council, agreed to interview Mr. Condon and Mr. O'Donnell again with a view to reaching some agreement and reporting to the Council.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor S. Costello—Resolution for General Council of County Councils:— "That we condemn the Anti-Democratic Provisions of the Proposed Criminal Justice Bill."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we condemn the anti-democratic provisions of the proposed Criminal Justice Bill.

Passed, Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council employ a man to clean the Village of Glenealy once a week."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was considered from a public health point of view that it would be desirable to provide this service. He had suggested that the cost could be charged to Sanitary Services. Councillor Hynes having agreed that what was sought was cleaning of the streets in Glenealy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That the Council assign a man to clean the village of Glen-

ealy once a week.

Passed unanimously.

It was pointed out by the County Secretary that the cost of the road cleaning in the village would be chargeable to Roads and not to Sanitary Services.

Item No. 23 (a)—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council employ a Chemist full-time or part-time for Wicklow Dispensary."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that he doubted if the services of a Pharmacist for Wicklow Dispensary would be justified. In view of the proposed re-organisation of the Medical Services he suggested that the matter might be reconsidered when the Minister's proposals had been clarified. The County Manager pointed out that a similar service could be sought for Arklow or possibly Baltinglass Dispensary Districts and that at present a Pharmacist was available only in Bray, where the population being served was twice that at Wicklow. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 23 (b)—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the County Engineer furnish a Report on the condition of all Burial Grounds in the Arklow Electoral Area which are the responsibility of the County Council."

The County Secretary stated that a report on the condition of the Burial Grounds in the Arklow Electoral Area, which were the property of Wicklow County Council, was not available. Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that the preparation of this report would take some time but asked that it be submitted when available.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That we request the County Manager to continue the employment of Dr. McCarthy as County Medical Officer, for six months on reaching 65 years or his Successor and that we forward it to the Minister for Health as a recommendation."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we request the County Manager to continue the employment of Dr. McCarthy as County Medical Officer for six months on reaching 65 years or his successor and that we forward it to the Minister for Health as a recommendation.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor W. Cleary:— "That the County Engineer furnish a Report as to the position of the erection of the lights on Arklow Bridge."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the E.S.B. had expressed apologies for the long delay in having the work carried out, which was due to the suppliers of the steel columns being unable to effect delivery but these had been promised in six weeks time and they hoped to commence cable laying in the middle of October. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Letter from Irish Labour Party—Wicklow Branch:

The following letter from the Irish Labour Party, Wicklow Branch,

which had been addressed to the Chairman, was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

THE IRISH LABOUR PARTY — WICKLOW BRANCH.

To: The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sirs,

At a recent meeting of the above I was instructed to convey to you the dissatisfaction of this Branch, arising from the appointments made by the Council to fill the vacancies in the Wicklow Vocational Committee and the Wicklow Harbour Board. These vacancies, arising through the death of the late Deputy Everett, in the opinion of this Branch, should have been filled by members of the late Deputy's Party. This would have been an admirable opportunity for the Council to pay tribute to the Deputy in deed rather than in word and would, most definitely, have represented the wishes of the Electorate.

The Branch would very much appreciate it if the Councillors would give this letter their attention.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Kavanagh,

Hon. Sec.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the names of Councillors Jas. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., Mark Deering and Michael J. O'Neill:—"That this Council build 30 houses at Blessington without delay. The local Councillors of the Area examined 58 applications at local Housing Meeting and agreed recommending the building."

In the names of Councillors Jas. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That this Council repair the Doctor's residence at Blessington and that the appointment of a doctor be made to live in the residence and area."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That the Council remove bushes growing at a bend at Mr. Doyle's, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, to improve the view and other improvements that may be necessary."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Gregory:—"That the Council remove the bend on the road opposite Glenealy Cemetery on the Ashford/Glenealy Road."

In the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:—"That we deplore the delay in finalising the request from the National Association for Cerebral Palsy for a contribution towards the cost of improving the boundary wall at Vevay Road, Bray."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th October, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Council's Architect attended.

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

Councillor E. E. Byrne stated that the Members would have heard with regret of the absence of the Chairman, who had taken ill while on a visit to London, and was in Hospital there. He understood that Councillor Byrne would be in hospital for some weeks. On the suggestion of the Vice-Chairman the Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to the Chairman for a speedy recovery.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for alterations and renovations to existing premises on his property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Henry J. Byrne:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of Ten Bungalows at Glenormac, Kilmacanogue near Bray, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."
2. Letter from "Build" Magazine in reply to Council's letter concerning article published in the January, 1968, issue of the Magazine.
3. Letter from Mr. Liam Dillon, Public Relations Officer, Co. Wicklow Fine Gael, requesting permission to site a small caravan on the Parade Ground in Arklow, as an Inquiry Office during the coming Referendum.
4. Letter from Secretary, Labour Branch, Upper Ballard, Shillelagh, requesting reception of Deputation re provision of Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh.

5. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of New Houses.
6. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new Dwelling-houses.
7. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Loan for making of Grants for Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That Standing Orders be rescinded for the purpose of allowing L. D. Kinsella to redeem the annuity on his cottage at Drumdangan, Glengaly."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council build an extra 20 Council houses in Rathnew."
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council build 30 houses at Blessington without delay. The local Councillors of the area examined 58 applications at local Housing Meeting and agreed recommending the building."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the Council acquire 15 acres of suitable land offered by Mr. Leslie Sharpe for the provision of houses in Avoca."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council build a house for Patrick Mullins on a site to be provided by his father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:—"That this Council suspend Standing Order of 1962 Scheme for Housing Grants so that John Murphy, Holyvalley, be paid Supplementary Grant, the same as Local Government Grant paid to him."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Roger Miley:—"That the Council repair Andrew Gaffney's house at Kilmurray, Kilbride."
16. Cottages repaired during month of September, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired during month of October, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Nevay Rd., Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

The County Secretary reported as follows:—

Item No. 1 (a)—Application of Mr. Sean Nolan, Nevay Road, Bray, for Permission for the erection of 25 dwellings in La Touche Estate at Rathdown Road, Greystones.

At the Meeting of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in the Town Hall, Bray, on the 14th August, 1968, at which persons who had submitted objections to the above proposal had been invited to attend it was agreed that the applicant would submit revised plans with a view to meeting objections which had been put forward in regard to the original application. The objections were as follows:—

1. The inadequacy of the sewerage treatment works to take sewerage from this additional development.

2. The size of house and type of house proposed to be built, which it was contended would have an adverse affect on the value of adjoining property.
3. The fact that the back gardens of a number of the houses would face the adjoining road at the entrance to Greystones.
4. The likelihood of flooding of the area by the stream which ran across the field.

Revised plans and specifications were handed in to the Co. Engineer by Mr. S. Nolan on the 29th August, 1968, and the County Engineer in his Report of 2nd September, 1968, stated that he saw no objection to the lay-out and proposed development from a planning point of view. He stated, however, that the same objection as previously applied in connection with the inadequacy of the existing treatment works to deal with the effluent from the development. The County Engineer reported that it was possible as a temporary expedient by turning the existing septic tanks into sedimentation tanks to take the effluent from the development, any proposed further improvement and the development of Council houses. This conversion would entail the pumping and removal of the sludge from the sedimentation tanks during the Summer months for a period of about 14 weeks. The estimated cost of doing so would be in the region of £700 to £800 per annum and there were commercial firms who could do this work on a contract basis. The County Engineer recommended that permission be granted to connect the sewerage from these houses into the existing treatment works provided the developers would make a contribution towards the cost of the pumping and also that they would give an undertaking that they would not create any flooding or overload the existing sewers with storm flow. The Council have their own development and any other developers for which planning permission would be given could contribute towards the cost of the pumping on a pro rata basis. The County Engineer pointed out that the arrangement would be only a temporary measure pending the installation of a proper sewerage treatment works for Greystones to serve this area.

The following letter from the Greystones and District Civic Association was submitted:—

GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

Ardbraccan,
New Road, Greystones
25th September, 1968.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Planning Application Ref. 1927/68—Sean Nolan

Housing Development at Rathdown Road, Greystones.

I would be pleased if you would kindly have the enclosed copy letter read to the Council Meeting when the above application comes up for discussion and decision.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK PAINE,

Hon. Secretary.

A. Hughes, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Wicklow County Council,
Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Ardbraccan,
New Road, Greystones
25th September, 1968.

Dear Sir,

Planning Application Ref. 1927/68 — Sean Nolan
Housing Development at Rathdown Road, Greystones.

We thank you for your letter of 4th instant enclosing site plan and house plans in respect of Mr. Nolan's proposed development at Rathdown Road and asking for our comments.

We return the plans, as requested, and would confirm that the type of houses and the revised lay-out are acceptable and in accordance with what we agreed at our recent meeting with Mr. Nolan.

We feel, however, that the question of sewerage must be clarified before the Council agree to grant planning permission, and that the County Engineer's views and recommendations must not be overlooked or ignored.

On a number of occasions in the past Section 4 of the City and County Management Act has been invoked against the advice of the professional staff of the Council, i.e., Engineers, etc., and we sincerely trust that the County Engineer's advice will not be ignored in this case.

Yours faithfully,

DEREK PAINE,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Manager suggested that a reasonable charge to be made for the sewerage facilities for each house be £150. Councillor J. Temple stated that the developer was agreeable to pay a charge per house and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones, subject to the sum of £150 per house being paid to the Council as a contribution to the cost of providing sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neil, Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for alterations and renovations to existing premises on his property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."

The Council Secretary reported as follows:—

Item No. 1 (b) — Application of Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, for permission for alterations and renovations to existing premises on his property at Templecarrig, Delgany.

An application by Dr. Bonsole for conversion of premises for use

as dwelling apartments at Templecarrig, Delgany, was received on the 11th July, 1968, and permission was refused on the 9th September, 1968, on the following grounds:—

1. The additional traffic entering and leaving the site, which would be generated by the proposed development, would be liable to give rise to a traffic hazard because the site is at a severe bend on the road.
2. The site is in a rural area of high amenity value and residential development at the density proposed would be out of keeping with the character thereof and would conflict with the Council's policy of limiting development in this area for the purpose of minimising the erosion of its scenic and recreational values.
3. The proposed water supply was unsuitable and would require extensive purification.

The proposal involved the conversion of three farm buildings into residential apartments making five separate units. The property was situated on a severe bend of the road and the proposal would, consequently, give rise to a traffic hazard. The County Engineer in reporting on the proposal stated that the development seemed to be to convert an old byre and two outoffices into living accommodation and that an outoffice was being reconstructed without planning permission having been sought. The Chief Medical Officer reported that the existing supply was from a stream having its source from a spring and ditches and that the supply would require filtration and chlorination or else piping to the spring sources which were on another person's land and which would reduce the quantity available. The storage tank on the stream had loose concrete blocks braced on the walls of the tank to prevent ingress of flood waters and the tank was covered with loose corrugated iron sheets. The supply was being used by the Passionist Fathers, Belvedere Hall, O'Kelly's of Mossbank, Dr. Bonsole and Mr. F. Sherman, Templecarrig.

A second application for Planning permission, which was on similar terms to that previously refused, was received by the Council on the 26th September, 1968. The same objections applied to this second application as had applied to the first. The Greystones Civic Association in letter of 1st October, 1968, stated that the application in their view was merely an alteration to an existing house and that the Association had no objection. The question of sewerage and water supply was a matter for the County Engineer..

Apartment type "A" was divided into three sections each containing a sitting room with dining area, one bedroom, kitchen, bathroom with W.C., and clothes storage area, the internal measurements of each section being 26' by 24' equal to 624 sq. ft. Apartment B contained a livingroom with dining area, kitchen, bathroom, W.C., and two bedrooms, the floor area being 795 sq. ft. Apartment C consisted of a room described as a studio together with kitchen and a bathroom, the studio measuring 27' by 12' and the total floor area of the apartment being 420 sq. ft.

The development, which is outside the Greystones/Delgany Development Area, would, it is considered, give rise to a demand at a later date for the extension of services such as improved water supply, sewerage services, domestic scavenging and public lighting and appears to be an inappropriate type of development for this area.

The County Manager pointed out that the proposal was for the conversion of a cow byre into a dwelling and suggested that the Council as a Housing Authority would scarcely be acting in a proper manner if they agreed to a proposal of this type. The County Engineer pointed out that one of the outbuildings had already been converted without permission having been obtained. Councillor Costello referring to the development having been carried out without permission stated that the Council should take a serious view of such action and warned of the consequences that would arise if persons could ignore the requirement to obtain Planning Permission before proceeding with any development. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the application for a month so as to enable Members of the Council to inspect the site and agreed also that an Enforcement Notice be served on Dr. Bonsole in respect of the work which had been carried out without Planning Permission.

- (c) In the names of Councillors E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Henry J. Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of Ten Bungalows at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue, near Bray, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary reported as follows:—

Item No. 1 (c) — Application of Mr. Peter Whyte, 29 Stradbroke Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, for permission for erection of 10 houses at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue.

At the Meeting of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area on the 14th August, 1968, this application was considered and persons who had submitted objections to the proposal attended the meeting. Objections had been received from Messrs. L. C. Ruthledge, "Aughris," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, per his Architect, Mr. E. Lionel Crosbie, Dr. Charles E. Dalglish, "Rockhurst," Kilmacanogue, through his Solicitors, Messrs. Fred Sutton and Co., Mr. H. Hart Barry, "Stella Montis," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, and also from An Taisc. Subsequently on the 28th August, 1968, a letter had been received from the Irish Countrywomen's Association expressing their concern at the proposed siting of 10 houses in the area and at the possibility of a water tower being erected to service the houses and asking that the matter be considered most carefully so that the scenic area would not be irrevocably marred, this being a major tourist attraction and one of the beauty spots of the County. The County Engineer and County Medical Officer had recommended that the application be refused there being no public water or sewerage facilities available and the ground being unsuitable for the treatment of effluent by a proliferation of septic tanks and that the proposal would be out of character with the area and would seriously injure the high amenity value thereof. It was considered that further development in this area should take place within the precinct of the village thereby making it a compact viable village unit. It was pointed out also by one of the objectors that the applicant had not indicated how a water supply could be provided. The Committee by a majority of three in favour to two against recommended that permission be granted subject to Mr. Whyte's satisfying the County Engineer in regard to the matter of the water supply. A new application was submitted and received by the Council on the 27th September, 1968, in which it was indicated that the water supply would be obtained from a well which it was proposed to drill with an automatic electric pressure pump and a 24-hour capacity nolos storage reservoir would be erected at ground level at a height sufficient to gravitate to all houses proposed. Sanitation would be by way of individual septic

tanks in accordance with the Local Government Department plans. The County Engineer has recommended that permission be refused as the development proposed would seriously affect the high amenity value of the area and be out of character. There was no public water or sewerage facilities available. The ground was obviously not suitable for the treatment of effluent from this very large development and disposal by a proliferation of septic tanks. The existing septic tanks for the two houses already built were evidently giving trouble. It was further considered that any development which would take place in the area should be in the precinct of the village thereby making it a compact viable village unit.

The site was inspected by a committee appointed by the Council consisting of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, B. Phelan and J. Gregory, on the 13th September, 1968, and it has been indicated by Councillor Whelan that the sub-committee were of the unanimous opinion that the site was suitable for 10 houses. Councillor J. Whelan stated that the Members of the Committee appointed by the Council to visit the site were of the opinion that the site was suitable for this development with the information which was available to them. Councillor S. Costello expressed opposition to the proposal to erect further houses in this area and expressed the view that there were already too many houses in the Rocky Valley district. Councillor E. E. Byrne pointed out that Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, had been particularly concerned with this application and suggested that the Council might consider deferring the matter to the next Meeting. Councillor Phelan pointed out that the Members of the Council had visited the site and were of opinion that it was suitable for development and urged that a decision be taken in the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of Ten Bungalows at Glencormac, Kilmacanogue, near Bray, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 2—Letter from "Build" Magazine in Reply to Council's Letter Concerning Article Published in the January, 1968, Issue of the Magazine.

The following letter received from "Build" Magazine was submitted to the Council:—

BUILD,
Creation House,
23, Grafton St.,
Dublin 2.
6th September, 1968.

RE: BUNGALOW AT GLENDALOUGH.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo herein, and note what you say.

If there are any statements in our issue of January, 1968, which are incorrect, I would have thought that these would have been brought to my attention before now. Six months have elapsed since publication of this issue and I am surprised that it is only now that

the accuracy of the report is being challenged.

If there are any statements in the publication which are incorrect I will be only too happy to publish a correction, provided you can satisfy me as to the inaccuracy of same.

Your letter states that the members of the Council — "strongly resent the statements made in this paragraph and have instructed me to inform you that they are incorrect."

Is it being contended that every statement in the paragraph is incorrect? I have made enquiries and am informed that the members of the Wicklow County Council have, in fact, resorted to Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to over-rule a previous refusal by their own Town Planning Department for planning permission in the Wicklow area—and even in the Glendalough area. I wish to know if, in fact, your records show that the Council has on occasions resorted to the use of this Section and directed the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission after it was refused by the Town Planning Department of the County Council? If so, I would like to have a list of the cases involved, the dates upon which the decisions were made, and whether or not the planning projects were proceeded with on foot of Resolutions passed by virtue of Section 4.

Was a proposal submitted to the Town Planning Department of the County Council for permission to build a bungalow or other structure at or near the monastic enclosure at Glendalough? If so, when was this application made, who applied for permission, and what decision was made on the application by the Town Planning Department? If no such application was ever made, I will publish a correction stating this fact.

Was a Resolution ever proposed or put on the agenda of any meeting of the Wicklow County Council proposing that Town Planning Permission should be granted to any person to erect a bungalow or other structure at Glendalough, which had been the subject of a refusal by the Town Planning Department for permission to build? If so, I require the necessary details. If no such proposal has ever been made (irrespective of whether it was considered at any meeting or passed or not), then I will publish a statement to this effect.

I await hearing from you at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

UINSIN MAC EOIN,
Editor.

The Council asked that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained in regard to the terms of the reply which might be sent to "Build" and as to whether the Council was required to supply the information sought in the letter.

Item No. 3—Letter from Mr. Liam Dillon, Public Relations Officer, Co. Wicklow, Fine Gael, Requesting Permission to Site a Small Caravan on The Parade Ground in Arklow, as an Inquiry Office During the Coming Referendum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That subject to the Garda Authority having no objection, we approve of the siting of a small caravan on the Parade Ground

at Arklow as an Inquiry Office by Co. Wicklow Fine Gael during the coming Referendum for the period from 29th September to 16th October, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Letter from Secretary, Labour Branch, Upper Ballard, Shillelagh, Requesting Reception of Deputation Re Provision of Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh.

The following letter from the Labour Party Branch in Shillelagh was submitted:—

Upper Ballard,

Shillelagh,

Arklow,

Co. Wicklow.

24th Sept., 1968.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this on behalf of the Labour Branch in Shillelagh, and as it is only recently formed, the first thing we are looking for is a Sewerage Scheme, and it is going on so long and nobody is doing or trying to do anything about it, so it is high time we did it ourselves.

So, we are asking you to receive a Deputation from Shillelagh to explain about the Scheme. It is a disgrace to visitors and unhealthy to the inhabitants to get the terrible odour at night and morning.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

TONY DAGGE,

Secretary, Labour Branch.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been sent to Mr. Dagge stating that his letter would be brought to the notice of the Members of the Council at their next Meeting, but pointing out that the Council had in the previous year approved of the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to prepare the Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh and application had been made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the appointment, but that sanction had not yet been received. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation.

Item No. 5—Applications for Supplementary Grants Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Arthur Delahunt, Bonabrooka, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Bonabrooka.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to William Breen, Ballycapple, Redross, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballycapple.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant

of £220 to Joseph Hunt, Main St., Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Main St., Kilcoole.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Bernard J. Brennan, Mill St., Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Mill St., Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Thomas Kavanagh, Ballinalea, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballinalea, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Purchase of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to Mr. Kenneth McVitty, Inverness, Putland Road, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at the Downs, Delgany, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Reps. of John Kearney of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 75/9 at Tombrean, Carnew, to Mr. Jacob Brownrigg, Croneynhorn, Shillelagh, for the sum of £300, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £150, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Daniel Breslin of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 299/1 at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, to Mr. John Newsome, Trooperstown, Moneystown, for the sum of £850, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £283 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Loan for Making of Grants for Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already approved of the borrowing of £12,000 for the purpose of making Grants for the provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities, but the Resolution provided for the repayment of the

Loan over a period of fifteen years. The maximum period for which a Loan for this purpose would be made available by the Treasurer was ten years and accordingly an amended Resolution was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £12,000 from the Council's Treasurer, National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years for the purpose of making Grants for the provision of private water supplies and private sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That Standing Orders Be Rescinded for the Purpose of Allowing L. D. Kinsella to Redeem the Annuity on his Cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr. L. D. Kinsella to redeem the annuity on his Vested Cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy.

Councillor Phelan in proposing the Motion stated that the Members of the Council would be aware of the particular case which had been discussed on previous occasions. He stated that when the proposal that permission be granted for the redemption of the annuity on the cottage was put to a vote, the Motion was defeated by the casting vote of the Chairman, and that one Member of the Council would have voted for the Resolution but had not known the full facts. Councillor S. Costello stated that he was opposed to the proposal to suspend Standing Orders and pointed out that the matter had been fully discussed previously and a decision had been taken. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan—ELEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, and G. Timmins—THREE.

Councillors J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh did not vote.

As three-quarters of the Members had not voted in favour of the Motion, the Motion to suspend Standing Orders was declared defeated.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—

"That the Council Build an Extra 20 Council Houses in Rathnew."

Councillor Hynes stated that nine houses were at present in course of construction at Rathnew, but many more were needed as there was a considerable number of people looking for houses. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Building Programme for the period to March, 1971, provided for a total of 29 houses. As there were nine at present in course of erection he suggested that the Council await receipt of application forms for these houses before deciding on the erection of further houses at Rathnew. Councillor Hynes pointed out the time which would be involved in preparing

the plans for further houses and urged that the preparation of the plans be commenced as soon as possible.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That the Council build an extra 20 Council houses in Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—“That the Council Build 30 Houses at Blessington Without Delay. The Local Councillors of the Area Examined 58 Applications at Local Housing Meeting and Agreed Recommending the Building.”

In the absence of Councillor Miley, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 14th October, 1968.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That the Council Acquire 15 Acres of Suitable Land Offered by Mr. Leslie Sharpe for the Provision of Houses at Avoca.”

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
7th October, 1968.

**Re: Acquisition of Land at Avoca: Notice of Motion
Handed in by Cllr. Miss M. Walsh—Item No. 12 on Agenda.**

A Chara,

In enclose herewith Plan showing land in four plots marked D1, D2, D3 and D4, and owned by Mr. Leslie Sharpe.

Most of the land is not suitable for the erection of houses, as the sites slope very steeply. About one acre of 'D1' would be suitable for the erection of eight houses. This site could be approached by an existing public road which has recently been surfaced. The access to the remainder of the sites, apart from their steep contour, would be by an overgrown track which would have to be widened and surfaced. Water is available to serve the sites, but a separate septic tank will have to be installed to serve the one acre site.

It is recommended that one acre approximately of Site 'D1' be purchased and that a sum of £400 be offered for this site.

If further land is required, Site 'B1' containing 12.64 acres is recommended. This site is essentially at two levels separated by a steep bank. The upper level adjoining the bank has a reasonable gradient and a good road frontage with a pleasant aspect. The development of this site, together with the one acre of Site 'D1' would provide housing between the existing village and the existing houses at Kilmagig. The lower portion of the site may be subject to flooding, although local enquiries would seem to indicate that this is not the case. This portion of the site should be developed as an open space for recreational purposes. A portion of it could also be used as a site for a Sewerage Treatment Works at Avoca. The seven acres of the field which would be suitable for accommodating fifty-six houses at an estimated cost of £400 per acre would be worth £2,800. The remaining portion of the site is not very valuable. It

is, therefore, suggested that £3,000 be offered for the entire site. The water mains adjoining the site and the proposed Sewerage Scheme with Treatment Works would be adjacent.

Avoca Village is one of the places which the Council have already agreed as an objective of the Development Plan for the County, that a Consulting Engineer be engaged to prepare a Sewerage Scheme. There are thirteen Council houses in Upper Kilmagig which require a Sewerage Scheme. It was agreed by the Council when receiving the Deputation recently from Avoca that a Sewerage Scheme would be provided to serve these houses. It is essential, therefore, that a proper Sewerage Treatment Works be installed in Avoca to serve the existing houses and the future development which is now envisaged.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That the land considered suitable be acquired immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—“That this Council Build a House for Patrick Mullins on a Site to be Provided by his Father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow.”

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Mullins had been recommended as being in need of housing by the County Medical Officer, and the site proposed which contained half an acre was regarded as suitable both by the County Medical Officer and County Engineer. The County Engineer estimated the value of the site at £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

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

Resolved—That this Council build a house for Patrick Mullins on a site to be provided by his father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow.”

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley:—“That this Council Suspend Standing Orders of 1962 Scheme for Housing Grants So that John Murphy, Holyvalley, Be Paid Supplementary Grant, the Same as Local Government Grant Paid to Him.”

In the absence of Councillor James Miley, the Council agreed that this matter be deferred for consideration by the Council at their Meeting on the 14th October, 1968.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Roger Miley:—“That the Council Repair Andrew Gaffney's House at Kilmurray, Kilbride.”

The County Secretary stated that an estimate of costs for repairs to this house had been submitted in January and the estimate included for the treatment of woodworm in the cottage. The County Engineer reported that Mr. Gaffney had refused to allow the treatment to be carried out. In a letter in July, 1968, Mr. Gaffney stated that he objected to the spraying for woodworm as the process had

been carried out three years previously without success and asked for a further inspection by the County Engineer. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in Report of 4th October, 1968, recommended that the first floor joists and timber floor be replaced. Some defective timber which was structurally unsound would have to be replaced as recommended by the treatment experts. This would be done when the work was being carried out. Arrangements would have to be made by the tenant to vacate the house or occupy only part of it to enable the work to be carried out.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That the Council repair Andrew Gaffney's house at Kil-murray, Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH IN DERRY.

The following Resolution was proposed by Councillor S. Costello and passed unanimously:—"That this Council condemns the brutality of the R.U.C. in suppressing the Civil Rights March in Derry, and extends its support to the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and the people of Northern Ireland in their efforts to achieve democracy. We further call for the support of all local authority bodies for this Resolution." Councillor Costello in proposing the Resolution stated that it had been signed by every member of the Council, and he had asked permission to raise the matter and have it discussed because there was a meeting of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association on the following day, and he considered it extremely important that public bodies in the South who disagreed with what they had seen happening in Derry during the previous few days should express their views and give moral support to the Association. Councillor Costello asked that the Resolution be sent by telegram to the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and that it be circulated to all local authority bodies and to the General Council of County Councils.

Item No. 16—Cottages Repaired During Month of September, 1968, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of October, 1968.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during September and of those to be repaired during the month of October, 1968.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh stated that practically no cottage repairs had been carried out in the Southern Area and inquired the reason. The County Engineer stated that the Council were unable to obtain tradesmen. Tenders for the carrying out of repairs by contract had been invited on two occasions, but no reply had been obtained. The Council was now endeavouring to get repairs done by direct labour.

KILCOOLE SCAVENGING SERVICE.

At the suggestion of Councillor Miss O'Neill and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council agreed that an item be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on the 14th October in regard to Kilcoole Scavenging Service.

BENTLEY PARK SEWERAGE.

The following letter received by the Chairman of the Council

from Mr. Colbert Martin was submitted:—

21, Bentley Avenue,
Boghall Road,
Bray.
1/-0/68.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow Co. Council:—

On behalf of the residents of Numbers 20-25 Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray, I wish to inquire if there has been any further developments in the matter of the faulty sewerage system serving the above houses.

Since the inspection of the sewerage system by Mr. Comyn, Health Inspector, in the presence of Mr. E. McTighe, Contracts Manager, Belcourt Housing, and myself (last July) we have heard nothing and no effort has been made by the contractor, Mr. Ruane, to remedy the situation.

Since the inspection, the pump-house has broken down, the manholes filled to overflowing point, and some workmen carried out temporary repairs. Then a labouring man from Boghall was employed to switch the pump on and off on alternate days. This arrangement has now apparently been discontinued. At midnight on Friday, September 13, I observed Mr. McTighe emerging from the pump-house. I spoke to him but he did not reply.

We are still without Armstrong Junctions and metal manhole covers.

We wish, therefore, to know what was the outcome of Mr. Comyn's report and if the contractor has given any indication of his intentions in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

COLBERT MARTIN.

The Council agreed that reports of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer on the matters mentioned by Mr. Martin be submitted to the Council at the Meeting on the 14th October. The County Engineer stated that he felt that this was a matter between the Contractor who erected the houses and the occupants of the houses as it was a private housing scheme.

AVOCA—TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the Avoca Development Committee were rather disappointed with some of the comments of the Adjudicators in the Tidy Towns Competition in regard to Avoca. It had been stated that the approach roads could be better attended to and Councillor Sweeney pointed out that the Council had only one man for taking care of the reservoir, toilets, etc., and that some additional help should be provided. The County Manager pointed out that the Council and its staff had been doing excellent work in recent years in providing first class surfaces on roads. He pointed out that the primary responsibility of the Council in regard to roads was the provision of good surfaces and their proper maintenance. He felt that the Adjudicators of the Tidy Towns Competition could direct their observations to things more important than a few weeds growing in channels along side roads. He pointed out that it would require a large staff to attend to such matters as had been referred to in the Tidy Towns Report. Councillor Miss O'Neill stated tourists visiting the Greystones Tourist Information Office had commented on the high standard of the roads in Co. Wicklow.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, on the recent death of his sister.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary and Roger Miley:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Digby Johnston, 54, Johnston Park, Dun Laoghaire, to erect a bungalow beside his garage at Barndarrig."

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:—"That the Council complete the purchase of cottage at Tober, Dunlavin, as arranged at recent meeting."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:—"That the Council complete the purchase of John O'Toole's house at Coolruss, Tinahely."

In the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh:—"That in view of the demand for housing in Tinahely the Council will implement without any further delay the decision to purchase the vested cottage from John O'Toole, Coolruss, Tinahely."

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the Council examine the possibility of providing ten Council houses in Kilmacanogue."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, Roger Miley and James Whelan:—

(a) "That the County Council erect a cottage for Mr. William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, on his own site. This man is a forestry worker with small children."

(b) "That the County Council erect a cottage for Mr. Richard Kenny at Ballinacash on a site provided by Mr. F. Phelan."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That the Council take over the Group Water Scheme at Knockananna."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and Roger Miley:—"That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as the Long Hill)."

In the names of Councillor Thomas Keenan, John Sweeney and James Whelan:—"That the County Council request the E.S.B. to erect the agreed extra street lights at Aughrim, Avoca, and Carnew immediately and that the E.S.B. be asked to extend the lighting to the cottages at Killacoran, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council build the wall that fell near their offices at Kilmantin Hill and also to tarmacadm the ground around these offices."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That a report be submitted on the erection of a public light in Glenealy and two lights for Ballynerrin, Wicklow."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th October, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman and of the Vice-Chairman (at the commencement of the Meeting) Councillor J. Whelan took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary and Roger Miley as follows:—
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Digby Johnston, 54, Johnston Park, Dun Laoghaire, to erect a bungalow beside his garage at Barndarrig."
2. To receive Deputation from Shillelagh in relation to Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh.
3. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th June, 1st July, 8th July, 22nd July, 12th August and 19th August, 1968.
4. Higher Education Grants, 1968, and applications for deferment of University Scholarships.
5. To fill vacancies on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee and Shillelagh O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
6. Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 4th September, 1968. (Copy circulated to Members).
7. Balance of 11th Round Wages Increase to Employees — Report on discussion with Union Representatives.
8. Revision of Remuneration of Engineering Staff—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.
9. Temporary Offices for Engineering Staff—To authorise excess expenditure in current year.
10. Sanitary Services—Water Supplies, Sewerage and Other Services—Report of County Manager.
11. Report on Engineering Staff requirements.
12. Retirement of Officer of Vocational Education Committee—Authorisation of payment of lump sum and Superannuation Allowance.

13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That the pedestrian crossing be moved from the crossing known as Ledwidge Crescent."
14. Domestic Scavenging Service for Kilcoole, etc.
15. Housing Scheme at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer in regard to sewerage system.
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and Michael J. O'Neill:—"That this Council build 30 houses at Blessington without delay. The local councillors of the area examined 58 applications at local Housing Meeting and agreed recommending the building."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:—"That this Council suspend Standing Order for 1962 Scheme for Housing Grants so that John Murphy, Holyvalley, be paid Supplementary Grant, the same as Local Government Grant paid to him."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council repair the Doctor's residence at Blessington and that the appointment of a Doctor be made to live in the residence and area."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That the Council remove bushes growing at a bend at Mr. Doyle's House, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, to improve the view and also other improvements that may be necessary."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Gregory:—"That the Council remove the bend on the road opposite Glenealy Cemetery on the Ashford/Glenealy Road."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Requesting a report on the erection of a public light in Glenealy and two lights for Ballynerrin, Wicklow."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas Keenan, John Sweeney and James Whelan:—"That the County Council request the E.S.B. erect the agreed street lights at Aughrim, Avoca and Carnew immediately and that the E.S.B. be asked to extend the lighting to the cottages at Killacloran, Aughrim."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That the Council take over the Group Water Scheme at Knockananna."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build the wall that fell near their offices at Kilmantin Hill and also to tarmac the ground around these offices."
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Move Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary and Roger Miley as follows:—"That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Digby Johnston, 54, Johnston Park, Dun Laoghaire, to Erect a Bungalow Beside His Garage at Barn-darrig."

The County Secretary stated that in April, 1966, the Council had refused permission for the construction of a house and a petrol

filling and service station on a site at Barn-darrig, Co. Wicklow, submitted by Mr. Digby Johnston, the grounds of refusal being that a traffic hazard would be created as the site adjoined the Arterial Road which carried fast and heavy traffic. The applicant appealed to the Minister and the Minister granted permission for the petrol station subject to conditions regarding provision of accommodation for vehicles awaiting repair or being repaired and that disused vehicles be not deposited or stored on any part of the site and that no advertisement signs other than the company sign be erected on the site. Permission was also granted for the bungalow subject to the lay-out plan showing its exact location being approved by the Council or by the Minister on appeal and subject to the condition that the bungalow would have vehicular access only from the side road leading to Barn-darrig Church and that no openings other than the two access points to the petrol filling and service station would be made to the main road. The present application was for the erection of the bungalow with access through the forecourt of the petrol filling and service station. The County Engineer had reported that this was a most unsuitable place from a traffic hazard point of view for the erection of a petrol filling station and drew attention to the condition attaching to the decision of the Minister on appeal that vehicle access to the bungalow be from the side road leading to Barn-darrig Church. The County Engineer recommended that permission be refused on grounds that any extra traffic with access on to the arterial route at this point was undesirable in that it would further increase the traffic hazard already created by the erection of the petrol filling and service station.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Digby Johnston, 54, Johnston Park, Dun Laoghaire, to erect a bungalow beside his garage at Barn-darrig.

Passed unanimously.

In proposing the Resolution Councillor Phelan stated that the applicant had endeavoured to obtain the necessary land to enable him to have access to the bungalow from the road leading to Barn-darrig Church but was unable to acquire the necessary land. Councillor Phelan stated that he felt that the additional traffic which might be created by allowing access to the house also through the forecourt of the garage would be minimum and would not increase the traffic hazard.

Planning Application—Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter from Dr. Bonsole:—

Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole,
Boundbrook,
Delgany, County Wicklow.
October 10, 1968.

Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow, County Wicklow.
Att: Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary.

Dear sir,

I have been advised that the resolution under Section 4 of the

City and County Management (Amendment) Act put forth in my behalf has been scheduled for further hearing at a Council meeting. Under the circumstances, I hereby respectfully request permission to attend that meeting in the company of my Architect/Engineer to better clarify any issues that might arise during discussion.

It should be called to the attention of the County Manager and the members of the Council that my application involves three buildings upon which no construction or work has been done pending Council and planning permission.

There is a fourth building in the area which, if reference is made to the plot plan, is shown as a storage shed. This building had been vandalized and was in most disreputable condition. I was advised, by a representative of the Hibernian Insurance Company, that in order to obtain insurance on building materials for my project, I would have to have proper storage space with a capability to be locked.

With this in mind and under the impression that the Council and Planning Board could have no possible objection to my project which would both eliminate a scenic eyesore and provide much needed better type housing, I anticipated permission being granted only to the extent of making ready.

For the record, I wish to assure the Council that I have not attempted to circumvent their authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Y. D. Bonsole.

The Council agreed that Dr. Bonsole and his Architect/Engineer be invited to attend at the next Meeting of the Council at which the proposal that permission be granted for his housing development would be considered.

Wheat Production and Sale to Millers.

Councillor J. Bourke stated that growers of wheat in the Wicklow area were complaining of their treatment by the Dublin millers. He claimed that wheat was being rejected as unmillable, which, in fact, was of good quality. He stated that the millers were rejecting too high a percentage of wheat and that rejection was based on samples which appeared to farmers not to be from their own supplies.

Following a debate on the matter
It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Agriculture to investigate a complaint that millable wheat is being rejected by millers.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—To Receive Deputation from Shillelagh in Relation to Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh.

The following letter received by the Chairman was read to and noted by the Council:—

Deerpark, Shillelagh,
12/10/68.

Chairman, Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter re Shillelagh sewerage scheme. As the

notice is so short, we are unable to attend the meeting.

Your letter stated that the hold-up was with the Local Government and we are taking the matter up with them. We shall be in touch with you again when we hear from the Local Government.

On behalf of the Shillelagh Labour branch,

Yours faithfully,

K. Ryan.

Item No. 3—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th June, 1st July, 8th July, 22nd July, 12th August, and 19th August, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

A number of inquiries made by Members in relation to matters arising from the Minutes were replied to by the County Secretary and County Manager. In reply to an inquiry as to whether approval had been received for the Windgates Water Supply Extension the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received that morning from the Department conveying approval to the Scheme. In reply to inquiry by Councillor J. Miley regarding the matter of the swimming pool at Blessington the County Manager stated that it had been found that the owner of the swimming pool could not transfer the ownership of the site to the Council and that a form of Lease had been submitted for approval. The Lease which contained a provision that the swimming pool to be erected on the site would be subject to the approval of the owner was not regarded as acceptable and a copy of it had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government for their views. Councillor Miley stated that it was the intention of Mr. L. M. Byrne, the owner of the land, to transfer the site for the pool to the Council free of charge and he asked that the Council's Solicitor contact Mr. Byrne's Solicitor and that he had no doubt that any conditions in the Lease which were not acceptable to the Council would be excluded.

Tinahely Dumping Ground.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked if the acquisition of a new dumping ground at Tinahely had been completed and if so if it was the intention to close the old dumping ground and to cover the surface. The County Secretary stated that he understood that the Transfer was completed but without checking the file was not in a position to give a definite answer.

Item No. 4—Higher Education Grants, 1968, and Applications for Deferral of University Scholarships.

The County Secretary stated that the results had been received of the Leaving Certificate Examination on which the Higher Education Grants Scheme was based. There had been 79 applications for Grants and of these 23 candidates had received 4 or more Honours in the Examination. Nineteen of the successful applicants were eligible for awards. The County Secretary stated that particulars of those who had been successful in obtaining awards would be circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we note the results of Leaving Certificate Examination submitted by the Department of Education indicating the names of students eligible for Grants under the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1968, and hereby approve of the awards of Grants as listed. Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the amount of the Grant in the case of Miss Frances J. O'Hara of Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, and urged that in the particular circumstances applying the Grant be increased to £300. It was stated that this candidate had to travel 3 miles to the 'bus and had a journey of 17 miles to Dublin by 'bus and that it would not be reasonable to expect her to live at home and travel daily to and from the University.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—that subject to the sanction of the Minister a grant of £300 be allowed to Frances Josephine Therese O'Hara under the Higher Education Grants Scheme. Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the father of Mr. Martin Power, 1, Camaderry Road, Bray, for the deferring of the Grant to his son for one year in view of the financial and domestic circumstances. The letter of 2nd October, 1968, from Mr. Power was read to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having regard to the exceptional financial and domestic circumstances applying we hereby approve of the deferment of the Higher Education Grant of £175, awarded to Martin Power, 1, Camaderry Road, Bray, for one year, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the suspension of University Scholarship of £150 obtained by Ernest E. Crean, Cloghlea, Herbert Road, Bray, to enable him to repeat his First Medical Examination in the academic year 1968/69. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the deferment for a further year of Bursary of £75 under the University Scholarship Scheme, awarded to Miss Ann Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow, so as to enable her to qualify in Latin for the purpose of pursuing an Arts Course at University College, Dublin. Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter from Miss Mary Naughtan, 8, Roselawn Park, Bray, who had obtained the B.A. Examination with Honours and who asked for an extension of her Scholarship for a further year for the purpose of studying for the Higher Diploma in Education as she intended to make teaching her career, it was proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, and approved that the Scholarship be extended for a further year, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Having considered letter from Mr. Michael G. O'Brien, Tinahask, Harbour Road, Arklow, who had obtained his B.A. in the current year with marks which he stated made it possible for him to study further for an M.A. Degree and in which he requested the renewal of the Scholarship for a further year for the purpose of obtaining this Degree, it was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill, and approved that the Scholarship be extended for a further year, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Item No. 5—To Fill Vacancies on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee and Shillelagh O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Reverend Edward Rattigan, C.C., as a member of the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Reverend Liam Breen, Parish Priest of Ballymun, Dublin. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to be members of the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Canon J. J. Kelly, P.P., and Mr. Sean Kelly, Shillelagh, and by the resignation of Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., and the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—

Mrs. A. Quinn, Donishall, Carnew;

Councillor James Whelan, Knockananna;

Mr. George Taylor, Shillelagh;

Rev. J. Doran, P.P., Tomacork, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities—Letter from Department of Local Government Dated 4th September, 1968. (Copy Circulated to Members).

In reply to inquiry from Members the County Secretary stated that the additional cost involved in the increases in Travelling and Subsistence Allowances was estimated at £625 for the current year and £900 in the full year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th September, 1968, ref: G.13/68, from Department of Local Government in regard to Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities we hereby resolve that Members of the Council with official residences five miles or more by any route from the place of meeting of the Council be paid Travelling Expenses at the rate of 1/6d. per mile in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence to and from the place of meeting.

We hereby further resolve that an inclusive Travelling and Subsistence Allowance of 35/- be paid to any Member who attends a Meeting of the Council at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours. We approve also of payment of Subsistence Allowances in accordance with the terms approved by the Minister in the letter of 4th September, 1968. The rates of Travelling and Subsistence Allowances now adopted shall apply as from 1st August, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Balance of 11th Round Wages Increase to Employees—Report on Discussion with Union Representatives.

The County Secretary stated that following a discussion with Union Representatives in regard to the balance of the 11th Round Wage Increase for Roadworkers the Union Representatives had indicated that they were agreeable to recommend to their members the acceptance of a wage increase of £1 15s. 0d. payable as follows:— £1 from 1st April, 1968 (already approved by Council), 7/6d. from 1st October, 1968, and 7/6d. from 1st April, 1969. The Union Representatives indicated that this was without prejudice in reopening the matter in the following April when the overall situation in relation to Roadworkers was clear. The County Secretary stated that it was suggested that the payment of the second 7/6d. should apply from 1st June, 1969, which date appeared to be more in accordance with the trend shown in industry and in other local authorities. On the matter of holidays the Union Representatives had indicated that they would be prepared to advise their members to accept one extra day's leave on Good Friday.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered report of discussion with Union Representatives we approve of the payment of the balance of the 11th Round of Wage Increases in the following terms:—

An increase of 7/6d. per week as from 1st October, 1968, and a further increase of 7/6d. per week as from 1st April, 1969. The necessary excess expenditure involved is hereby authorised.

We approve also of a holiday with pay being allowed to Council workers on Good Friday in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Revision of Remuneration of Engineering Staff—Recommendation Under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for revised salary scales for Engineering Staff to take effect from 1st April, 1968, and to be inclusive of the 10th Round increase in remuneration. The County Secretary stated that the total cost involved was £6,391. The revised scales represented an increase of £588 at the minimum and £738 at the maximum for the post of County Engineer, of £423 at the minimum and £543 at the maximum, for the post of Chief Assistant County Engineer, and of £408 at the minimum and £423 at the maximum for the post of Assistant County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers in relation to Engineering Staff we approve of the application of the following revised salary scales with effect from 1st April, 1968, the scales to be inclusive of the 10th Round increases in remuneration:—

County Engineer:

£3,215 by 5 increments of £142 to maximum of £3,925.

Chief Assistant County Engineer:

£2,405 by 6 increments of £90 to maximum of £2,945.

Assistant County Engineer:

£1,950 by 9 increments of £45 to maximum of £2,355.

We approve also of the application of the scale for Chief Assistant County Engineer to the posts of Architect Grade I, Chief Fire Officer and Chief Planning Assistant, and of the scale for Assistant County Engineer to the post of Planning Assistant.

The necessary excess expenditure involved is hereby authorised.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council the Council had approved of the erection of temporary Offices for the Engineering Staff and had authorised the borrowing of a sum of £4,000 to defray the cost of the work. As it was necessary to provide the Offices in the current year and delay would arise if it were necessary to arrange for borrowing it was requested that the Council agree to authorise additional expenditure in the current year to meet the cost of the erection of the temporary Offices.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £4,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the erection of temporary offices for the Engineering Staff in order to enable these offices to be provided within the present financial year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Sanitary Services—Water Supplies, Sewerage and Other Services—Report of County Manager.

The Report of the County Manager on Sanitary Services had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme for an extension of the water supply to Nun's Cross, Ashford, had been omitted in error from the list but the cost had been included in the estimate. The Council decided to consider this matter in conjunction with Item No. 11.

Item No. 11—Report on Engineering Staff Requirements.

The Report of the County Manager in regard to Engineering Staff requirements had been circulated to the Members. The Co. Manager stated that the Council had requested reports from himself and from the County Engineer on the matter of Engineering Staff requirements and Reports circulated had been prepared by him. The Co. Engineer's Report was not yet available. The County Engineer stated that he

was preparing his Report and it would be available shortly. The Council agreed that a special Meeting be held on Monday, 28th October, 1968, at which both the Reports on Engineering Staff Requirements and the Report on Sanitary Services would be considered.

Item No. 12—Retirement of Officer of Vocational Education Committee—Authorisation of Payment of Lump Sum and Superannuation Allowance.

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the payment of a Lump Sum and Superannuation Allowance to Mr. James J. Doyle, former permanent teacher of Woodwork with the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee. Mr. Doyle was being continued in employment in an unestablished capacity pending the filling of the post and, consequently, the Superannuation Allowance would not become payable until this temporary employment ceased.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Lump Sum of £1,987 4s. 0d. to Mr. James J. Doyle, former permanent teacher of Woodwork with the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, and note that Mr. Doyle's Superannuation Allowance will not be payable until he ceases temporary employment in this capacity. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne: "That the Pedestrian Crossing be Moved from the Crossing Known as Ledwidge Crescent."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that this matter had been discussed on previous occasions with Garda Authorities and that they were not in favour of moving the pedestrian crossing from its present position. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stressed the risk of accidents to children in particular when crossing the road to and from school and suggested that warning signs of the existence of the crossing be erected on either side. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into the matter of providing suitable warning signs.

Item No. 14—Domestic Scavenging Service for Kilcoole, etc.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that in view of the extra demand for scavenging services at Monteith Park, Knockroe, Sea Road and other parts of the area he considered that the present Contractor should be asked to submit a tender for servicing the complete area. In regard to public lighting which was sought, the Co. Engineer stated that arrangements were being made to meet a representative of the E.S.B. during the coming week and the question of providing extra public lighting in Kilcoole would be considered. In regard to the matter of roads, the County Engineer stated that it was not intended to surface dress the Sea Road in the present year and it would not be possible to include it in the current year's programme. Arrangements would be made to include it in the Estimates for the following year. Repairs of the road surface and of the footpaths would be carried out in the course of normal maintenance. The Council noted and approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer.

Item No. 15—Housing Scheme at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer in Regard to Sewerage System.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
9th October, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Bentley Park Housing Scheme—Sewerage.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 2nd instant.

It would not be possible from an inspection of the sewers at the manhole to ascertain if the sewers were properly laid. As previously pointed out, I consider that the remedying of the defective work, is a matter between the Purchaser and the Contractor. This is the normal procedure. If the Council interfere at this stage and did point out some defects and the Contractor did in fact remedy such defects, the Council would then be held to have passed the houses and pressure would subsequently be brought to bear on them to remedy any further defects that may show up later.

It would be impossible at this stage, even with a very thorough examination, involving excavation of sewers for inspection, exposing foundations, stripping roof, etc., to say that the workmanship is up to acceptable standards. Defective material such as poor quality concrete and plastering could be put into a house; it might be some years before the defects, from such materials, would show up. The only way to ensure that workmanship and materials are up to standard is by examination and testing during the course of construction. Evidently this was not done, in the case of these houses.

I could not possibly at this stage give any guarantee in regard to standard of workmanship or quality of materials in these houses.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN

County Engineer.

Councillor Costello referred to the Reports of the Health Inspector in regard to the sewerage services to certain of the houses and inquired if the original plans submitted for the Scheme specified the provision of Armstrong junctions. The Council agreed that a report on this matter be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and Michael J. O'Neill:—"That this Council Build 30 Houses at Blessington Without Delay. The Local Councillors of the Area Examined 58 Applications at Local Housing Meeting and Agreed Recommending the Building."

The County Secretary stated that the Building Programme for Blessington provided for the erection of 29 houses in the period to 31st March, 1971. Following the receipt of applications the number had been revised and it was considered that 32 houses would be needed. Six houses were nearing completion and the Contract had

been extended to provide for the erection of a further 5 houses. Plans were in course of preparation for the erection of a further 21 houses. It was also intended to develop sites for 18 purchase type houses. Of the 58 applications received for the houses recently let at Blessington, 6 were considered in a position to provide their own houses, 20 were recommended for future houses by the Council and 6 for the present houses now nearing completion. The remaining 26 were not considered for various reasons.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Resolved—That the Council build 21 houses at Blessington without delay. The local Councillors of the area examined 58 applications at Local Housing Meeting and agreed recommending the building.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley:—
“That This Council Suspend Standing Order of 1962 Scheme for Housing Grants so that John Murphy, Holyvalley, be Paid Supplementary Grant, the Same as Local Government Grant Paid to Him.”

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That we recommend that John Murphy, Holyvalley, be paid Supplementary Grant, the same as Local Government Grant paid to him.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council previously and the advice of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained, who confirmed that the Council could pay a Grant of £150 only to Mr. Murphy. According to the Council's records and information received from the Department of Local Government the house was commenced during 1961 and the appropriate supplementary grant payable in respect of a house commenced prior to 1st April, 1962 was 50% of State Grant, which in this case represented a Supplementary Grant of £150. The Council had not power to pay a Grant equivalent to the State Grant except in respect of houses commenced not earlier than the 1st April, 1962. The matter had been referred to the Department of Local Government previously at the request of the Council but no reply had been received. The Council asked that the matter be submitted again to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 18.—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:— “That the Council Repair the Doctor's Residence at Blessington and that the Appointment of a Doctor be Made to Live in the Residence and Area.”

The County Secretary stated that on the recommendation of the County Engineer a quotation from a local Contractor had been accepted for the carrying out of repairs to the Dispensary residence at Blessington in the sum of £560 16s. 0d. The County Engineer had indicated that the estimate could not be taken as the final figure as there might be other work involved which could not be estimated until the work had been opened up. The estimate provided for re-plastering of walls and ceilings in all rooms and landing, including measures to combat rising damp in ground floor rooms. The Doctor who had been recommended for the post by the Local Appointments Commis-

sion had not taken up duty. Councillor Miley asked that the Doctor be again informed of the position and that he be asked if he would be willing to take up duty when the repairs were completed. The following Resolution was passed..

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That the Council carry out necessary repairs to the Doctor's residence at Blessington, and that the appointment of a Doctor be made to live in the residence and area.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“That the Council Remove Bushes Growing at a Bend at Mr. Doyle's House, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, to Improve the View and Also Other Improvements that May Be Necessary.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that matchsticks were being put down on the verge of the road alongside a fairly deep dyke opposite Mr. Doyle's house. It was considered that this would be more effective than removing the bushes which offered a degree of shelter and protection to the well on the roadside which was used as a source of water supply by Mr. Doyle. The Council noted the arrangements made by the County Engineer.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Gregory:— “That the Council Remove the Bend on the Road Opposite Glenealy Cemetery on the Ashford/Glenealy Road.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that no funds were available to carry out this work in the current years' Road Works Scheme but that it would be included in the proposals for the coming year. Councillor Miley pointed out that he had raised this matter in 1967 and that the work was most necessary.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
“Requesting a Report on the Erection of a Public Light in Glenealy and Two Lights for Ballynerrin, Wicklow.”

The County Secretary stated that the provision of a public light in Glenealy had been approved some while ago and the matter was being followed up with the E.S.B. and that this also applied to the matter of the lights of Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Thomas Keenan, John Sweeney and James Whelan:— “That the County Council Request the E.S.B. Erect the Agreed Street Lights at Aughrim, Avoca and Carnew Immediately and that the E.S.B. be Asked to Extend the Lighting to the Cottages at Killacoran, Aughrim.”

The County Secretary stated that the following Reports had been submitted by the County Engineer:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
14th October, 1968.
Secretary,
Sanitary Services Section.

Re: Notice of Motion—Public Lighting at Aughrim, Avoca, and Carnew.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 9th instant (PH/AD).

Carnew: Quotation was received on 7/8/67 from the E.S.B. for some additional lights and for changing lights from Tungsten to Mercury Fluorescent. As a result of the Council agreeing to provide more lights the E.S.B. were asked for a revised quotation of the 13th August, 1968. No reply has been received from them to date.

Aughrim and Avoca: The E.S.B. were asked for a quotation for these lights, on the 18th October, 1967. Despite reminders on the matter, the last of which was sent to them on the 6th September, 1968, no reply has yet been received. A further reminder is being sent to them on the matter.

Mise, le meas,
T. J. DONOVAN
County Engineer.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
22nd October, 1968.

Secretary,
Sanitary Services Section.

Re: Public Lighting at Killacoran, Aughrim.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 11th instant (KR/LO'C), regarding Notice of Motion handed in by Councillors Keenan, Sweeney and Whelan, that public lighting be extended to the cottages at Killacoran.

There is a post on Killacoran Lane on which a public light could be erected at a reasonable price.

It is recommended that a public light be provided for the cottages at Killacoran, Aughrim.

Mise, le meas,
T. J. DONOVAN
County Engineer.

The Council noted the County Engineer was taking up the matter with the E.S.B.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan
—"That the Council Take Over the Group Water Scheme at Knockaranna."

The County Engineer stated that before he could recommend the taking over of a Group Water Supply Scheme it would be necessary for him to carry out an inspection so that he would be in a position to certify that the Scheme had been properly completed and could be taken over for maintenance. He had not yet had an opportunity of completing his examination of this Scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council Build the Wall that Fell Near Their Offices at Kilmantin Hill and Also to Tarmacadam the Ground Around These Offices."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the wall was demolished when alterations were being car-

ried out in the grounds of the Offices at Kilmantin Hill. He stated that the area had been left in a very unsightly condition and approaches had been made from the Urban Council to the Co. Council to have the matter put right. He agreed that a wall should be rebuilt and tarmacadam laid around the Offices but that it would be necessary to allocate special funds to carry out the work. It was agreed that the County Engineer prepare and submit an estimate of the cost of the necessary works.

Item No. 25—Inquiries Arising from County Managers Orders.

The Council noted the details of the County Manager's Orders submitted.

Dispensary at Bray.

Councillor J. Temple asked if the hours of attendance of the Compounder of Medicines could be extended and expressed the view that a wholtime Compounder was necessary. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge inquired as to when the toilets could be provided at the Dispensary. The County Manager stated that there were 844 Medical Cards current in the Bray Dispensary District and that 2,357 persons were covered by these cards. This represented 20.1 per cent. of the population of the district. Each of the two Doctors for the area held Dispensaries on three days in the week and the Compounder attended each morning from Monday to Saturday for two hours. The suggestion that the hours of the Compounder be extended and that a wholtime Compounder be employed would be examined. The Clinic was used for a large range of services in addition to the Dispensary service and these included Child Welfare Clinics, Polio Clinics, B.C.G. Vaccination, Diphtheria Immunisation, Eye Clinics and Dental Clinics. Over 15,000 persons were treated each year at the Dispensary. The matter of the provision of extra accommodation had been receiving consideration and the County Medical Officer had recommended that new buildings of a temporary nature might be provided for the Clinics and that the existing building at present used for the Dispensary and Clinics be used instead as a Day Centre for old persons. It was proposed to provide the new accommodation for the Clinics in a temporary unit structure as the requirements of the Health Services might be changed over a period of years and temporary structures could be either added to or used for other purposes. Councillor Temple referred to the number of premises in Bray used by sections of the Government service and urged that instead of using this dispersed accommodation a new building should be provided which would accommodate all Government services in the town and he urged that this suggestion be taken up with the Minister for Local Government.

Notices of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:— In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 28th October, 1968, at 2.30 p.m. to consider Reports on Engineering Staff Requirements and on Sanitary Services Works.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, due to illness, and Councillor Edward Byrne, Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Deering, that Councillor B. S. C. Phelan take the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and Co. Engineer attended.

ENGINEERING STAFF REQUIREMENTS AND REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES WORKS.

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

- (1) Report of County Manager on Engineering and Allied Services dated 11th October, 1968—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ENGINEERING AND ALLIED SERVICES

Recently the Council had under consideration the requirements by way of Engineering and Allied Staff and it was asked that I would submit a special report in the matter. It will be recollected that the County Engineer on a number of occasions had indicated that the staff available to him was not adequate for the provision of services which were being specially sought by Members of the Council.

Comparative Figures for Staff.

At the outset it may be helpful to the Council to review the position at the present time and compare it with that which obtained twenty years ago. In the meantime there has been a continuous increase in staff numbers but it also must be borne in mind that services also have shown continuous expansion.

In the past ten years or so there have been many demands for new water supplies and sewerage systems in all parts of the County. Refuse collection services have recently been introduced. The building of new houses has been going ahead with increasing momentum in the past four or five years. A large mileage of County Roads has been completely remade with tarred surfaces and these for the future will have to be maintained at the same high standard. Major road improvements are being carried out each year and the Council now is committed to a heavy programme of works on the Main Road T.7 between Bray and Arklow; this road has been re-classified as an "Arterial Route." The design work associated with large-scale and costly improvements is of an intricate character and construction presents new problems for which special skills and research are essential. The improvement of the Arterial Route is required because of ever-increasing traffic and the obligation to try and achieve road safety. It is also a major route for tourists and industrial traffic. It can be expected that tourist traffic will show a rapid increase consequent on the advent of Car-Ferry Services whilst it is hoped that the progress in industrial expansion will

be maintained in the coming years. Engineering services throughout the entire country were re-organised in 1942 and existing County Surveyors became County Engineers with responsibilities for some services which had previously been entrusted to other officers, especially Sanitation and Housing. Up to 1942 Housing and Sanitation were the responsibility of the Boards of Health.

Twenty years ago (1948) the Engineering Staff of Wicklow County Council consisted of:—

1 County Engineer

4 Assistant County Engineers (assigned to specific areas).

In December, 1948, one Chief Assistant was added to the staff and in particular was assigned special duties in relation to Sanitary Services and Plant. In September, 1950, the Fire Services were made the responsibility of a new Chief Assistant designated as Chief Fire Officer. At the end of 1950 it was decided that an Architect should be recruited to the Council's staff and an Architect Grade I was appointed with duties mainly in relation to Housing but he was also expected to advise on Planning. Consequent on the passing of the Planning and Development Act, 1963, it was arranged that a Chief Planning Assistant and a Planning Assistant would be recruited. A Chief Planning Assistant took up duty at the end of November, 1965 and a Planning Assistant already had taken up duty in October, 1965. (But these 2 Officers only remained a short time in the service of the Council; they both left in Oct., 1967). As the County Engineer had submitted that the design of the Arterial Route (T.7) would present special problems it was agreed that a Chief Assistant with duties in relation to Road Design should be recruited and this Officer was appointed in April, 1967. In July, 1966, a permanent Assistant County Engineer, who would have duties in connection with Road Construction, was approved. For Sanitary Services a permanent Assistant County Engineer was approved by the Council in Oct., 1966, and in February, 1967, a permanent Assistant County Engineer with duties in relation to Road Design was approved. A few months ago an additional permanent post of Assistant County Engineer was approved by the Council and submitted for the sanction of the Minister.

Recently the County Engineer has asked for three more Engineers to be recruited temporarily, these being:—

- 1 Temporary Chief Assistant—Roads Construction (Arterial Route)
- 2 Temporary Assistant County Engineers—ditto.

In order that the present position in relation to staff may be evident I set out below the number of permanent and temporary posts involved together with the dates when first appointments were made in some instances.

County Engineer (1942)

Chief Assistant (Sanitary Services) (December 1948)

do. (Chief Fire Officer) (September 1950)

do. (Architect, Grade I) (December 1950)

do. (Chief Planning Assistant) (November 1965)

(Vacant since 1967)

do. (Roads Design) (April 1967)

Assistant Co. Engineer—Area Engineer—Arklow —South East Co.

do. — do. —Tinahely—South Co.

do. — do. —Blessington—West Co.

do. — do. —Wicklow—North East Co.

do. —Planning Assistant — October 1965

do. —Roads Construction—July 1966 (filled temporarily at present)

do. —Sanitary Services — October 1966

do. —Roads Design — February 1967

New Permanent Post approved by Council (not yet sanctioned by Minister)

Assistant County Engineer—Area Engineer (Area not yet defined)

New Posts sought by County Engineer

Temporary Chief Assistant — Roads Construction

2 Temporary Assistant County Engineers—Roads Construction.

From the information which has been given it will be seen that the Council at present has an approved permanent staff of 15 Officers on Engineering and Allied Services (one of these permanent posts, however, awaits the sanction of the Minister). The number engaged in the service of the Council twenty years ago in 1948 was 5, but as mentioned earlier the ambit and scope of the public services has changed radically in the meantime.

In addition to the staff set out above a Clerk of Works is also employed by the County Council to assist in the supervision and construction of Council houses but in a sense this could not be regarded as an additional appointment as in 1948 a Clerk of Works was employed for a similar purpose.

Cost of Staff.

In the coming year if the full approved establishment be employed the cost of staff (on basis of revised salary scales) could be expected to be:

	£
County Engineer (1) and Area Engineers (4)	12,840
Additional Area Engineer (1)	1,950
Roads Design and Construction—Permanent (3)	6,440
—Temporary (3)	6,305
Sanitary Services (2)	5,300
Fire Brigades (1)	2,945
Housing (Architect and Clerk of Works) (2)	3,900
Planning (Chief Assistant and Assistant) (2)	4,355
	<hr/> £44,035

It may happen, however that a Chief Planning Assistant may not be available for the entire coming year and if so it will be an unsatisfactory position. There also may be difficulty in filling for the entire year some of the other posts.

In addition there will be the outlay on Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances. In the year to 31st July, 1968, the outlay on Travelling was £6,804 and on Subsistence £337. Here it should be mentioned that in the case of one Area Engineer travelling expenses seem surprisingly high.

Range of Duties.

The range of duties covers Roads, Water Supplies, Sewerage, Burial Grounds, Public Lighting, Refuse Collection, Housing Construction and Repairs, Maintenance and Repair of Institutions, and Planning and Development.

Roads.

In the past year 1967/68 the expenditure on Roads for which provision was made by the Council came to about £305,000. Of course a great part of this—over one half—came from Government Grants (the Road Fund).

The mileage of public roads at present is 1172.15 of which 262.9 are Main Roads and 909.25 County Roads. All Main Roads have tarred sur-

faces and up to 90% of County Roads also have tarred surfaces.

One of the Main Roads, T7, from Bray to boundary with Co. Wexford beyond Arklow is now classified as an "Arterial Route" and the Council have been informed that special Grants for its improvement will be made available from the Road Fund. It has been arranged that some of it will be constructed to "dual-road" standard. The first stage will be between Bray and Kilmacanogue.

In the year 1967/68 improvements on the Arterial Road, T7, were carried out at Barndarrig at a cost of £64,871. In the present year it is expected that about £20,000 will be spent on it.

The Scheme of improvements between Bray and Kilmacanogue is estimated to cost in all almost £400,000 and will probably be done as a three-year programme. The present estimate for the new Road Bridge at St. Valerie is £56,000.

Another major Main Road Improvement was carried out at Carrigower (Blessington — Baltinglass Road) last year and it cost about £18,000.

In the present year there is an allocation of £45,400 for Main Road Improvement Grants but information as to the programme this is to cover is not available.

In the past twenty years much progress has been made in mechanisation, and nowadays the Council owns a wide range of road-making plant including 22 trucks and 2 vans. The advent of plant has served to increase productivity, and without it the road construction programme whereby such a large mileage of County roads was remade in a comparatively short time at reduced costs per mile could not have been undertaken. Whilst mechanisation has entered increasingly into almost all road operations there seems to be one or two which it has not reached such as the paring of road margins, cleaning of road drainage channels and kerb edges, weed control and removal of litter. Where large-scale road improvements are carried out the care of road margins requires special attention—this is of special significance in a County with unusual scenic attractions.

Two members of the Engineering Staff (a Chief Assistant and Assistant) are engaged on Road Design for the Arterial Route.

The County Engineer has indicated that three additional temporary engineers—a Chief Assistant and two Assistants—will be required to supervise the scheme of road improvements between Bray and Kilmacanogue. In addition he has sought the services of an ordering and costing clerk and a clerk-typist. It is understood from the Co. Engineer that the expenditure on this scheme in the first year will be about £150,000 and in the following year £180,000.

Sanitary Services.

For these Services the permanent engineering staff is a Chief Assistant and one Assistant.

Details of the Sanitary Services programme have been given by me in a special Report which is being circulated simultaneously with this present report.

Housing.

For Housing Construction the Council has one Architect. He is completely responsible for locating, examining and reporting on land suitable for housing sites and negotiating for its acquisition. He prepares the lay-outs for varying types of Schemes throughout the county, and prepares the house designs and specifications. He also supervises

the construction of the houses, but some months ago a whole-time Clerk of Works was recruited to assist in supervision.

Below are some details of the Housing programme.

Housing completed (and nearing completion) in 1967 and 1968.

Newtownmountkenedy	12
Ballywaltrim	3
Enniskerry	10
Greystones	20
Kilcoole	10
Baltinglass	5
Blessington	6
Dunlavin	4
Laragh	2
Rural Cottages	10

Houses at present in progress or for which contracts have been arranged.

Rathnew	9 (including a special prototype house)
Enniskerry	12 (purchase scheme houses)
Kilcoole	5 (16 being built by N.B.A. on Council site)
Baltinglass	6
Blessington	5

The scheme at Rathnew includes a special prototype house which has been designed by the Architect on a Modular System—an interesting and unusual development.

Lay-outs and house designs have been prepared or are in hands for 19 houses at Enniskerry and 39 houses at Blessington.

Land is being acquired and preliminary arrangements being made for Housing Schemes at Ashford, Rathnew, Blessington, Dunlavin, Stratford-on-Slaney, Roundwood, Greystones, Bray area, Laragh, Avoca, Glenealy, Tinahely, Aughrim, Carnew, Rathdrum, and also for about ten rural type houses.

The Architect has also prepared designs for Clinics, a Branch Library, and Fire Brigade Stations. He has also assisted in the maintenance of Institutions.

The Area Engineers are responsible for Housing maintenance. At present out of 3,400 houses, 2,600 have been vested in the tenants as purchasing owners. The remaining 800 have still to be maintained by the Council. The inspection of cottages and listing and supervision of repairs (seeing that the houses are so scattered) can take up much time.

The valuation of houses for Council loans is also a responsibility of the Area Engineers.

In the year 1966/67 the Capital expenditure on Housing construction was £42,000; in 1967/68 it was £83,266; and in the present financial year 1968/69 the capital outlay is expected to reach £92,000.

Fire Brigades.

A Chief Fire Officer (graded as a Chief Assistant) is responsible for the local authority Fire Brigades, both in the County area and in the Urban Districts of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow. He arranges and supervises the training of various units and sees that machines and equipment are in working order. In addition he has to seek to ensure that public water supplies, where available, are of adequate pressure and capacity. Potentially dangerous buildings and plants for any new structures involving a fire risk have to be inspected and examined by him.

In all there are 10 fire fighting units in the County and the total number of persons attached to the Brigades (officers and firemen) is

90, all of whom are part-time. In the present year the cost of the Fire Fighting service will be over £20,000.

Planning and Development.

The Planning and Development Act came into operation in Oct., 1964, and the Council was obliged under it to prepare a County Development Plan.

For a short period between 1965 and 1967 a Chief Planning Assistant and a Planning Assistant were available to the Council, and a Draft Development Plan was prepared. The Draft Plan was approved by the Council in June, 1968.

Applications for planning permission under the Act are numerous and they all require special inspections and reports and frequently require much correspondence and discussion with the applicants and their representatives. In the year ended 31st August, 1967, 508 applications for planning permission were received and in the year to 31st August, 1968, the number was 591. Of these over 50 per cent. related to proposed development in the North Eastern part of the County.

Of late a temporary Planning Assistant has been engaged but it seems that he has not been able to devote his full time to work in connection with Planning and that other duties such as preparing Maps for the vesting of cottages have been assigned to him.

Here it must be stressed that the Council is under a statutory obligation to give a decision on a Planning application within two months. It should also be appreciated that the applications received have to be examined carefully as if applications were passed which had grave defects in the lay-out of buildings, lacked essential services, endangered public safety or seriously injured amenities and scenic attractions, the Council and its staff would be held responsible. In these circumstances the lack of any staff with qualifications or experience in planning is a serious handicap.

Again the Council nowadays have a special responsibility in relation to industrial development and already many details have been supplied to groups and firms which it was thought might be interested in establishing industry in the County.

Engineering Services for the Urban Districts.

Bray Urban District Council provides its own independent and separate engineering services. But in the case of Arklow and Wicklow the Urban Councils have been dependant for very many years on the part-time services of Engineers who are employed whole-time by the County Council. It had been suggested by the County Engineer that these two Urban Districts should make their own arrangements for the provision of the engineering services they require and that their dependence on members of the County Council engineering staff was not a satisfactory arrangement. It will be clear, however, that if these two Urban District Councils had to make their own separate arrangements for engineering staff the cost would be very much greater than at present. Under the existing system part-time services only cost them £300 to £350 a year; if, however, these two Councils had to engage whole-time Engineers the cost would run somewhere between £2,000 to £2,500 for each of them.

10th October, 1968.

- (2) Further Report of County Manager on Engineering and Allied Services, the proposed appointment of a Building Surveyor, etc., dated 24th October, 1968—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

24th October, 1968.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

Engineer and Allied Services.

Proposed Appointment of Building Surveyor, etc.

Dear Councillor,

In the special Report sent to you on 11th October, 1968, it was mentioned that the total approved permanent staff engaged in Engineering and Allied Services is 15 in all, these being:—

- 1 County Engineer
- 3 Chief Assistant County Engineers (Fire Brigades, Sanitary Services, Roads Design)
- 1 Architect
- 1 Chief Planning Assistant (Vacant)
- 4 District (Area) Engineers
- 1 Assistant — Roads Design
- 1 Assistant — Roads Construction
- 1 Assistant — Sanitary Services
- 1 Planning Assistant
- 1 District (Area) Engineer (New Post).

In addition the following temporary appointments are sought in connection with Roads Construction (Arterial Road Works Bray-Kilmacanogue):

- 1 Temporary Chief Assistant
- 2 Temporary Assistants.

This would result in 4 Engineers being engaged whole-time on Roads Construction.

It also was recommended some time ago that a temporary Assistant Engineer be engaged to complete the mapping of Cottage Plots in cases where under the Council's Purchase Scheme houses are being vested in tenants.

Recently it was also suggested that in connection with the replacement of Bridges destroyed by floods in 1965 a Temporary Assistant Engineer should be engaged to assist in Design work.

Some time ago, however, the Council had under consideration complaints as to defects in new dwellings for which State Grants and Council Grants had been given and in respect of which Loans had also been made by the Council. As a result of the discussion on the matter the Council approved at their Meeting on 12th August, 1968, that a Building Surveyor be appointed. At the time, however, it was not clear if this would be regarded as a permanent appointment and my recollection is that it was accepted that it would be a temporary appointment seeing that the number of dwellings being erected can vary considerably over a period of time.

A Report has just now been received from the County Engineer in which he sets out the qualifications and duties which he considers should attach to the post of "Building Surveyor" and these are set out below:

It is essential that the person appointed have a knowledge of laboratory work for the testing of materials; have a knowledge of the design of water, sewerage, drainage, roads, as well as foundations, soil mechanics, levelling, surveying and building construction. All these sciences are covered in the syllabus leading to the B.E. Degree.

His duties would consist of:

1. Examination of Private and Council development schemes.
2. Seeing that schemes approved are carried out in accordance with the Plan submitted for Planning permission.
3. Examination of Unfit Houses.
4. Valuation of house for Loan and Grant purposes.
5. Advising on the Engineering aspects of the Council's Housing Schemes, that is, roads, water and sewerage services.
6. Any other duties which may be assigned to him by the Local Authority from time to time.

The salary and conditions of employment should be that applicable to the post of Assistant County Engineer.

It is not clear why it should be necessary that the post should be permanent or that it should be in the same category as Assistant Co. Engineer—especially in the matter of qualifications and experience. For this post the Council had in mind a person who had a detailed and specialised knowledge of building construction and experience in it. The qualifications and experience required for such a post consequently would appear to be those which would normally be held by an Architect or a well qualified and experienced Clerk of Works.

As to the duties, the Members of the Council would be aware that already an Architect is available for Council Housing Schemes and that in fact all the design work is carried out by him. In addition a Clerk of Works is employed to assist in supervision of the construction of Council houses.

The examination of unfit houses, and the valuation of houses for Loan and Grant purposes, is the type of work which always had been carried out by the District Engineers and it is felt that it should be possible for them to continue to discharge these duties. The maintenance of roads in existing Housing Schemes should be a function of the Area Engineer as after all these must be regarded as public roads seeing that they have been constructed by the Council for public use. As to water and sewerage services it would appear that any work in relation to them should be assigned to the special staff engaged on Sanitary Services. At the Meeting at which the proposal to appoint a Building Surveyor was under consideration it had been suggested by some Members that this Officer might also carry out duties for the Urban District Councils. It will be noted that the County Engineer in his Report on 21st inst., a copy of which is attached, does not agree that this would be a suitable arrangement.

If the Council approved of all the foregoing recommendations for additional Staff the total number employed on Engineering and Allied Services would be 21. This number does not include the Clerk of Works already engaged on Housing Construction and a Resident Engineer engaged temporarily and whole-time in connection with the Laragh-Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Wicklow
21st October, 1968.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

re: Proposed Appointment of Building Surveyor

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 21st August, 1968.

I have made enquiries from other Local Authorities who have Building Surveyors and the duties they perform, or similar posts of their Staff. I consider the most suitable way of filling this post would be to appoint a Permanent Assistant Co. Engineer, with the usual qualifications which apply to the post. His basic qualifications would be such that he would be able to efficiently perform all duties required of him in the carrying out of any work called for under this appointment.

It is essential that the person appointed have a knowledge of laboratory work for the testing of materials; have a knowledge of the design of water, sewerage, drainage, roads, as well as foundations, soil mechanics, levelling, surveying and building construction. All these sciences are covered in the syllabus leading to the B.E. Degree.

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5. Advising on the Engineering aspects of the Council's Housing Schemes, that is, roads, water and sewerage services.
6. Any other duties which may be assigned to him by the Local Authority from time to time.

The salary and conditions of employment should be that applicable to the post of Assistant County Engineer.

Galway Corporation have got approval to the employment of a permanent Assistant Borough Engineer whose duties would be something on the lines I have set out above.

Arrangements should be made, I consider, for the immediate filling of this post in a temporary capacity, pending the permanent appointment, which the Council have agreed.

I do not consider that it would be practical or desirable that the person appointed should carry out any duties for the Urban District Councils. I feel that he will be fully occupied in meeting the demands of the County Council's own services. Apart from this fact, the problem of apportioning his salary, control, direction and supervision would arise.

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T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

- (3) Report of County Engineer on Engineering Staff Organisation dated 25th October, 1968—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Department
25th October, 1968.

ENGINEERING STAFF ORGANISATION

I am at a disadvantage in preparing this report, in that I have not available to me, the temporary staff employed and expenditure incurred by the Council on the various services on and since 1948. The expen-

diture, which I have got from a copy of the Roads Works Scheme for 1947/'48 is shown as £161,032. The expenditure on Roads in the current year will be £355,000, plus £45,000, if staff is made available for commencing work on the Valerie Bridge—Kilmacanogue Scheme. The expenditure incurred on Roads last year was £297,000. A similar increase has probably taken place in the other Engineering services, making the total expenditure in the region of one million pounds. It should be possible, if required, to get from the Abstract of Account the Expenditure on the various services during each year since 1948.

I enclose list of temporary Engineering Staff employed by the Council since 1950, compiled from enquiries I have made from staff, who have been in the employment of the Council for a number of years. This is by no means comprehensive. It should be possible, if so desired, to get from the salary register the names of all the temporary Engineering Staff employed by the Council on and since 1948. This information would be necessary to draw a fair comparison between staff employed then, and the Staff I now seek, to meet the level of services being demanded.

It has been the practice of the Council to employ a number of Temporary Staff down through the years. It would be much more economical and more efficient, if this Staff, were employed, on a permanent basis. Constant chopping and changing of staff, with inevitable delay for replacement, leads to inefficiency, lack of interest, poor organisation, inadequate supervision, and undue delay, in completing schemes.

I attach sheet showing existing staff, and extra staff required to meet the demands now being made under the various services.

The expenditure and demand on the various services has increased enormously and will probably continue with advancing standards of living. Modern techniques in the field of Engineering calls for a higher degree of qualification, skill, and expertise, to ensure that work is carried out efficiently and economically. The rate of expenditure, with the introduction of Machinery is now considerable, in all Road Works. The high capital and running costs involved, calls for efficient organising, programming and planning well in advance to ensure a good return is got from the outlay. By not having sufficient competent Engineering Staff to see that his is done, the Council often lose more, than the cost of their salaries.

The provision of new services will, I realise, depend on the funds available. It is, however, necessary, to have schemes and plans prepared well in advance, in order to avail of finances, as they become available. The Road Fund Grant available to Wicklow County Council has been reduced in recent years. In 1965/'66 the total 100% reconstruction grant was £167,680. This year and last year the grant is £106,850. This could possibly be attributed to the fact that the Council were not spending their accumulated allocation from previous years. This was due to adequate staff not being provided over the years, to prepare plans in advance, so that the schemes and necessary land would be available to enable the money to be spent, within the allotted financial year. The same cause for delays applies to water and sewerage and housing schemes, as there is always the understandable delay in getting schemes sanctioned, and getting acceptance to contractors to carry out the schemes. It is also probable that the longer these schemes are delayed, the more they will cost. The lack of these essential services often postpones desired development, necessary for progress.

MACHINERY, QUARRY, STORE AND MATERIAL

The expenditure in the Machinery Expense Account, in maintaining the Councils fleet of lorries and other plant is £90,000, and in the production of store, chipping and macadam in Ballinclare Quarry is £14,000. The value of stores in stock at any particular time is in the

region of £50,000, with a turnover of about £32,000. This makes a total of £136,000.

The control, organising, testing and supervision of these activities demands the full-time service of a qualified Engineer. It is essential that a small Laboratory should be set up under the control of this Engineer to ensure that the materials supplied are up to standard and in accordance with the specification. The laboratory should be equipped for testing road and other service materials. Some of the equipment is already available, having been purchased some years ago, but has not been used, due to shortage of staff. Large quantities of material are purchased direct from suppliers for road construction work. Due to the shortage of this service, which is now standard in some counties, these materials have to be accepted, at face value or sent away for testing, which is not satisfactory as there is a long delay before the results are made available. At present Mr. J. Forristal, B.E., Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, is endeavouring to look after the above services in addition to his duties as Chief Assistant County Engineer (Road Design).

A considerable demand is being made on the Engineering Staff in compiling and supplying information to State and Semi-State Bodies. An Foras Forbartha, who are engaged on National Physical Planning and Construction Research are constantly looking for information involving research on Traffic Counting, Material Testing and investigation for the preparation of Standard Specification. All this is very necessary work and it is hoped that the Council will benefit from the feed back which is hoped to be received from this Body in regard to standardisation and design of Council projects on improved methods of construction.

Two of the Staff, Mr. R. L. Farrell, B.A.I., Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. N. D. Farrell, Assistant County Engineer, have in addition to their duties with the County Council also to carry out duties of Town Surveyor of Arklow and Wicklow, respectively. The Council are not recouped by the Urban Council for the loss of their services. The demands made on their time, particularly in the case of Arklow, which has an expanding population of over 6,000 is considerable, and will continue to grow as these towns expand.

A check with the Engineering Staff employed in other counties of similar size, where the services due to the imbalance of population and contours of the County are not so complicated, will show that the Staff I have now set out will bear favourable comparison.

I consider that the Staff, I have shown is the minimum required to run the Engineering Services in the County efficiently, and meet the demand for services now being made.

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT

1. Existing Permanent Staff.	
County Engineer	1.
Chief Assistant County Engineer	2.
Chief Fire Officer	1.
Architect Grade I	1.
Assistant County Engineer (Design)	1.
Assistant County Engineer (Areas)	4.
Assistant County Engineer—Sanitary Services	1.
Assistant Planning Officer (Took up duty on 17/10/'68)	1.
Total:	12 No.
2. Permanent Posts — Vacant.	
Chief Planning Assistant	1.
Assistant County Engineer (Road Grant Supervision)	1.
Total	2 No.

3. **Permanent Post Created by Council But Not Yet Sanctioned.**
 Assistant County Engineer—Sanitary Services
 —(Northern Area). 1.
 Building Surveyor 1.
 Total 2 No.
4. **Extra Permanent Staff Required.**
 Chief Assistant County Engineer (Arterial Roads) 1.
 Assistant County Engineer (Materials,
 Plant and Quarry) 1.
 Total 2 No.
5. **Temporary Posts Vacant (Agreed by County Council).**
 Assistant County Engineer—Cottage
 Vesting, Survey and Maps 1.
 Assistant Engineer—Bridge Design (Davidstown) 1.
 Trainee Draughtsmen 2.
 Total: 4 No.
6. **Temporary Staff Required.**
 Arterial Road Grant (Valerie Bridge/
 Kilmacanogue (£330,000). 2.
 Assistant County Engineer 1.
 Assistant County Engineer (Water and
 Sewerage Extension Scheme) 1.
 Clerk of Works (New Housing Scheme) 1.
 Total: 4

Note: The Salary of Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assistant County Engineers engaged on Arterial Road Grants would be defrayed from the Road Funds.

NAMES OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS EMPLOYED WITH WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL SINCE 1950.

P. O'Keeffe.	Roads and Housing.
G. Leydon.	Housing, Water Supplies, Hospitals, Roads.
J. Bourke.	Roads and Bridges—Northern Area
P. McGuinness (twice).	Roads and Water Supplies.
P. Duggan.	Roads (Southern Area).
John Casey.	Roads (Southern Area).
Sean O'Fergaill (twice).	Roads, Water Supplies and Acting Assistant County Engineer.
Paul Walsh.	Roads—Southern Area.
K. Spellman.	Roads.
J. McCormack.	Roads.
J. Power.	Roads and Acting Assistant County Engineer.
S. Tansey.	Roads and Water Supplies.
M. Walsh.	Roads.
N. Maher.	Water Supplies and Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer.
S. O Dunlaing.	Water Supplies.
M. Fitzgerald.	Water Supplies.
Mr. Barry.	Acting Assistant Co. Engineer.
J. Caffrey.	Arklow Bridge.
P. Mulligan.	Roads.
P. Frost.	Roads.
E. Doyle.	Roads.
Mr. Garvey.	Roads.
P. Gleeson.	Roads.
J. O'Donnell.	Chief Planning Assistant.

E. Brangan. Planning Assistant.
 V. Hussey. Planning Assistant.
 P. Clinton. Roads.

TOTAL 27

(4) Report of County Manager on Sanitary Services—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL SANITARY SERVICES

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

Schemes completed in past two years or in hands at 30/9/1968.

Water Supply—Blessington.

The Scheme in this instance was prepared by a Consultant (Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E.). The cost will be about £50,000. The work is now almost completed.

The Council recently approved, however, of further extensions to the Scheme (a) to supply eight cottages at Knockieran; (b) to serve a number of houses in the Burgage Road area.

Water Supply—Laragh and Annamoe.

The water supply Scheme for Laragh and Annamoe was prepared by a Consultant (Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E.). The final cost is estimated at about £58,000. The Scheme is now approaching completion.

Water Supply—Extension from Killadreenan to Newcastle.

As the supply in Newcastle Village was not satisfactory it was decided to take a supply from the main at Killadreenan. The Scheme was prepared and carried out by the Council's Staff. The cost was £3,000.

Greystones Water Supply Improvement (Whitshed Road, etc.)

This involved the replacing of deficient mains by the laying of new mains along Killincarrig, Burnaby, St. Vincent and Whitshed Roads. The Scheme was prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff. The cost is about £4,000.

Water Supply—Kilcoole to Knockroe.

A new main was laid to bring a water supply along the road from Kilcoole to Knockroe, and thereby supply a large number of houses. The cost was £5,430, and the Scheme was prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff.

Water Supply—Milltown Lane, Rathnew.

This was an extension of the Cronroe Supply by laying a new main to serve many houses in the Milltown area. The cost was over £3,200. The Scheme was prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff.

Water Supply—Extension Enniskerry to Tinnahinch.

A main was laid by the Council from Enniskerry as far as Tinnahinch. This enabled people in Carrigoona district—about 40 houses—to obtain a piped water supply. The cost of the main was £3,800 and the work has been completed. The Scheme was prepared and supervised by the Council's Engineering Staff.

Water Supply—Baltinglass to Shraughaun.

This involved an extension of the Baltinglass Supply to serve houses at Shraughaun. The Scheme was prepared and supervised by the Council's Engineering Staff.

cil's Engineering Staff and the cost was over £2,000.

Water Supply—Ennis Lane (Greystones).

The work of laying watermain to bring a service to a number of houses in this area has started. Pipes are now awaited. The work is being done by Direct Labour. The Scheme was prepared by Council's Engineering Staff. The cost is estimated at £2,000.

Water Supply—Redford.

This Scheme is intended to bring a water supply to 17 houses, and was prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff. The cost is estimated at £1,200 and work is in progress.

Sewerage—Greystones Outfall.

A new outfall had to be provided for Greystones Sewerage. This proved particularly difficult as it involved tidal work and contractors proved reluctant to undertake it. The cost was about £6,000. The Scheme was prepared and supervised by the Council's Engineering Staff.

Schemes for which Final or Preliminary Plans Have Been Prepared.

Water Supply—Milltown (Rathnew) to Ballymerrigan.

A scheme for an extension to serve ten houses at Ballymerrigan was prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in February, 1968. The cost is estimated at about £1,400.

Water Supply—Knockrobin and Merrymeeing.

Approval to this proposal which will bring water supply to eight Council cottages has just been received. The cost is estimated at £1,150 and it is proposed to carry out the work by Direct Labour.

Water Supply—Windgates.

Plans for this scheme were prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff, approved by the Council, and sent to the Department of Local Government for approval in July, 1968. The cost is estimated at £4,017.

Water Supply—Glenealy to Bahana.

In this case plans were prepared by the Council's Engineering Staff and sent to the Local Government Department for approval in December, 1967. The cost is estimated at £3,560, and is a very costly scheme as only three Council houses and one or two private houses will be served.

Water Supply—Rathnew to Cronakeary.

This is intended to serve one hotel, ten Council cottages and four private houses and the plans prepared by Council's Staff were sent to Local Government Department in December, 1967. Approval has not yet been received. The cost is estimated at about £4,300.

Water Supply—Ballymanus, Glenealy.

Documents for this supply (five houses; cost £1,520) were prepared by Council's Staff and sent to Local Government Department for approval in March, 1968. In May last Department requested further details on adequacy of pressure and supply and these have not yet been furnished.

Water Supply—North-East Wicklow.

This is intended to provide a special water supply for the area adjoining and immediately south of Bray, and in particular to assist new housing development. It could also augment the supply in the Greystones-Deigany district. The source was to be the Dargle River at Tinnahinch. A Preliminary Report and Outline Plan was prepared by a Consultant (Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E.) in September, 1966. The cost was estimated at £265,000. In December, 1967, the Department of Local Government asked for information as to the obligations of Dublin Corporation to afford a supply in these areas and for details of existing schemes in the district. Views on the obligations of the Corporation were sent to the Department in January, 1968. The details of the existing schemes are at present being prepared; the work involves extensive and detailed surveys.

Water Supply—South-East Wicklow Regional Scheme.

This is an elaborate scheme under which it was proposed to take a water supply from Garrqduff to augment the existing Rathdrum Supply and supply Avoca and Woodenbridge. It could also be used to augment a water supply in the Brittas Bay area in the event of the Cronroe Scheme being extended as far as Brittas Bay. Reports and Plans have been prepared by the Consultant (Mr. T. J. O'Connor, B.E.) for the Scheme which could supply the Avoca valley and Ballinacash and augment the Rathdrum supply. The estimate of cost is £103,000.

Water Supply—Brittas Bay Extension.

A proposal to take a water supply from the Cronroe supply to serve Brittas Bay district was examined by a Consultant (Mr. T. J. O'Connor, B.E.). This was intended to assist new development in that district in addition to supplying houses along the route of the new pipeline. The cost was estimated at about £120,000. This proposal is dependent on agreement being reached on the location, type and extent of new development in the Brittas Bay district and will also be affected by the capacity of the supply and filtration system at Cronroe to meet in addition an increasing demand in Wicklow Urban District, and the areas of Rathnew and Ashford. It seems that ultimately any large-scale development at Brittas Bay would entail resorting to Lough Dan as a major supply source.

Water Supply—Tinahely-Carnew Area.

A large-scale Regional Scheme to serve Shillelagh, Tinahely and Carnew districts was prepared by a Consultant (Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E.) some time ago. The Plans and other documents have been approved by the Department of Local Government. The cost is estimated at about £250,000. Approval to the final Contract Documents has not yet been received.

Sewerage Schemes—Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Area.

A Consultant (Mr. R. P. McCabe, M.A.I.) has prepared final Plans for this scheme. It is intended to arrange for a new outfall at Bray and the extension of sewerage within Bray Urban District and the area adjoining it so as to permit new housing development. The cost is estimated at £240,000, and it is intended that it will be borne jointly by Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council. Approval to final documents and to the invitation of tenders is awaited.

Sewerage Scheme—Ashford.

The Consultant's Report on this project was received some weeks ago and I gave details of it to the Council in a special Report of 6th

September, 1968. The cost of a scheme to serve the entire drainage area is estimated at £70,500 and it could be designed to serve 262 houses, including new development. The number of existing houses to be served would be 116 and to this must be added 40 houses which the Council propose to erect at Ballinalea. It was agreed that in the case of new development a contribution of £250 for each new dwelling would be required.

Sewerage Scheme—Kilcoole.

To meet the needs of new development in Kilcoole new sewerage and new sewage disposal works would be required. A Preliminary Report and estimate of cost at present is being prepared by Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consultant.

Projects for which the Council Have Asked that Plans Be Prepared.

Water Supply—Hollywood.

In February, 1967, it was reported to the Council that the estimated cost of sinking a special well, providing a 12,000 gallon service storage tank and laying 2,400 yards of 2" main to provide water for Hollywood would be about £3,070. An alternative would be to get a supply from a scheme in Co. Kildare and it was proposed to discuss such a proposal with officials of Kildare County Council. In November, 1967, a further estimate was submitted by the County Engineer for a water supply costing £2,000 and the Council asked that plans for such a project be prepared.

Water Supply—Hillbrook, Tinahely.

In October, 1967, the Council asked that the possibility of providing water from the Coolboy water supply to serve a number of houses at Hillbrook should be examined and a report on the proposal be submitted.

Water Supply—Randalstown/Whitestown Area, Stratford-on-Slaney.

An estimate of cost for water supply to serve houses in these districts was submitted in 1967. The estimate was £5,010 and the Council asked that plans for the project be prepared.

Water Supply—Council Cottages at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue.

In December, 1967, a Report submitted to the Council indicated that the estimated cost of supplying water to these houses would be about £4,600. Later in February, 1968, the County Engineer reported that a detailed survey would be required for this extension in order to obtain the best route as the cottages were at a fairly high altitude. At the same time he pointed out that he had not staff available at that time to carry out the necessary survey and prepare plans.

Water Supply—Ballyknockan Group Supply.

In July, 1968, the Department of Local Government asked if the Council would have any objection to an extension of the watermain to serve a group scheme for three houses. A recommendation on this proposal has not yet been received.

Water Supply—4 Houses at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.

The cost of supplying these four houses was estimated at £600 and the four tenants involved were asked to pay a charge of 1s. 9d. per week in addition to the present weekly rent. So far, however, only two of the tenants were prepared to agree and, consequently, the proposal has not been taken further.

Water Supply—Crosskeys, Dunlavin.

In October, 1937, it was reported that it would not be possible to serve the area by an extension of the Dunlavin Water Supply and that a suitable new source would have to be located. A report as to a suitable source has not yet been received.

Water Supply—Cottages at Grange Con.

It was asked that this be examined in conjunction with the scheme to serve cottages at Crosskeys, Dunlavin. At the same time the Council asked that the possibility of supplying houses at the Rocks, Grange Con, should be investigated.

Water Supply—Colbinstown.

In October, 1967, it was reported to the Council that it would not be possible to serve these cottages from the existing supply and that it would be necessary to sink a well if no suitable source could be found. An investigation of this matter has not yet been completed.

Water Supply—Cottages at Bellevue, Delgany.

Some years ago the Council approved of a proposal for the installation of water in ten cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, and the tenants signed an undertaking to contribute towards part of the cost by an addition of 1s. 9d. to their rent. The plans for this project have not yet been prepared.

Water Supply—Annacurra.

An estimate of £750 was submitted some years ago for the supply of water to three cottages at Killacoran on the Annacurra Road. The Council approved of the estimate and asked that plans be prepared.

Water Supply—Lott Lane, Kilcoole.

Six houses are involved and the Local Government Department indicated that the requirements through a group scheme would be about 1,200 gallons per day. In July, 1968, it was indicated that it would be possible to provide a supply provided it were restricted to consumption of 1,200 gallons per day.

Water Supply—Ballycapple, Redcross.

In October, 1966, the Council approved of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump for four cottages at a cost of £230.

Water Supply—Raheen, Baltinglass.

It was reported in December, 1966, that an extension from the Baltinglass Water Supply using polythene piping for about 800 yards would cost £320. The Council approved of the extension, but it seems that it has not yet been carried out.

Water Supply—Ballynerrin (Group Scheme).

It was indicated by the Department of Local Government in May, 1968, that no objection was seen to the design data submitted for this scheme. It seems that the work has not yet been put in hands.

Water Supply—Extension of Main to Council Cottages at Ballinahinch/Monahine (Newtownmountkennedy).

In May, 1968, the Council asked that a plan be prepared setting out the proposals for this scheme.

Water Supply—Ballinapark/Killoughter.

The Council in April, 1967, noted that an extension of the water supply to serve houses in this area would entail the laying of a 4" main from Rathnew. In addition to Council cottages a number of houses and farms could also avail of the water. The Council asked that plans for the project be prepared.

Water Supply—Killiskey Area.

The Council in March, 1967, asked for a special report on a proposal to supply water to 17 Council cottages in Killiskey district.

Water Supply—Coolmoney.

In April, 1968, copies of a design and a design data for a Group Scheme in the Rustyduff/Ballinacorney/Davidstown areas were received from the Department of Local Government. A report on the project has not yet been received. It would be necessary to replace the existing main and also obtain the permission of the Department of Defence in this instance.

Water Supply—Stratford-on-Slaney to Manger Extension.

In May, 1967, the Council asked that plans be prepared for such an extension. The cost was estimated at £1,400. A main 970 yards in length would serve eight houses. The tenants of these houses were asked in May, 1967, if they would agree to pay a contribution of 3/- per week towards the cost but thus far it seems no reply has been received from them.

Water Supply—Kilcandra, Redcross.

It was suggested in June, 1968, that a Group Water Supply Scheme might be the best way to meet the demand for this area and later in August, 1968, the Department of Local Government were asked if they would arrange for the preparation of such a Group Scheme to serve houses in the Kilcandra/Kilnamanagh area.

Water Supply—Raheenglass, Coolboy.

In April, 1968, the approval of the Council was given to an extension (2" dia. main) for a distance of 260 yards to serve cottages at estimated cost of £405. Three houses are involved and it was agreed that the tenants be asked to make a contribution towards the cost. The County Engineer had reported that the work could be carried out by Direct Labour.

Water Supply—Donard.

A survey has been carried out as to a suitable source for a water supply for Donard and it is understood that an agreement is being reached with the owner of the land on which the springs are located. It is understood that a further report on this project will be submitted.

Sewerage—Shillelagh.

In September, 1967, the approval of the Department of Local Government to the appointment of a Consultant to prepare a Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh was sought. So far approval to the proposal has not been received.

Sewerage—Greystones.

It was reported to the Council recently that in order to meet the needs of further development in Greystones area new sewerage arrangements would be required. It would be necessary to have the area specially surveyed to estimate the demand for sewerage from expected new development and to provide for suitable outfall works. The Council approved of the employment of a Consultant to carry out the necessary investigation and submit a preliminary report and estimate of cost. The approval of the Department of Local Government to the employment of a Consultant was recently sought.

Sewerage—Ballinacorney.

In 1967 the County Engineer reported that sewerage arrangements for Ballinacorney would be dependent on the provision of a piped water supply to the area from the proposed Scheme based on Garryduff. Reference already has been made to the fact that it was intended that the Garryduff Scheme would provide a water supply to Ballinacorney.

Sewerage—Churchlands, Tinahely.

The County Engineer reported in January, 1968, that he would

arrange to have a new survey carried out and plans prepared for the provision of sewerage for houses at Churchlands.

Sewerage—Council Cottages at Kilmagig, Avoca.

In May, 1967, the Council asked the County Engineer to arrange for the design of a new treatment works so that the effluent which would discharge into the nearby stream would not be objectionable in any way.

SANITARY SERVICES—OTHER PROJECTS

Scavenging Services.

In recent years Scavenging Services have been provided in the districts set out below. Prior to their provision it was necessary to carry out special surveys to determine the areas for which services could reasonably and economically be provided. It was also necessary to ensure that dumping grounds would be available.

Greystones/Delgany.

A Scavenging Service has been available to serve the Greystones/Delgany district since 1963. The cost at the present time is £1,750. The work is done by contract.

Kilcoole.

The Scavenging Service in Kilcoole costs at the present time £116.

Boghall, Ballywaltrim and Area adjacent to Bray.

The Contract for a Scavenging Service for this area was entered into in 1965. The present cost is £380 per year. The Enniskerry dumping ground is used.

Enniskerry.

The Refuse Collection Service for Enniskerry was introduced in 1967. The present yearly Contract is £380.

Carnew.

A service has been available here for some time past and the present yearly contract is £500.

Rathnew.

In 1964, a refuse collection was provided for Rathnew. The present cost is £416. There is some difficulty here in relation to a dumping ground.

Rathdrum.

Since 1963 a refuse collection service has been available to Rathdrum. The present cost is £600.

Newtownmountkenedy.

The refuse collection service which has been in operation since 1966 at present costs £305.

Tinahely.

The service in this instance costs £300 per year and has been in operation since 1961.

Baltinglass.

The service for Baltinglass has been in existence since 1963 and at present the annual cost is £260.

Blessington.

The service for Blessington which was introduced in 1961 at present costs £500.

Avoca.

Introduced in 1963. The annual cost is £200.

Dunlavin.

The proposal for a refuse collection service for Dunlavin is dependent on finding a site for a dumping ground. This difficulty has not yet been resolved.

Ashford.

Recently the Council agreed that it would be desirable to provide a service for Ashford and a report was asked as to a suitable site for a dump.

Kilpedder/Kilquade/Willow Grove.

Representations to the need for a scavenging service for these areas were examined by the Council and a report was asked as to the capacity of the existing dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy to take refuse from these areas.

Sanitary Convenience—Ashford.

In a special report the Chief Medical Officer indicated that in his view a sanitary convenience could not be regarded as necessary in Ashford. The Council, however, asked that the County Engineer might inspect the area and report where a site might be located and also submit an estimate of cost.

Sanitary Convenience—Rathdrum.

It was decided recently by the Council that public sanitary conveniences should be provided in Rathdrum. The local Development Committee has suggested four sites, and in August a report as to their suitability was asked for by the Council.

Swimming Pool—Blessington.

The plans and specification suggested by the Department of Local Government for a prototype swimming pool were obtained again recently and the Council asked that their adaptation to a swimming pool for Blessington be examined. A site free of charge to the Council for this pool was offered, but it now is found that the owners of the site cannot give it freehold to the Council and that a Lease only could be arranged. In the Lease the owners ask that the swimming pool should be designed to their requirements and it was felt that this was scarcely a condition which could be accepted. A draft of the Lease has been transmitted to the Department of Local Government for their views.

Improvements to Harbour at Greystones.

The Council has been associated with Bórd Fáilte and the Greystones Civic Association in the project for improving the harbour at Greystones. The total cost of the Scheme was £20,000, of which the greater part was met by a special grant from Bórd Fáilte. Toward the cost the Council made a special contribution of £3,500.

Improvements at Sea Front, Greystones.

A number of proposals for improvements which could be undertaken with the aid of a grant from Bórd Fáilte have been examined in the past two years. The Council already had acquired property from C.I.E. at the approach to the South Beach and on this it was proposed to provide new public sanitary conveniences and an area for car parking. The original project was thought to be too costly and the preparation of revised plans was arranged some time ago.

In reply to Councillor F. Hynes who inquired whether a report would be available in regard to staff requirements other than Engineering Staff the County Manager stated that the Reports circulated to the Members dealt only with the Engineering Staff requirements but that he would submit a report on requirements for other staff separately.

Additional Assistant County Engineer for Wicklow Area.

The County Manager stated that the Council had approved of the appointment of an additional Assistant County Engineer for the Wicklow area and he understood from the discussion at the Meeting of the Council that it was the Council's intention that the new Engineer, if sanctioned, would be assigned duties relating to a particular part of that area. The County Engineer in recommending the appointment had indicated that the volume of the work in that Engineering District was such that the Assistant County Engineer for the area was unable to cope with it. He felt that it was therefore the intention of the Council that there be a re-division of the Engineering Districts and that the additional Engineer would be assigned area duties in a part of the present Northern Engineering District. The County Engineer had however recommended that the additional Engineer for the area be assigned duties in respect of Sanitary Services and Housing in the existing area and the remaining duties in the area be discharged by the present Engineer assigned to the area. The sanction of the Minister to the appointment was awaited. Following a discussion on the matter the following Resolution was passed unanimously:— That the additional Engineer approved by the Council for the Northern Engineering District be assigned duties in that area as recommended by the County Engineer.

Report of County Engineer on Engineering Staff Organisation.

The County Manager referred to the statement in the first paragraph of the Report to the effect that total expenditure on Engineering Services was in the region of £1,000,000 a year and expressed disagreement with this figure and estimated the expenditure on services for which the Engineering Staff were responsible at £430,000, this being made up of £349,452 on Roads and the remainder on Sanitary Services, Housing Repairs, Repairs to Health Institutions, Courthouses and other public buildings and the maintenance of Fire Brigades. The County Engineer pointed out that expenditure on construction of Council houses should also be included as part of the services for which the County Engineer had responsibility.

In regard to the employment of temporary staff in previous years the County Manager pointed out that the list of temporary staff employed since 1950 as set out in the list attached to the County Engineer's Report had been employed for only short periods during the past twenty years and that not more than three temporary Engineers would have been engaged at any particular time. He pointed out that it was inevitable that changes in the personnel of the staff would occur and drew attention to the number of changes which had taken place in posts as Town Clerks and Staff Officers during the same period.

Arterial Road Work.

The County Engineer stated that the staff required to effectively supervise the Arterial Road Improvement Scheme between the Lower Dargle Bridge and Kilmacanogue which he estimated would cost up to £400,000, was a Chief Assistant County Engineer and two Assistant County Engineers together with an Ordering and Costing Clerk and one Clerk/Typist. He recommended that the post of Chief Assistant County Engineer should be a permanent one as the programme for improvement of Arterial Roads would continue in operation for many years. The posts of Assistant County Engineer sought in respect of this work would be temporary posts. The County Engineer stated that the cost of the employment of the Engineering Staff on this work would be chargeable to the Grant and met from the Road Fund. The County Secretary confirmed that remuneration of the Engineers engaged on the Arterial Road Works Scheme would be chargeable to

the Grant and met from the Road Fund, but that the remuneration of the Ordering and Costing Clerk and Clerk/Typist would have to be met from Rates. The estimated cost of the employment of this staff would be from £1,000 to £1,200 per annum.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;
Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Manager and County Engineer in regard to Engineering and Allied Staff requirements, we approve of the permanent employment of 1 Chief Assistant County Engineer and the employment of 2 Temporary Assistant County Engineers with duties in relation to the improvement of the Arterial Road between Lower Dargle Bridge in Kilmacanogue, and approve also of the employment of an Ordering and Costing Clerk and 1 Clerk/Typist with duties in relation to this Scheme and note that the cost of the Engineering Staff will be chargeable to Arterial Road Grant.
Passed unanimously.

Posts of Town Surveyor to Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils
Following a discussion on the position in regard to the provision of Engineering services for the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow

It was
Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Resolved—That we continue the present arrangements in regard to the Town Engineers for Arklow and Wicklow.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed Appointment of Assistant County Engineer (Materials, Plant and Quarry).

Following the discussion on the proposal that an additional permanent post of Assistant County Engineer be created with duties in connection with the Council's Machinery, Quarry, Stores and Materials

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;
Resolved—That we defer consideration of the proposal to appoint a permanent Engineer for materials, plant and quarry.
Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer agreed to consider this matter further and submit revised proposals.

Additional Temporary Engineer for Water and Sewerage Schemes.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;
Resolved—That we approve of temporary employment of an Engineer for new Water and Sewerage Schemes.
Passed unanimously.

Clerk of Works for Housing.

The County Engineer stated that it was impossible for the present Clerk of Works to deal satisfactorily with the supervision of the Council's Housing Schemes which were in progress at various parts of the County and in consequence involved extensive travelling. He recommended that an additional temporary Clerk of Works be employed who would be stationed at Blessington and would supervise the construction of houses in the western part of the County. The Council approved of the appointment of an additional temporary Clerk of

Works for this purpose.

Loan For Purpose of Making Grants for the Provision of Private Water Supplies and Private Sewerage Facilities.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the previous Meeting had approved of the borrowing of a sum of £12,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., repayable over a period of ten years. It had since been ascertained that the maximum period for which the Bank would advance a Loan of this amount was seven years.

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £12,000 from the Council's Treasurer, National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of seven years for the purpose of making grants for the provision of private water supplies and private sewerage facilities.
Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Building Surveyor.

The County Manager stated that the Council had approved of the appointment of a Building Surveyor and the County Engineer had recommended that this post be filled by the appointment of a permanent Assistant County Engineer whose duties would consist of the examination of private and Council development schemes, seeing that schemes approved were carried out in accordance with the plans submitted for Planning Permission, examination of unfit houses, valuation of houses for Loan and Grant purposes and advise on the Engineering aspects of Council's Housing Schemes, together with any other duties which might be assigned. The County Engineer considered, however, that it would not be practicable or desirable that the person appointed should carry out any duties for the Urban District Councils and that he would be fully occupied in meeting the demands of the Council's own services. The Council noted the County Engineer's recommendations and confirmed that the appointment of a Building Surveyor be a permanent post.

Assistant County Engineer for Cottage Vesting, Survey and Maps, and Assistant Engineer for Bridge Design (Davidstown).

The Council confirmed their agreement to the temporary employment of Engineers for the purpose of completing maps required for the vesting of Council cottages and for the preparation of plans for a new bridge at Davidstown. The County Engineer pointed out that efforts to recruit temporary Engineers had met with very poor response and that it might take some while before the necessary temporary staff could be obtained.

Trainee Draughtsmen.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that the Council was awaiting determination by the Department of Local Government of the qualifications and particulars of office for the post of Trainee Draughtsman and as soon as these were received applications could be invited by public advertisement.

Venue for Council Meeting.

Councillor J. Temple informed the Council that he had been requested by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, to inform the Members of the Council that he had recovered from his recent heart attack

which had involved a stay in Hospital in England, and that he hoped to be able to resume attendance at Meetings of the Council very soon. Councillor Temple stated that Councillor Byrne had been warned by his doctor against any undue exertion and that consequently asked if the Council would facilitate him by holding Council Meetings at the Council Chamber at Kilmantin Hill instead of the Chamber in the Courthouse, as he would be unable to climb the stairs to the Council Chamber at the Courthouse and in consequence would have to resign his membership of the Council. The Members of the Council unanimously agreed to meet the wishes of Councillor Byrne and to hold Council Meetings at the Council Chamber at Kilmantin Hill as soon as Councillor Byrne was available to attend. Members of the Council expressed the view that the Council Chamber at the Courthouse, Wicklow, provided better accommodation for Council Meetings, and on the suggestion of Councillor Whelan it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to investigate the possibility of providing a lift to serve the Council Chamber.

Housing at Tinahely.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired as to when two derelict houses at Tinahely which had been purchased by the Council would be demolished and houses erected on the site and also when the Housing Scheme to be built on Mr. Pierce's land would be commenced. The County Secretary stated that a reply as to the position in these matters would be sent to Councillor Miss Walsh.

Ballymaconey and Slievareagh Lanes.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill, supported by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., urged that Ballymaconey and Slievareagh Lanes which had been reconstructed with the aid of Grants and contributions from the persons using the lanes be surface dressed by the Council. It was suggested that the cost of this work could be defrayed from the Local Improvement Grant Scheme and if this were not possible, that provision be made in the coming year's Estimates for the work. Councillor J. Miley asked that a report be submitted regarding the surfacing of Kylebeg and Cryhelp Roads, which he stated had been taken over by the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John F. Richardson, 22, Hyde Park Avenue, Blackrock, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybrew, Enniskerry, per plans and specifications submitted."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve nine cottages on the New Line, Carnew."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"Requesting the Council to proceed with the building of a house in Stratford for Michl. Moore, Winetavern, and also for the building of a further three houses on available sites in Stratford."

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:—"Requesting the Council to provide a water and sewerage scheme for the village of Rathdangan."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th November, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

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

The County Secretary (Acting as County Manager), County Engineer and Council's Architect attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for alterations and renovations to existing premises on his property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John F. Richardson, 22, Hyde Park Avenue, Blackrock, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybrew, Enniskerry, per plans and specifications submitted."
2. To receive Mr. P. J. Long, Regional Tourism Manager, The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.
3. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of new houses.
4. Applications for Loans towards the cost of purchase of new dwellings, purchase of vested cottages and reconstruction of existing houses.
5. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
6. Proposed purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Ballygannon.
7. Acquisition of Land at Rathdrum for Housing.
8. Advice of Council's Solicitor in regard to letter received from Editor of "Build."
9. Housing Development at Bentley Park, Bray — Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the Council examine the possibility of providing 10 Council houses in Kilmacanogue."
11. (a) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:—"That the Council

complete the purchase of John O'Toole's house at Coolruss, Tinahely."

- (b) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That in view of the demand for housing in Tinahely, the Council will implement without any further delay the decision to purchase the vested cottage from John O'Toole, Coolruss, Tinahely."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering:- "That the Council complete the purchase of cottage at Tober, Dunlavin, as arranged at recent Meeting."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, Roger Miley and James Whelan:- (a) "That the Council erect a cottage for Mr. William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, on his own site. This man is a forestry worker with small children." (b) "That the County Council erect a cottage for Mr. Richard Kenny at Ballinaclash on a site provided by Mr. F. Phelan."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council proceed with the building of a house in Stratford for Michael Moore, Winetavern, and also to build a further 3 houses on available sites in Stratford."
15. Cottages repaired during the month of October, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of November, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for alterations and Renovations to existing premises on his property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."

The Council on the proposal of Miss N. O'Neill agreed to allow Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole and his Architect, who were present, to speak to the Council for the purpose of clarifying details of their application. The County Secretary stated that the proposal had been adjourned from the previous Meeting to allow Members of the Council an opportunity of inspecting the site. Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole addressed the Council and stated that he wished to clarify details of his application. He stated that it appeared that his previous application for permission for this development had been refused on three grounds, one being the interference with scenic beauty of the area, second relating to the water supply which was held to be unsatisfactory and the third on account of the access from the public road which is held to be dangerous. He contended that the alterations and renovations to the premises would remove what at present were unsightly buildings with insanitary conditions and would not interfere with the amenities of the area. He pointed out that the water supply which he proposed to use was at present used by a number of other persons and that he could not understand why it should be regarded as unsatisfactory. In relation to the access from the road he agreed that the access as originally shown which was from a point at a bend on the road was dangerous but pointed out that in his amended plan he proposed to site the access away from this bend and that sufficient road frontage would be available to give adequate vision. In regard to the statement that he carried out works on another structure without permission he stated that this building which had been used as a store had been damaged by vandals and he had carried out repairs to the building as he had been informed

by his Insurance Company that they could not insure materials which he wished to store in connection with the proposed development unless the building was put in a proper state of repair. He pointed out that the works carried out were by way of repairs and that there was no change of use of the building. Councillor J. Temple stated that in his view there were objections to alterations to two of the buildings but suggested that the Council arrange for the appointment of a Committee representative of Members from the other three County Electoral Areas to inspect the site and that the consideration of the proposal be adjourned for a further week to enable this to be done. The Council having agreed to the suggestion put forward by Councillor Temple the following Committee was appointed to visit the site with the County Engineer on Saturday, 9th November, at 11 a.m.: Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan.

(b) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John F. Richardson, 22, Hyde Park Avenue, Blackrock, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybrew, Enniskerry, per Plans and Specifications submitted."

The County Secretary stated that no application for Planning permission was before the Council in relation to the proposed erection of a bungalow at Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for Mr. John F. Richardson and, consequently, the proposal submitted was not in order. The Council noted the position and at the request of Councillor Phelan deferred the matter pending the submission of an application by Mr. Richardson.

Item No. 2—To receive Mr. P. J. Long, Regional Tourism Manager, The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.

Mr. P. J. Long, Regional Tourism Manager, The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., addressed the Council and thanked the Council for the contribution being made of £1,000 towards the work of the Organisation. He stated that his purpose in attending was to inform the Council of the work which had been carried out by the Organisation. Information Offices were operated by the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. at Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Glendalough, and had serviced over 30,000 inquiries during the past year and provided accommodation for over 12,000 persons. Between 600,000 and 700,000 leaflets had been circulated each year for overseas promotion. The Organisation was at present engaged on a survey of Regional Tourism amenities and capacity. Mr. Long stated that they also had an agency office in Greystones. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the service provided by the Tourist Office at Greystones was much appreciated and had made a vast difference to people holidaying in the County. She suggested that it was very necessary that a similar office be set up in the West of the County. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that the Organisation should keep in close touch with the Development Officer appointed by the West Wicklow Development Association and that he considered that there should be more encouragement to attract tourists to West Wicklow. Mr. Long in reply stated that Mr. Donal Gannon had been appointed Development Officer for West Wicklow and worked in close contact with Comdt. Maher, Development Officer for West Wicklow Development Association. Mr. Long replied to inquiries from Members in regard to private householders wishing to have their houses recognised as suitable for accommodation for tourists and gave particulars of the procedure for applying for

Grants for improvements. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, who represented the Council on the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, complimented Mr. Long on his report and stated that points which had been raised by the Members would be taken up by him at the next meeting of the Organisation.

Item No. 3—Application for Supplementary Grants Towards Cost of Erection of New Houses.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications for Supplementary Grants for submission to the Council.

Item No. 4—Applications for Loans towards the Cost of Purchase of New Dwellinghouses, Purchase of Vested Cottages and Reconstruction of Existing Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to James Jordan, Marlton Road, Wicklow, towards the cost of purchase of Vested Council Cottage at Marlton Road, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £130 to Patrick Ronan, 26, Merrymount, Rathnew, towards the cost of reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at Merrymount, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to James Healy, Killadreenan, towards the cost of purchase of a vested Council cottage at Killadreenan, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the applications of Mr. Jordan and Mr. Healy would be dependant on the Council's approving of consent being given to the sale to them of vested cottages at Ballynerrin and Killadreenan respectively.

Item No. 5—Applications For Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Council considered the application from the Representatives of Daniel Masterson for consent to the sale of Cottage No. 125/2 at Tober Upper, Dunlavin, to Mr. William Comerford, Usk, Dunlavin, for the sum of £720. The County Secretary stated that the purchaser was an agricultural labourer who is living in a vested cottage at Usk, Dunlavin, in Co. Kildare, and that he had applied to Kildare Co. Council for permission to sell his vested cottage. Subject to his disposing of his present vested cottage there appeared to be no objection to his proposal to purchase the cottage at Tober Upper, Dunlavin, which was more convenient to school for his children. The Council noted that it had been proposed that the Council purchase the cottage and it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council. Councillor M. Deering agreed that this decision covered

his Notice of Motion at Item 12 on the Agenda.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Eugene Corrigan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 308/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray, to Patrick Carr, Fassaroe, Bray, for the sum of £750, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £250 or one third of the market value, whichever is the greater, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Frederick Cowan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 309/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray, to Frank Cowan, Galtrim Road, Bray, for the sum of £300, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £100 or one third of the market value, whichever is the greater, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Repts. George James, deceased, of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 276/11 at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, to James Joseph Jordan, Strand Street, Wicklow, for the sum of £900, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £300 or one third of the market value, whichever is the greater, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by John Greene of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 64/6 at Killadreenan to James Healy, Killadreenan, for the sum of £1,500, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500 or one third of market value, whichever is the greater, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Proposed Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Ballygannon.

The County Secretary stated that James Fitzpatrick, son of the deceased tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 189/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, had offered to sell his cottage to the Council. The cottage had been vacant for some time as Mr. Fitzpatrick was working in Tipperary and returned to the cottage only occasionally at week-ends. The Co. Engineer had reported that the market value of the cottage would be in the region of £600 to £700.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of cottage

No. 189/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, from the Reps. of William Fitzpatrick for the sum of £600, of which one third would be retained by Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Acquisition of Land at Rathdrum for Housing.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached for the acquisition of 5 acres of land at Rathdrum owned by Mrs. Walsh for the sum of £2,000 together with fees of £100. The County Engineer had recommended that the site be acquired for housing development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of approximately 5 acres of land at Rathdrum from Mrs. Walsh for Housing purposes for the sum of £2,000 plus £100 Auctioneers' fees.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Advice of Council's Solicitor in Regard to Letter Received from Editor of "Build."

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:-
J. H. McCarroll and Co.,
Solicitors.
4 Church Street,
Wicklow.

21st October, 1968.

Re: Article headed "A Wicklow Scandal" in the issue of "Build."

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the above we note that the Editor of the above Magazine in reply to your letter stated that he was prepared to publish a correction provided you could satisfy him as to any inaccuracy but we hardly think that this can refer to the statement that the Council take particular objection to namely:- "one of the Council Members hopes to be the building contractor so you can imagine what the pressure is like." We are of opinion that the Council can compel the Editor to withdraw this statement and that he should immediately be called on to do so.

As regards his request for particulars of refusals to grant permission in which Section Four was subsequently introduced we see no objection to supplying the information as any Rate Payer could obtain same.

Our own view is that the above statement regarding one of the Council Members is libelous.

Yours faithfully,

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

J. H. MCCARROLL.

Members of the Council having expressed the view that the Council was not obliged to supply the information sought by the Editor of the Magazine and that such information need only be supplied to rate-payers asked that the views of the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council was or was not obliged to make this information available be obtained.

Item No. 9—Housing Development at Bentley Park, Eray—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter which had been addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Council:-

21 Bentley Avenue,
Boghall,
Bray.
29th October, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members.

For the past week sewerage has been flowing out of the trap which takes the waste water from my kitchen sink. On Saturday the path at the rear of my house was covered with sewerage to a depth of three inches and it had flowed into my garden. Miss Kirwan, Secretary to Mr. H. J. Byrne, will verify this as she saw it herself. Mr. Comyn, Health Inspector, at my request also carried out an inspection. He was appalled by what I showed him and assured me he would report the matter to Wicklow County Council without delay.

This will be the fourth occasion on which he has inspected and reported the defects in the sewerage system and the consequent health hazard.

Last week, too, one of Mr. J. Jordan's children contracted Gastro Enteritis—it may have been as a result of germs from the sewer—Dr. Kenny will verify this case.

At previous County Council meetings during discussions on this matter the County Manager and County Engineer with monotonous regularity have stated that in "their opinion" it was a private matter between the tenants and the builder. Like Pontius Pilate they would wash their hands of the whole affair.

But should a child die—will they dismiss this, too, as being no business of the Health Authority.

It was in June last that this matter was first brought to the attention of the County Council and we have had inspections and inspections, reports and reports but no positive action.

I therefore, now maintain that a danger to Public Health exists and I call on the Wicklow County Council as the responsible Health Authority to take immediate action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Colbert Martin.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor in letter of 2nd November, 1968, had advised that the legal position was that the Health Authority serve a notice on the occupier of premises where a nuisance exists and if the notice is not complied with the occupier is the person to be summoned. In the case of the drainage at Bentley Avenue the Law Agent stated that the occupier would have a remedy against the Contractor if he could establish that the nuisance was caused by some default on behalf of the Builder and not himself and he would have a right of indemnity against the Contractor but that the Council must proceed against the occupier. The Council's Solicitor had added that some of the borrowers had not been co-operative as he had been unable to obtain in a number of cases Stamp Duty and Registration Fees in respect of Council Mortgages apart altogether from his costs and he was considerably out of pocket. He indicated, however, that this had nothing to do with the problem of the drainage and he understood that the Contractor was contending that some of the occupiers had not paid for the work. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Health Inspector had inspected the site on the morning of the Meeting and had reported that the drains on all three houses had been cleared and that the pump was operating satisfactorily. The Health Inspector stated that the Contractor had visited the site on two or three occasions to see that the drainage was operating properly. Councillor Costello proposed that the Contractor be informed of the faults which had been found in the drainage system as dis-

closed by the Reports of the Council's Health Inspector and that the Contractor be asked to indicate his attitude in regard to remedying these defects.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That the Council Examine the Possibility of Providing 10 Council Houses in Kilmacanogue."

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting in August, 1965, had recommended that houses be provided for eight persons who were regarded as being in need of housing at that time. The circumstances of these applicants might have changed since and it would be necessary to have new application forms completed and applications examined by the County Medical Officer. The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary. 4th November, 1968.

Re: Housing Site, Kilmacanogue — Proposed Erection of Ten Council Houses.

A Chara,

Enclosed please find copy of map showing location of proposed site recommended for acquisition. It is noted that the number of houses required immediately is ten but it is considered desirable that sufficient land be acquired to meet a reasonable future demand and to allow the layout to be designed to suit this future demand. The area of land recommended for acquisition is 5.25 acres and this would be suitable for the erection of approximately 40 houses. The layout could provide that a percentage of these houses could be Purchase Houses.

The site is convenient to existing public water mains but no sewerage treatment works exist, although there is a considerable existing development in the area.

It may be considered desirable that a new sewerage treatment works should be adequate to deal with existing effluent in addition to proposed new housing. If this was the case a temporary septic tank could be constructed on the site to deal with the immediate demand, provided that the soakage rate of the subsoil proved to be satisfactory. Trial holes would be required for this purpose.

The site is very suitable for housing development as it adjoins the existing Village Church, School, Shops, etc. and is convenient to the main Dublin/Wicklow Bus route. The site could be approached from the existing bye-road leading to the Church and also the old road.

The existing village green could be fenced off as part of the Scheme which would prevent the local garages using it as a used car lot.

At £400 to the acre the value of the site would be £2,100.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer,

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of site at Kilmacanogue and of its development for housing.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — (a) Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council Complete the Purchase of John O'Toole's House at Coolruss, Tinahely." (b) Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That in View of the Demand for Housing in Tinahely, the Council will Implement Without Any Further Delay the Decision to Purchase the Vested Cottage from John O'Toole, Coolruss, Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that an offer of £600, which was the market value of the cottage as estimated by the County Engineer, had been made for the purchase of the vested cottage of Mr. John O'Toole but this offer was not acceptable to the vendor, Councillor J. Whelan stated that he understood that Mr. O'Toole would be prepared to sell the cottage for a sum of £700 and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of Mr. John O'Toole's interest in Vested Cottage No. 350/10 at Coolruss, Tinahely, for the sum of £700 of which one third would be retained by Council.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary having pointed out that the figure of £700 exceeded the estimate of market value given by the County Engineer, the Members of the Council indicated that they considered that in all circumstances of the case a figure of £700 was reasonable.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mark Deering:— "That the Council Complete the Purchase of Cottage at Tober, Dunlavin, as Arranged at Recent Meeting."

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with in conjunction with Item No. 5 on the Agenda.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, Roger Miley and James Whelan:— (a) "That the Council Erect a Cottage for Mr. William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, on his own Site. This man is a Forestry Worker with small children." (b) "That the County Council Erect a Cottage for Mr. Richard Kenny at Ballinaclash on a Site provided by Mr. F. Phelan."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. William Byrne was in need of rehousing as the house in which he was at present living was totally unfit for human habitation. The site had been inspected by both the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer who indicated that it was suitable for building. The County Medical Officer, however, pointed out that it would be desirable that a trial hole be dug before a lay-out plan was prepared so as to get the best possible position for the septic tank.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That the Council erect a cottage for Mr. William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, on his own site. This man is a forestry worker with small children.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Kenny had been recommended for rehousing by the County Medical Officer who however considered that the proposed site was not suitable as it was very wet and it was very doubtful if the sub-soil would be satisfactory for septic

tank drainage. The County Medical Officer suggested that a more suitable site be obtained. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred and that Mr. Kenny be asked to suggest a more suitable site. The Co. Secretary pointed out that isolated cottages involved a much higher expenditure in the cost of erection and difficulties in finding Contractors and suggested that both the applicants might be catered for in the housing scheme proposed on land acquired at Rathdrum. The Members of the Council, however, stated that houses at Rathdrum would not be acceptable to either of the applicants as being too far from their work.

**Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
“That the Council Proceed with the Building of a House in Stratford for Michael Moore, Winetavern, and also to Build a Further 3 Houses on Available Sites in Stratford.”**

The County Secretary stated that there were two applicants for rehousing in the Stratford area, these being from Mr. Michael Moore, Winetavern, and Mr. William Moore of Manger. There were two sites in Stratford which were derelict but which had been cleared by the local Development Association and might be suitable for the erection of houses but there was some doubt as to the owners of these sites. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that the houses could be erected on derelict sites which had been acquired by the Council in Stratford-on-Slaney. He suggested that the Councillors for the area meet the Co. Engineer at Stratford-on-Slaney to inspect the sites and to agree on the most suitable location for the houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That the Council proceed with the building of a house in Stratford for Michael Moore, Winetavern, and also to build a further 3 houses on available sites in Stratford.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Cottages Repaired During the Month of October, 1968, and Cottages to be Repaired During the Month of November, 1968.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of October and of those to be repaired during the month of November, 1968.

Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to repairs which had been carried out to cottages prior to vesting in the Greystones area and mentioned that in the case of repairs to floors only part of the floors had been attended to and that the remaining part of the floor became defective shortly afterwards. She felt that in these cases the entire floor should have been replaced. The County Engineer pointed out that there would be a lapse of time of about six weeks between the completion of the repairs and the actual vesting of the cottage and the tenants should inform the Housing Office if any further repairs were required as once the Vesting Order was made the Council could not carry out any other repairs to the cottage.

Provision of Drugs.

Councillor F. Hynes complained of the refusal to authorise the supply of drugs for four cases of which he supplied details. He claimed that in one of the cases quoted the Doctor attending the patient was paying for the drugs out of his own pocket. He stated that he had been in touch with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and pointed out that the Department of Health had encouraged all Councils to issue drugs to people who could not afford to pay for such drugs even if they did not hold Medical Cards. He suggested

that the Council had the authority to direct the County Manager to issue drugs in respect of these cases. The County Secretary pointed out that persons who held Medical Cards were entitled to avail of the services of the District Medical Officer and to receive all drugs without charge. In the cases mentioned by Councillor Hynes the patients while holding Medical Cards were attending private Doctors and had not availed of the services of the District Medical Officer and, consequently, a difficulty arose if such persons wished to obtain drugs free of charge. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that some persons did not wish to go to the Dispensary and did not understand why they should not get drugs free. She stated that persons who went with a Prescription to the District Medical Officer found that since he had not examined them or treated them he could not agree to issue drugs to them. She felt the difficulty in these cases should be overcome so that drugs could be made available. Councillor Hynes asked that the matter be brought to the notice of the County Manager with a view to having the position remedied immediately.

Flooding at Bray.

Councillor S. Costello referred to the damage which had been caused by the flooding of the Dargle River at Bray and urged that the Council take immediate action to carry out temporary repairs to the wall which had been breached by the river at Dargle Road. The wall in question ran alongside the road and in his view if it were not repaired immediately the road could become undermined. The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C., that the Consultant had inspected the damage caused by the floods that morning and had indicated that as the weir had been washed away the full Flood Prevention Scheme should be carried out as a matter of urgency. The Consultant had also recommended that gabions be erected at the point where the wall had been breached, which had been mentioned by Councillor Costello, and at other places where damage had been caused to give immediate protection. The Co. Engineer stated that a detailed examination would have to be made and that he accepted that if the walls were left in their present condition further damage could be caused by any subsequent flooding. He considered that the Consultant's Report should be awaited as the Consultant had made a detailed examination of the area. Councillor Costello agreed that the entire Scheme should be carried out but suggested that the gaps in the walls should be blocked immediately even if only with some sandbags. The County Engineer stated that the breach could be stopped temporarily with sandbags but pointed out that money would need to be provided for the work. The Council by Resolution approved of the carrying out of any necessary emergency repairs and authorised the expenditure necessary.

Vacancies For District Medical Officers.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., inquired as to the position regarding the filling of vacancies for appointments as District Medical Officers. He stated that he knew of four vacant posts in the County and that the Council had been informed by the Department of Health that permanent appointments could not be made. He pointed out, however, that he saw that permanent posts were being advertised in other Counties and proposed that the Council should pass a Resolution to ask the Minister to approve of permanent appointments being made in respect of the vacant areas in Co. Wicklow. The Council agreed that their views be conveyed to the Minister and that he be requested to sanction the permanent filling of the vacant positions for District Medical Officer.

Christmas Relief Work.

Councillor Miss Walsh urged that work be commenced as early as possible on Christmas Relief Work.

Drainage at Coolakay, Enniskerry.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that the matter of flooding of the premises of Mr. Murray of Coolakay, Enniskerry, be looked into again and stated that when the County Engineer had last reported on the matter he had indicated that some work would be carried out but it appeared that either this had not been done or that the work done had not proved satisfactory. The County Engineer pointed out that this was a case where the house was below the level of the public road and, consequently, water from the road flowed into Mr. Murray's lands. He pointed out that in cases where houses were built above road level the opposite situation applied and the Council had to deal with water which flowed from such premises on to the road. He stated that he would have the matter examined again.

Notices of Motion.

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

- In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted."
- In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Councillor Costello explain his accusation that the Resolutions under Section 4 passed by this Council are viewable with suspicion and that he prove his suspicions in respect to myself in regard to this statement made at the Housing Meeting on Monday, Nov. 4th, 1968."
- In the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That the Section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted."
- In the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:- "That this council proceed to build at least 6 houses on their Housing Site at Carnew."
- In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That repairs for vesting be carried out immediately to the following cottages—(a) Mr. Tobias Byrne, Lugduff, Tinahely; (b) Mrs. Moorehouse, Thomas-town, Arklow. (c) Terence Doyle, Knocknaguilkey, Knockananna; (d) Mrs. Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum."
- In the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
- In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- "That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark, Baltinglass."
- In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay sewer pipes in the Green, Rathnew, to take the waste water from the sinks, etc."
- In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That a dangerous bend be removed at "Rockingham," Rosbawn, Tinahely, and that road surface water table opposite Mr. Thomas King's cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
- In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "Requesting the Council to furnish the date the Department of Local Government asked for a priority list for water schemes and the date the Council furnished the list to the Department."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th November, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Mary O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer, attended.

Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council, to the County Manager and County Secretary for the good wishes extended to him during his illness.

AGENDA

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
(a) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted."
(b) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, "Boundbrook," Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for alterations and renovations to existing premises on his property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."
2. To receive Deputation from Residents of Kilcough, Donard, in regard to condition of Roadway at Kilcough.
3. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 24th June and 2nd September, 1968.
4. Application of Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of roads in Co. Wicklow for purposes of a Motor Rally.
5. Application for purchase of land owned by Council at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
6. Drainage at Carrigower River—Report of County Engineer and estimate for completion of work.
7. Letter from Department of Health regarding proposal to provide a Doctor's residence at Rathdrum.
8. Staff in Housing and Sanitary Services Section—Report on additional Staff needed.
9. Malicious Injury Claims—Northern Engineering District—Difficulty in obtaining special reports.
10. Reports on Expenditure in current financial year as compared with Estimates.

11. Advisory Committee on Itinerary—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding provision of Camping Sites for Itinerants.
12. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Roger Miley:—"That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as the Long Hill)."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve nine cottages on the New Line, Carnew."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:—"That the Council provide a water and sewerage scheme in the village of Rathdangan."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That a dangerous bend be removed at 'Rockingham,' Rosbawn, Tinahealy, and that road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thomas King's cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Requesting the Council to furnish the date the Department asked for a priority list for water schemes and the date the Council furnished the list to the Department."
22. Acquisition of Lands at "The Slang," Dargle Road, Bray, for purpose of Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
 (a) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the Erection of Signs per Plans and Specifications Submitted."

The County Secretary submitted details of the application made by Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs advertising the Grand Hotel, and stated that one sign was to be erected on lands adjoining the section of the Dublin/Wicklow Road known as Tighe's Avenue, north of Rathnew, on the eastern side of the road, and that the other sign was to be erected on lands adjoining the Arklow/Rathnew Road at Coolbeg on the western side of the road a short distance south of the road junction at the "Beehive." The signs were 32 sq. feet in size. It was recommended that permission be refused as the erection of the signs would seriously injure the amenities of the areas and would tend to give rise to a traffic hazard.

It was stated also by the County Secretary that the policy for control of advertising had been considered by the Council in framing the Draft County Development Plan and the proposals did not appear to be in conformity with the Council's policy as set out therein.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted, subject to reduction in size of signs to 16 sq. ft.

Councillors M. J. O'Neill, B. S. Phelan and S. Costello indicated their objections to the proposal and it was pointed out that if permission were granted for these signs it would lead to a spate of signs for hotels, guesthouses, etc., all over the County. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the applicant's needs might be met by a sign similar to a road sign which had been supplied by Bórd Fáilte Éireann in other instances. On the suggestion of Councillor Costello, the Council agreed to defer the proposal for one month and the proposer and seconder of the motion agreed to consult the applicant with a view to ascertaining whether signs of the type recommended by Bórd Fáilte would be accepted.

(b) In the Names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward E. Byrne and Henry J. Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Dr. Harold Y. D. Bonsole, 'Boundbrook,' Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for Alterations and Renovations to Existing Premises on his Property at Delgany, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been adjourned from the previous Meeting at which the Council had appointed a Committee representing the Members of the Council for the Wicklow, Arklow and Baltinglass Electoral Areas to inspect the site of the proposal. Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood from Dr. Bonsole that he intended to submit plans for new buildings instead of the plans at present before the Council for alterations to existing premises. The Members of the Council who inspected the site were generally of opinion that the existing buildings which it was proposed to reconstruct apart possibly from one building could not be converted to provide satisfactory dwellings. The Council noted that alternative proposals for new buildings would be submitted and agreed that the application be refused and that the applicant be informed accordingly.

Councillor B. Phelan suggested that if the Members of the Council for the local Electoral Area were informed of Planning Applications which it was proposed to refuse prior to the making of the decision it would reduce or eliminate the need for the use of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the grant of Planning Permissions. He stated that he proposed to hand in a Notice of Motion to this effect. Councillor J. Temple stated that he had urged this procedure on previous occasions and considered it should be followed. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council was obliged to take a decision on a Planning Application within a period of two months, and since decisions to refuse usually applied to applications which required a special degree of examination, it frequently happened that the recommendations to

refuse permission were received only shortly before the expiration of the time for decision there would not be an opportunity in such cases of consulting the Members of the Council. It was agreed that where there was such an opportunity the Members of the Council for the area concerned would be consulted. Councillor Phelan having accepted the suggestion of the Chairman that his Notice of Motion be amended by the insertion of the words "where time permitted," the Council accepted the proposal as amended.

Item No. 2—To, Receive Deputation from Residents of Kilcough Donard, in Regard to Condition of Roadway at Kilcough.

The following letter which had been addressed to the Chairman of the Council was submitted:—

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,

Kilcough,
Donard,
Co. Wicklow.
4th Nov., 1968.

Dear Chairman,

I am addressing this letter to you on behalf of the residents of Kilcough, Donard, to draw your attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the roadway at Kilcough—a stretch of approximately 1½ miles just out from the village. It is, I venture to say, the most neglected road in the county, despite the fact that large sums in rates are paid annually by the residents. It is most unsuitable for motor car traffic and the majority of residents, being car owners, we are naturally most anxious for the Council to take some positive action to improve the road surface.

As previous representations have failed to bring about any improvements, we are taking the liberty of bringing our grievance to your personal attention. We would feel very much obliged if you would consent to meeting a small deputation to discuss the matter. We are quite prepared to meet you at any venue which you consider convenient.

I trust that you will find it possible to accede to our request.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD LENNON,
ROBERT SPAIN,
JAMES MONKS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the road had now been graded and rolled, but that it would not, due to shortage of funds and its priority as assessed by the traffic carried by other untarred roads, be possible to surface it during current financial year. The County Engineer stated that it was a cul-de-sac road and, relatively speaking, carried very little traffic. The County Engineer hoped, however, depending on funds available, to have it surface dressed in the next year or so. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, it was agreed that since the Deputation had not attended at the Meeting, they be informed of the terms of the County Engineer's Report and that it be indicated that if they regarded this as not satisfactory the Council would be prepared to receive the Deputation at another Meeting.

Item No. 3—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 24th June and 2nd September, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Costello inquired as to the position regarding the Council's request for the reception of a Deputation by the Minister in relation to the Caravan Site at Greystones. The County Secretary stated that to date no reply had been received from the Department of Local Government to indicate a date for the reception of the Deputation. The Council asked that a letter be addressed to the Department expressing the Council's concern at the lack of a decision on the Council's request and asking that a date be fixed immediately for the reception of the Deputation.

Item No. 4—Application of Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads in Co. Wicklow for Purposes of a Motor Rally.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received and that the County Engineer saw no objection to the proposal to close the roads. Councillor R. Miley having suggested that the section of the Military Road from Laragh as far as the Waterfall at Glanmacnass should not be closed

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That having considered application of Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., we approve of the closing to public traffic of the roads set out hereunder on 30th November, 1968, from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m., and approve also of the running of a Motor Rally on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

1. At Aughavannagh, road running South-East through Rosahane Bridge on the South side of Coolgarrow Mountain, then bearing North-East through Sheenamore to junction of this road with the road from Aughrim to Moneymeen Cross.
2. Road from Moneymeen Cross across the northern side of Ballinagappoge Mountain to Aughavannagh.
3. Road from Aughavannagh through Drumgoff Bridge along the Military Road to its junction with Main Road T.61 South of Laragh.
4. Military Road northwards from Waterfall to Glenmacnass, Laragh, through to Sally Gap Cross, then eastwards along the L.161, finishing at the junction of Shraghmhore School.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application for Purchase of Land Owned by Council at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. William Lee of Grange Con who wished to purchase land which had formed part of the old road at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, which was no longer in use as a result of road improvements. Mr. Lee wished to acquire part of this land as a site for a house. The County Engineer had reported that since the realignment the old road and a section of the land which was acquired between the old and new roads had been left more or less derelict and that the area was of no value to the Council and in its present state would require a considerable amount of work in levelling, etc., as some of the spoil

from the road works was dumped there. He considered that it would be a decided improvement to have the area cleared and a dwelling built on it, and he recommended that it be sold to Mr. Lee for a nominal amount and that he be asked to pay whatever legal costs would be involved in the extinguishing of the right-of-way on the old road. The County Secretary pointed out that before the Council made a final decision to dispose of the land to Mr. Lee, it would be necessary for him to apply for Planning Permission so that it could be ensured that there would be no objection to the use of the land for the purpose of a dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That subject to Planning Permission being obtained by Mr. William Lee for erection of dwellinghouse at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, on site of which part is formed by old road at Bawnogue, that notice be given in accordance with Section 3 of Local Government Act, 1946, for proposed disposal of land forming part of old road to Mr. William Lee.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the extinguishment of the public right-of-way over the portion of the road at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, which has been replaced as a result of road improvement work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Drainage at Carrigower River—Report of County Engineer and Estimate for Completion of Work.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that over the past few years a considerable amount of drainage had been carried out on the Carrigower River and in the current year the sum of £650 had been approved by the Council for work on the river. This sum had now been expended, but the work was not yet completed and he estimated that a further £120 would complete the job. The County Engineer recommended that a further sum of £120 be approved for completing the work on the river.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of expenditure of £120 to complete drainage work on Carrigower River in the present year, and hereby authorise the expenditure of this sum in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Letter from Department of Health Regarding Proposal to Provide a Doctor's Residence at Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health in letter of 10th October, 1968, regarding the Council's proposal to provide a Doctor's residence at Rathdrum had stated that it was understood that a candidate for the combined post of District Medical Officer, Rathdrum, and Medical Officer, St. Colman's Hospital, has now been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission and that the Council was awaiting his acceptance of the post and that, accordingly,

consideration of the proposal was deferred pending the appointee's decision. The County Secretary stated that the Doctor recommended for the appointment had been asked if he was prepared to accept the post and the date on which he would be free to take up duty, but a reply had not yet been received. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 8—Staff in Housing and Sanitary Services Section—Report on Additional Staff Needed.

The County Secretary submitted a Report indicating the increase in the volume of the work in the Housing and Sanitary Services Section, both in regard to the Capital Programme for Housing and for Water Supplies and Sewerage Services and the increase in the other work of the office in relation to Supplementary Grants, sales of cottages, and the volume of correspondence, etc. It was recommended that two additional posts of Clerical Officer be created and also that a temporary appointment of an additional Staff Officer be made. Details of the expansion in the work of the section were given.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered Report on Staff in Housing and Sanitary Services Section, we approve of the creation of two additional posts of Clerical Officer and approve also of temporary appointment of an additional staff officer. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the additional staff approved.

Passed unanimously.

Priority of Services.

Councillor Costello raised the matter as to the priority which should be given to the services of the Council and as to how such priority could be given effect in the Council's Estimates. He proposed that a special Meeting of the Council be held during the month of January to consider this problem. The Members of the Council agreed that Housing should be given first priority and that in using the resources of both the local authority and the State there should be special regard to such priority. Members of the Council also expressed the opinion that Sanitation should be given second priority and that the provision of such services improved living conditions and would help to avert the present trend for movement of persons from the country to the cities. Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area drew special attention to the mileage of County Roads in that area which had not yet been reconstructed and tarred, and expressed the view that the Road Fund should be used to assist in the improvement of such rural roads. The Council asked that the Manager convey the views of the Members to the Department and asked that a greater part of the Road Fund be used to meet the cost of maintaining the existing road system and thereby help in the relief of local Rates and that the need for improved Housing and Sanitation should be specially assisted by the State.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That a special meeting of the Council be held in January, 1969, to consider the matter of priority of services to be provided for in Estimates for 1969/70.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, be asked to attend the special meeting.

Item No. 9—Malicious Injury Claims—Northern Engineering District—Difficulty in Obtaining Special Reports.

The County Engineer had reported on a number of occasions that due to the pressure of work in the Northern Engineering District it was not possible for the Assistant County Engineer for the area to report on Malicious Injury Claims. The majority of the Malicious Injury Claims received related to the Northern Engineering District which included Bray Urban District. The County Secretary stated that in the case of claims for damage to motor cars an Assessor had been engaged to submit reports and that it would seem necessary to avail of the services of an Assessor to a greater degree in future. The Council noted the position and agreed that an Assessor be engaged whenever considered necessary.

Item No. 10—Reports on Expenditure in Current Financial Year as Compared with Estimates.

The County Secretary stated that the expenditure authorised in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to date amounted to £45,225. Of this amount £28,286 related to Roads, the greater part being the 11th Round wage increase for Roadworkers. About £9,500 of this sum, it was expected, would be chargeable to Road Grants. The excess expenditure on Health Services represented about £10,000 and it was hoped that 50 per cent. of this expenditure might be recouped from Grant. The Council noted the details submitted in regard to expenditure in excess of the Estimates during the current financial year.

Item No. 11—Advisory Committee on Itinerary—Letter from Department of Local Government Regarding Provision of Camping Sites for Itinerants.

The County Secretary stated that extracts from a copy of a letter addressed by the Advisory Committee on Itinerary to the voluntary committees working for the integration of itinerants into the community had been circulated to the Members, together with a copy of a statement prepared by Dublin Corporation in regard to the Camping Site provided at Labre Park, Ballyfermot. Following a discussion on the matter in which the Council agreed in principle with the need for providing Camping Sites or Halting Places for Itinerants, the Council agreed that the matter be discussed with the local electoral area Committees with a view to seeing if any agreement could be reached on suitable sites for Camping Sites or Halting Places.

Item No. 12—Acquisition of Lands at "The Slang," Dargle Road, Bray, for Purpose of Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted to the Council:—

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager.

County Engineer's Office
Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th November, 1968.

Re: FLOOD DAMAGE IN BRAY

Dear Mr. Flannery,

With reference to yours of the 7th instant.

I have examined the damage caused by the flooding on the bank

of the Dargle River south of the Dargle Laundry, and discussed the matter with Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer.

A length of about 40 yards of the river bank wall has been undermined and collapsed. The estimated cost of sheet piling this bank and erecting a concrete wall to retain the road and the river is £1,100. This permanent work could be carried out by the Contractor for the Dargle River Scheme at agreed unit cost for the piling and the concrete work could be done by the Council. I understand the Contractor is to start work next week on the new sheet piling of the breach near the Bray Golf Links. It would be about three weeks before he would be in a position to carry out the sheet piling for the County Council.

A protection wall to contain the Dargle River would also want to be run along the bank in the "Slang" area. The existing sloping concrete apron protection works seem to be undermined.

It is recommended, therefore, that the Council should take over "The Slang" area with a view to carrying out these necessary protection works as part of the Dargle Drainage Protection Scheme.

Temporary repairs will be carried out on the breach south of the Dargle Laundry. Sand bags were ordered on the 5th instant from the Trades List. There is, however, delay in the delivery of these bags. I have been assured by the Firm that they will be available next Monday and I understand Bray Urban District Council are having the same difficulty in getting the sand bags. Immediately these bags arrive temporary works will be carried out to protect the road from being undermined, pending the carrying out of the sheet piling. The road is quite safe to traffic at present.

Yours sincerely,

J. T. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—Having considered Report of County Engineer of 8th November, 1968, we approve of his recommendation for sheet piling and erecting of concrete retaining wall at estimated cost of £1,100, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition by compulsory purchase of lands at "The Slang," Dargle Road, Bray, required for the purposes of the Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the complete Scheme for Flood Prevention at the Dargle River would now be proceeding and it was estimated that the total cost would be in the region of £140,000 of which the Council's share would be £28,000. No Grant was available towards the cost of the work to be carried out within the County Council area. As the Council had already raised a Loan of £15,000, a further Loan of £13,000 would be needed to defray the balance of

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd December, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory as follows:—
"By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specification submitted."
2. Protection of Red Deer in Co. Wicklow—To consider making Conservation Order under Section 46 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
3. Protection of Wild Fowl at Broadlough area near Wicklow — Letter from Department of Lands.
4. Further Advice of Council's Solicitor in relation to letter received from Editor of "Build."
5. Applications for reception of Deputations from (1) Avoca Development Association in regard to conditions of Kilmagig Residents, and (2) Tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, Bray, re flooding of their houses.
6. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
7. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding proposed payment of Supplementary Grant in respect of House at Holyvalley, Blessington.
8. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new dwellinghouses.
9. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
10. Application for consent to subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot at Monastery, Enniskerry.
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thos. J. Keenan and John Sweeney.— "That this Council proceed to build at least six houses on their housing site at Carnew."
12. Proposed provision of cottage for James Maguire, Kylebeg, Blessington.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council lay sewer pipes in the Green, Rathnew, to take the waste water from the sinks, etc."

14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—
"That repairs for vesting be carried out immediately to the following cottages:— (a) Mr. Tobias Byrne, Lugduff, Tinahely; (b) Mrs. Moorehouse, Thomastown, Arklow; (c) Terence Doyle, Knocknaguilkey, Knockananna; (d) Mrs. Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—
"That Councillor Costello explain his accusation that the Resolutions under Section 4 passed by this Council are viewable with suspicion and that he prove his suspicions in respect of myself in regard to this statement made at the Housing Meeting on Monday, November 4th, 1968."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council grant permission to Miss B. Stynes, Manger, Stratford, to purchase a vested cottage in Baitinglass."
17. Cottages repaired during month of November, 1968, and to be repaired during month of December, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory as Follows:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the Erection of Signs Per Plans and Specification Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the last Meeting to enable the Members who had submitted the Notice to move the Resolution to ascertain whether the applicant's needs might be met by a sign similar to a road sign which had been supplied by Bord Failte in other instances. Councillor Hynes stated that no indication had been received by the owner of the hotel that any other person was interested in a sign for a premises in Wicklow and

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted.

Members of the Council having again expressed views that a Grant of Permission for these signs would lead to many applications for similar signs at the approaches to towns in the County and,

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., and Bord Failte be asked for their advice as to suitable signs for advertising hotels.

Passed, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., dissenting.

The Council agreed that the proposal be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th December, 1968.

Item No. 2—Protection of Red Deer in Co. Wicklow — To Consider Making Conservation Order Under Section 46 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that representatives of the Department of Lands had had a discussion with the Chairman of the Council and Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area regarding the need for protection of red deer in Co. Wicklow. Letters on the subject had also been received from the Irish Deer Society and from the Wicklow Regional Game Council in which it was indicated that while new legislation was being prepared which would include provision for the protection of deer a Conservation Order was desirable to protect red deer pending the passing of the proposed new legislation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consultation with the prescribed Authorities with a view to the preparation of a Conservation Order for the protection of Red Deer in Co. Wicklow, for a period of one year. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Protection of Wild Fowl at Broadlough Area near Wicklow—Letter from Department of Lands.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of arranging for the protection of wild birds at Broadlough near Wicklow had been the subject of discussions with the Department of Lands and the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area but it had been decided that since the area was not a habitat of rare species of wild birds a Conservation Order could not be made. The Department of Lands had indicated that consideration was being given to protection of wild fowl and other wild birds in the area by the establishment of a refuge area with an area of controlled shooting. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 4—Further Advice of Council's Solicitor in Relation to Letter Received from Editor of "Build."

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

11th November, 1968:

Re: Article headed "A Wicklow Scandal in the issue of "Build":

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 6th instant and the Council are correct in their views that there was no obligation on the Council to supply the Magazine with the details they had requested regarding refusals to grant permission in which Section 4 of the 1955 Act had been applied subsequently, and therefore, of course, the Council are entitled to refuse the information sought by the Magazine. Our only reason in mentioning that the Council might supply this information was due to the fact that any Ratepayer is entitled to get this information. We might also add that we are of opinion that the

Council should insist upon the withdrawal of the statement "one of the Council Members hopes to be the building contractor so you can imagine what the pressure is like."

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCarroll.

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

The Council noted that they were entitled to refuse to supply the information sought by "Build" magazine and directed that the matter be pursued with the magazine to require the withdrawal of the statements objected to in the Article and the publication of such withdrawal.

Item No. 5—Applications for Reception of Deputations from (1) Avoca Development Association in Regard to Conditions of Kilmagig Residents, and (2) Tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, Bray, Re Flooding of Their Houses.

The Council agreed to receive Deputations from the Avoca Development Association and from tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, Bray, at the Meeting to be held on the 9th December, 1968. The Council agreed also to receive a Deputation from tenants of Bahana, Rathdrum, in regard to water supply scheme at that Meeting.

Item No. 6—Applications for Supplementary Grants Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £200 to Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Glasnarget, Rathdrum, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Glasnarget.
Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £385 to Thomas J. Mulligan, The Paddock, Killough, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Killough.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Letter from Department of Local Government Regarding Proposed Payment of Supplementary Grant in Respect of House at Holyvalley, Blessington.

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

Secretary, 18th November, 1968.
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 15th ultimo concerning the Supplementary grant application of Mr. John J. Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington,

and to state that while there would be no statutory barrier to the payment of a Supplementary grant under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, in this case the Minister feels that capital which is now available should, as far as possible, be conserved for new building. Accordingly, he indicated to Local Authorities in Circular letter H. 13/66 of the 23rd December, 1966 (copy enclosed) that "they should apply the new limits under Section 26 as far as possible from a current date and on graduated basis."

Housing Authorities generally confine payment of grants under Section 26 to houses; the erection of which commenced on or after the 1st July, 1965. I am to state that on an application form which Mr. Murphy submitted to the Department in connection with his application for the state grant he indicated that he had commenced work in July, 1961. The Minister is of the opinion, therefore, that this application should be considered in the light of the scheme of Supplementary grants which the Council operated at that time.

Mise, le meas,
G. CRONIN,
Runai.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant of £300 be paid to Mr Murphy, Holyvalley, in lieu of Grant previously paid.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Purchase of New Dwellinghouses.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Andrew Shannon, Kilballyowen, Aughrim, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilballyowen, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

Having considered application of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire, Administratrix of the estate of the late W. Williams, for consent to the sale of Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford, to Edward Byrne, Bolinass, Ashford, the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting so as to enable further inquiries to be made from the proposed purchaser, and for information as to the demand for housing in the area.

In regard to the application by the representatives of the late Daniel Masterson for consent to the sale of Cottage No. 125/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, Members of the Council having indicated that the proposed purchaser (Mr. Comerford) had now withdrawn

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:
Resolved—That the Council complete the purchase of cottage at

Tober, Dunlavin, as arranged at recent meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor O'Neill asked that the Notice of Motion in his name under Item 16 on the Agenda be dealt with under this heading and it was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Reps. John Kinsella of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 8/1 at Weaver Square, Baltinglass, to Miss B. Stynes, Manger, Stratford, for the sum of £770, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £250 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Application for Consent to Subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot at Monastery, Enniskerry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given for the subdivision of cottage plot at 13, Monastery, Enniskerry, No. 49/5, for the purpose of providing a site for the erection of a dwellinghouse for Mr. John Gallagher, son-in-law of Mr. Thomas Delaney, Tenant-Purchaser.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:—"That this Council Proceed to Build at Least Six Houses on Their Housing Site at Carnew."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved at their August Meeting of acquiring extra land at Carnew for housing purposes and an inquiry had been addressed to Councillor J. J. McCrea, who is owner of the lands, in regard to their proposed acquisition by the Council. A reply had not yet been received. While the Council had completed Agreements for the purchase of a number of plots which would form a site for about four houses there had been difficulty in clearing Title and it had not yet been possible to have the land transferred to the Council. The Council's solicitor was dealing with the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That this Council proceed with acquisition of lands required for housing at Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Proposed Provision of Cottage for James Maguire, Kylebeg, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that owing to the rocky nature of the site proposed it would appear unlikely that it was suitable for provision of sewerage services by means of a septic tank. The estimated cost of pro-

viding a fully serviced house on the site would be in the region of £3,000. The County Medical Officer had reported that the site on the upper side of the Lacken/Ballynultagh Road on Mr. Maguire's land where there was a derelict structure appeared reasonably satisfactory but that a trial hole would require to be dug before a final decision was made. The County Secretary suggested that since Mr. Maguire did not derive his sole livelihood from farming and was a builder's labourer working in Dublin that he might consider applying for one of the new houses in Blessington. Councillor J. Miley stated that Mr. Maguire wished to have a house on the lands at Kylebeg and it was agreed that the trial hole be dug to ascertain whether the site was suitable and if so to proceed with the proposal to provide the house.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council Lay Sewer Pipes in The Green, Rathnew, to Take the Waste Water from the Sinks, Etc."

Councillor Hynes stated that waste from the sinks of two houses collected outside the house of Mrs. Newsome and that there would be no undue difficulty in piping waste into the sewer. He asked that this matter be attended to. The County Engineer stated the matter would be examined.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That Repairs for Vesting be Carried out Immediately to the Following Cottages:— (a) Mr. Tobias Byrne, Lugduff, Tinahely; (b) Mrs. Moorehouse, Thomastown, Arklow; (c) Terence Doyle, Knocknaguilkey, Knockananna; (d) Mrs. Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum."

The County Secretary stated that repairs were carried out to the cottage of Mr. Tobias Byrne prior to vesting but Mr. Byrne was not satisfied with the work done and appealed to the Minister. The Minister had determined that the cottage was in good repair and sanitary condition for the purposes of Section 18 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and consequently the Council could not carry out any further repairs to the cottage. Councillor Miss Walsh expressed disagreement with the decision of the Minister in the matter. In regard to the cottages of Mr. Terence Doyle at Knocknaguilkey, Knockananna, the County Engineer stated that this cottage had been repaired in 1966 and additional repairs had recently been approved and would be carried out shortly. The County Engineer stated that reports in respect of the cottages of Mrs. Moorehouse, Thomastown, Arklow, and of Mrs. Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum, would be submitted as soon as they were available.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. O. Phelan:—"That Councillor Costello Explain his Accusation that the Resolutions under Section 4 Passed by this Council are Viewable With Suspicion and that he Prove his Suspicions in Respect of Myself in Regard to this Statement Made at the Housing Meeting on Monday, November 4th, 1968."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That Councillor Costello explain his accusation that the Resolutions under Section 4 passed by this Council are viewable

with suspicion and that he prove his suspicions in respect of myself in regard to this statement made at the Housing Meeting on Monday, November 4th, 1968.

Councillor Costello stated that he did not feel that there was any obligation on him to speak on this matter but he chose to do so. He agreed that the powers given by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, were useful and necessary. He stated that he had made no reference to any individual Councillor when expressing his views in relation to Resolutions under Section 4 which had been passed by the Council. He stated that during the period from the 4th September, 1966, to the 27th October, 1968, 24 Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 had been submitted to the Council and of these 22 had been passed. He stated that Councillor Phelan had voted for all these Resolutions but that he had voted for some but had opposed others. The grounds of refusal of permission given in respect of the proposals which were the subject of Resolutions under Section 4 could be covered under four headings: e.g. (1) inadequacy of sewerage facilities, (2) lack of a proper water supply, (3) traffic hazard, and (4) injury to scenic amenities. He pointed out that the Council had qualified staff available to advise on these matters but that Members adopted the role of self-appointed experts. He referred to a Grant of Permission for the erection of houses in West Wicklow following a direction under Section 4 and stated that shortly after the passing of the Resolution he had seen a sign displayed on these lands advertising sites for sale. He repeated that certain resolutions passed under Section 4 did give rise to suspicion by the general public.

Item No. 17.—Cottages Repaired During Month of November, 1968, and to be Repaired During Month of December, 1968.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of November and of those to be repaired during the month of December, 1968.

Public Lighting.

Members of the Council asked that arrangements be made with the E.S.B. for the extension of the hours of public lighting in the early morning. The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had been asked to make arrangements to make public lighting available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the mornings and to have lighting commencing one hour later in the evenings.

Employment at Christmas Period.

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh the County Engineer stated that arrangements had been made for commencing Winter Relief Works in various areas.

Festival of Wicklow.

The County Secretary informed the Council that a special meeting had been organised by the Wicklow Festival Committee to be held at the Bridge Tavern, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd December, at 8 p.m., at which two representatives of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation would attend for the purpose of discussing tourist promotion in Wicklow. The Festival of Wicklow Committee had

asked that the County Council appoint representatives to attend the Meeting. It was agreed that Members of the Council for the area would attend.

Dargle River Flooding.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Bray, had written to state that Bray Urban District Council at the Meeting on the 19th November had appointed a Deputation to represent Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council to attend on the Minister in connection with the Dargle River flooding. The Council had selected Councillors Costello and Temple to represent the Wicklow County Council and asked if the County Council would endorse this selection. The Council endorsed the selection of Councillors Costello and Temple to attend on the Deputation.

Coolmoney Water Supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That having noted the Report of the County Engineer dated 8th November, 1968, regarding Coolmoney water supply we approve of the Council entering into agreement with the Department of Defence to extend the supply of water granted to the Council under agreement dated 2nd October, 1964, to embrace additional consumers in the Rustyduff/Ballyneddin/Davidstown areas and including seven houses which would be supplied and metered off the Department's 3" main subject to conditions set out in schedule attached to Department of Local Government's letter dated 27th August, 1968, and we also approve of the Council bearing the cost of re-laying the existing main in 2" P.V.C. at an estimated cost of £1,375 and that the Council contribute £250 to the Department of Defence for the increase in capacity of the reservoir from 5,000 to 10,000 gallons.

Passed unanimously.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and H. J. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. H. O'Kelly, Moss Bank, Templecarrig, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses as per plans submitted. One of the said houses to be built for his son Kevin and wife (Ann Farrell of Greystones), and the other for his daughter Alice (Mrs. Anthony McLoughlin) and her husband."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill and J. Temple:—"In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby direct the service of a notice revoking the Planning Permission given to the Calumet Trading Co., Ltd., for the development of lands at "Wingfield," Bray, by the building of a motel and five houses."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council purchase land at Avoca and Aughrim and build houses which are so badly needed by so many people."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a house be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the Council will extend the public sewerage facilities from Miss H. Dunne's cottage at Killacloran to serve the 15 houses at Killacloran, Aughrim, where a group water scheme has been successfully completed."

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne and S. Costello:— "That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Buildings."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, 2nd December 1968, on Monday, 2nd December 1968, at 7.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman
Councillors William Casey, J. Keenan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, James Walsh, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Miss Mary Walsh, Miss Nancy O'Sullivan, John J. Temple, John J. Murphy, Miss Alice, Miss E. and J. Greaves.
The County Engineer, County Secretary and County Treasurer were present.

AGENDA

1. To receive a report from the County Manager on the progress of the County Management (Amendment) Bill, 1968, and to consider the Bill.
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In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Sweeney:—"That the Council purchase land at Avoca and Aughrim and build houses which are so badly needed by so many people."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a house be built for Thomas Dineen, Carnan, Rathangan."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Tappin, Westgate, Tisham, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the Council will extend the public sewerage facilities from Miss H. Hynes's cottage at Kildaloran to serve the 18 houses at Kildaloran, Aughrim where a group water scheme has been successfully completed."

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne and E. Cosello:—"That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Builders Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th December, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Cosello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
In the names of Councillors J. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory:-
(a) "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted."
(b) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and H. J. Byrne:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. H. O'Kelly, Moss Bank, Templecarrig, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses as per plans submitted. One of the said houses to be built for his son, Kevin, and wife (Ann Farrell of Greystones), and the other for his daughter, Alice (Mrs. Anthony McLoughlin), and her husband."
2. To Confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th September and 7th October, 1968.
3. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1969.
4. To receive Deputation from (a) Avoca Development Association re conditions of Kilmagig Residents; (b) Tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, re flooding of houses, and (c) Tenants of Bahana, Rathdrum, re Water Scheme.
5. Application from Macra Na Feirme, Wicklow Co. Executive, for attendance of Deputation at special meeting to be held in January to discuss Priority of Services.
6. To nominate a Representative to attend Annual General Meeting of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. and a Director to hold office for ensuing year.
7. Service Pay for Council Workers—Application from Union.
8. Non-Nursing Staffs in Health Institutions—Revisions of Remuneration and application of 11th Round Wage Increase and Service Pay.
9. 11th Round Increase for Council Officials—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.
10. Revision of Salary Scale for Chief Clerk, Newcastle Hospital—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.

11. Pensions Increases 1967 and 1968—Letters from Department of Local Government.
12. Community Social Services—Care of the Aged—Letter from Department of Health and application for Grant towards cost of provision of Social Centre.
13. Appointment of Assistance Officer for Shillelagh Assistance District.
14. Reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge.
15. Compulsory Acquisition of Lands for Housing near Bray.
16. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Tiglin, Ashford.
17. Swimming Pool at Blessington—Letter from Department of Local Government.
18. Register of Electors 1969/70.
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Roger Miley:- "That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill)."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve nine cottages on the New Line, Carnew."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:- "That the Council provide a water and sewerage scheme in the village of Rathangan."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted."
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That a dangerous bend be removed at 'Rockingham,' Rosbawn, Tinahealy, and that road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thomas King's Cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- "That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark."
28. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- (a) "That a dangerous shore at the entrance to Mr. Peter Murphy's holding at Tigroney, Avoca, be reconstructed." (b) "That the road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately two miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at Shortts, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson's, Woodenbridge, be removed."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council reduce the age limit from 17 years of age to 16 years for boys who want to sit for Council Examinations for Trainee Draughtsmen."
30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill and J. Temple:- "In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby direct the service of a notice revoking the planning permission

given to the Calumet Trading Co. Ltd. for the development of lands at Wingfield, Bray, by the building of a motel and five houses.

31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:- (a) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per Plans and Specifications submitted."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting of the Council in order to obtain the views of An Bord Failte and the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. in regard to the matter of hotel signs. The following letter had been received from Bord Failte Eireann and the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation had indicated that they were in agreement with the views expressed by Bord Failte:-

BORD FAILTE EIREANN

Irish Tourist Board

County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
The Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Baggot Street Bridge, Dublin 2,
6th December, 1968.

re Hotel Signs

Dear Mr. Brangan,

It has been our policy over the past few years to encourage the use of the standard type fingerpost indicator to show the location of hotels in rural areas. To date, this system has been used with success in Counties Louth, North Tipperary, Wexford and Cork. In Cork City it has just been introduced to indicate the location of a hotel which, due to the closing of one of the bridges, has now become difficult to locate. A number of hotels and guesthouses in Athlone have also been allowed to erect this form of sign on similar grounds, particularly where there is a multiplicity of narrow streets and street nameplates are difficult to locate. The only danger attached to this form of signposting is, naturally, that a proliferation of them can occur if they are not properly controlled. This, indeed, occurred in Nenagh some years ago and led to a hotelier being prosecuted by the Council, and a Court Order issued to the effect that a large number of signs were to be removed. However, it has been proved to our satisfaction that a limited number of properly sited fingerpost indicators more than fulfils the need.

When hoteliers approach us regarding advice on this subject, we give them the names of reputable manufacturers, and advise them of the need to obtain planning permission from the Local Planning Authority. We also indicate to them that a small fee will probably be charged by the Council for erecting the signs on existing poles.

Trusting that this information may be of some use to you, and assuring you of our co-operation at all times.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Gallagher,
Roads Officer.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the adjourned Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16th December, 1968, and agreed that in the meantime the proposers of the Motion ascertain from the Proprietor of the Grand Hotel if she was agreeable to comply with the suggestion of Bord Fáilte Éireann for the provision of finger-post signs at Rathnew and at the Beehive Junction. Members of the Council also suggested a special large sign be erected on the Dublin side of the Junction at Rathnew to give advance notice of the route to Wicklow and Coast Road to Arklow.

- (b) **In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and H. J. Byrne:-** "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. H. O'Kelly, Moss Bank, Templecarrig, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses as per Plans submitted. One of the said houses to be built for his son, Kevin, and wife (Ann Farrell of Greystones), and the other for his daughter, Alice (Mrs. Anthony McLoughlin), and her husband."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for permission for the erection of these two dwellinghouses had been refused and the County Engineer had recommended that permission in the present instance also be refused on the following grounds:-

1. The sites are unsuitable in the following respects:-
 - (a) They are practically land locked, the total public road frontage available to them being only 60 feet approximately.
 - (b) The common means of access to the public road contained in the proposal is most unsatisfactory in regard to gradient and alignment.
 - (c) There is no satisfactory water supply available to the site which is situate in an unserviced rural area.
2. The proposal would result in undesirable and haphazard development of backlands which would be inconsistent with proper planning and development and would thus be seriously injurious to the amenity of the area.
3. The proposed development would adjoin the rear boundaries of and overlook residential development in the vicinity which has been approved by the Council. This would seriously injure the amenities and depreciate the values of existing residential properties in the area.

The County Secretary gave details of houses which had been erected in recent years on lands acquired from Mr. O'Kelly at Templecarrig, Greystones, and pointed out that the housing development which was taking place in this area would inevitable result in applications being made to the Council for the provision of sewerage services, domestic scavenging services and public lighting. Councillor Miss O'Neill stated that the houses proposed to be erected were for the son and daughter of the owner of the lands both of whom had been married recently and were in need of houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. H. O'Kelly, Moss Bank, Templecarrig, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses as per plans submitted; one of the said houses to be

built by his son, Kevin, and wife (Ann Farrell of Greystones), and the other for his daughter, Alice (Mrs. Anthony McLoughlin), and her husband.

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

In Favour: Councillors John Bourke, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, and J. Whelan—Seventeen.

Against: Councillors S. Costello and J. Miley—Two.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill did not vote.

The Resolution was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to two votes against with one Member not voting.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

Councillor John Gregory, supported by Councillor F. Hynes, claimed that a statement in the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th September in relation to the Item concerning the Ashford Sewerage Scheme to the effect that Members agreed that a contribution of £250 be required for connection to the Sewerage Scheme in respect of each new dwelling with a floor area of 1,500 sq. feet or less was not a true record of the proceedings. He pointed out that he had objected to such a contribution being required and Councillor Hynes confirmed that he also had objected. Councillor J. Miley and other Members expressed the view that the record in the Minutes was a correct one. The Council decided to adjourn the adoption of the Minutes.

Item No. 4—To Receive Deputations from (a) Avoca Development Association re Conditions of Kilmagig Residents, (b) Tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, re Flooding of Houses, and (c) Tenants of Bahana, Rathdrum, re Water Scheme.

Before hearing the Deputations a discussion took place as to the procedure to be followed in the course of which Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that the normal procedure had been to hear the Members of the Deputation and to have an item included on the Agenda for the following meeting of the Council in relation to the matters complained of together with the necessary reports from the Council's Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hear deputations and if sufficient information is available, we deal with the matters raised immediately.

Passed unanimously.

(a) Avoca Development Association re Conditions of Kilmagig Residents.

Mrs. Jean Holt and Mr. Hatton, representing the Avoca Development Association, addressed the Council and referred to the request made by the Association when a Deputation had previously been received as to the urgent need of providing sewerage services for twelve houses at Kilmagig, Avoca. Mrs. Holt stated that the new houses built at Kilmagig had sewerage services provided and that there should be no undue difficulty in providing services to the other twelve houses by means of an extension to the present scheme. The County Engineer stated that the later houses built at Kilmagig had sewerage services provided to a septic tank but that this tank would not be adequate to take the sewerage from another twelve houses. With the

staff available to him he was not in a position to prepare a separate sewerage scheme for these houses and he had recommended that a Consultant be engaged to prepare a sewerage scheme for Avoca which would include the provision of services to these houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That Consultant be engaged who would examine temporary and comprehensive measures for sewage disposal at Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

(b) Tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, re Flooding of Houses.

The Council received the Deputation from tenants of Oldcourt Cottages, Boghall, on whose behalf Mr. Patrick Kelly addressed the Council. Mr. Kelly stated that a drain in the vicinity of Mr. Coster's house was blocked by stones and sand and that he considered that 4" pipes would provide a solution at this place. He asked that a new pipe be laid for a distance of about 300 yards. The County Engineer stated that the houses in question were at a lower level than the accommodation road and were drained to an open culvert on the opposite side of the accommodation road. Drains from the house fronts had become choked and were unable to relieve ponding in front of the cottages. The open drain on the other side of the road also needed cleaning as it had become filled with all sorts of debris and domestic refuse. The pipes draining the house fronts were not fitted with a gully or grid and were liable to blockage for that reason. The County Engineer considered that gulleys should be provided and pointed out that the majority of the houses were vested and this would not be the responsibility of the Council. The sinks in the cottages were drained to a sump in the back gardens and in one instance either the sump or the drain had become choked. The relief of such drains would be the responsibility of the tenant. The Council agreed that the County Engineer carry out a general survey of the area in relation to drainage and that he arrange to employ workmen to clean up the stream referred to.

(c) Tenants of Bahana, Rathdrum, re Water Scheme.

Mr. Richard Kenny, representing tenants at Bahana, addressed the Council and complained of the lack of a proper water supply to serve the houses. It was stated that dead sheep had been found in the river the water of which was used for drinking. The County Secretary stated that a scheme to serve these houses had been submitted to the Department of Local Government in December, 1967. The estimated cost was £23,560 and provided for the laying of a 4" main which would be integrated later with the Scheme to be provided from Garryduff. The scheme would serve three cottages and two private houses. It had now been indicated that there were four cottages which would be served. The Council asked that further submissions be made to the Department of Local Government for approval to the scheme and that it be pointed out that four Council houses plus two private houses would be served and that furthermore a 2" pipeline would be adequate to serve the houses but a 4" main was being provided with a view to its use in the future for the purposes of the major scheme from Garryduff. The Council asked that it be indicated to the Department that having regard to these considerations the scheme could be considered as within the limits of capital cost per house being served. The Council also asked that the T.D.'s for the County be requested to make representations to expedite the approval of the scheme.

Item No. 5—Application from Macra Na Feirme, Wicklow Co. Executive, for Attendance of Deputation at Special Meeting to be held in January to Discuss Priority of Services.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from Macra na Feirme, Wicklow County Executive, at the special meeting of the Council to be held in January to discuss priority of services in relation to the Estimates for 1969/'70.

Item No. 6—To Nominate a Representative to Attend Annual General Meeting of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., and a Director to hold Office for ensuing year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan as our representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. and as a Director to hold office for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—11th Round Increase for Council Officials—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for an 11th Round increase for Officers of the Council we approve of the payment of an increase of 9% subject to a minimum increase of 20s. per week for wholtime Officers and a pro rata increase for part-time Officers with effect from 1st June, 1968, and hereby authorise expenditure of £18,100 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

The Council indicated that it was their view that the 11th Round increase should be payable on all existing salaries including Medical, Nursing and Engineering Officers.

Item No. 15—Compulsory Acquisition of Lands for Housing near Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of Compulsory Purchase Orders for the acquisition of lands at Oldcourt and Kilbride near Bray required for Housing purposes and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Oldcourt Compulsory Purchase Order—1968 and the Kilbride Compulsory Purchase Order—1968, as submitted to this Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Recruitment of Staff.

Arising out of Reports of the County Engineer that staff were not available to enable him to submit reports on certain matters requested by the Council Councillor Costello stated that the administration of the County would break down if the necessary staff were not available. He suggested that the Minister be asked to give the Council authority to offer such salaries as would enable the Council to obtain all necessary staff. In reply to Members of the Council the County

Secretary stated that there had been a poor response to advertisements inserted by the Council inviting applications for Engineering Staff. The County Manager in reply to Councillor E. Byrne stated that he was aware that other Counties were worse off than County Wicklow in regard to staff. There were many more openings available for young Engineers at present than there had been in the past and there was a general scarcity of Engineering and Medical Staff at present. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple the County Manager stated that the Council was paying the recognised salary scales for all posts. The County Engineer stated that he had found it more difficult to get Engineering Staff in Wicklow than in any other County and went on to say that if staff were going to be interfered with and did not get proper facilities they would not stay with local authorities. He stated also that he was aware that one County had offered £284 per annum more than was paid in Co. Wicklow. The County Secretary pointed out that the local authority referred to appeared to be paying more than would be sanctioned by the Department of Local Government. Councillor Costello stated he was handing in a Notice of Motion that the Council offer whatever salary that they considered necessary to recruit professional staff.

Notices of Motion.

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

- In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. M. Grogan, Glenfern, Cabinteely, for the erection of a motel on a site five acres south of Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."
- In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."
- In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view of buying a part of his land to use for a dump."
- In the name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That the Council take over Ardnaboy Lane which has recently been done under the Rural Improvements Scheme."
- In the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:- "That we intend to propose at the next Housing Meeting that the Council build a house for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Milllands, Coolfancy, on a site provided at Milllands."
- In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and William Cleary:- "That the Secretary give a report of the progress made in providing houses for the following:- John Dillon, Monument Lane, Arklow; Peter Monahan, Kilcarra, Arklow; Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow."
- In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from bus stops."
- In the name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That we offer whatever salary we consider necessary in order to recruit professional staff."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th December, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, on the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended. An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory as follows:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th September and 7th October, 1968.
3. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1969.
7. Service Pay for Council Workers—Application from Union.
8. Non-Nursing Staffs in Health Institutions—Revisions of Remuneration and application of 11th Round Wage Increase and Service Pay.
10. Revision of Salary Scale for Chief Clerk, Newcastle Hospital—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.

11. Pensions Increases, 1967 and 1968—Letters from Department of Local Government.
12. Community Social Services—Care of the Aged—Letter from Department of Health and application for Grant towards cost of provision of Social Centre.
13. Appointment of Assistance Officer for Shillelagh Assistance District.
14. Reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge.
16. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Tiglin, Ashford.
17. Swimming Pool at Blessington—Letter from Department of Local Government.
18. Register of Electors, 1969/70.
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan, Roger Miley:—"That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill)."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve nine cottages on the New Line, Carnew."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:—"That the Council provide a water and sewerage scheme in the village of Rathdangan."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants to be deleted."
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That a dangerous bend be removed at "Rockingham," Rosbawn, Tinahealy, and that road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thomas King's Cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark."
28. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—(a) "That a dangerous short at the entrance to Mr. Peter Murphy's holding at Tigroney, Avoca, be reconstructed." (b) "That the road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately

2 miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at Shortts, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson's, Woodenbridge, be removed."

29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council reduce the age limit from 17 years of age to 16 years for boys who want to sit for Council Examinations for Trainee Draughtsmen."
30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, and J. Temple:—"In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby direct the service of a notice revoking the planning permission given to the Calumet Trading Co., Ltd., for the development of lands at Wingfield, Bray, by the building of a motel and five houses."
31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and James Gregory as follows:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the Erection of Signs per Plans and Specifications Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow of an inquiry being made from Miss Mary B. Collins as to whether she would agree to the suggestion of Bord Failte and the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., to use the type of sign recommended by Bord Failte. The following letter received from Miss Mary B. Collins was submitted:—

Mr. K. Brangan,
Hon. Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

The Grand Hotel,
Wicklow.
Dec. 16th, 1968.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, I am applying to the Wicklow Co. Council for permission to erect two road signs, advertising the above premises. I would like to point out that these signs will not only benefit us, but will also benefit the people of Wicklow Town, by bringing people into Wicklow Town. As you know, at present the majority of the traffic turns right at Rathnew.

I would also like to mention that, although last season was an excellent one, this hotel was fully booked only for the months of July and August. As we have already spent £18,000 in improving the hotel, and intend to spend a further £15,000 in 1969, we need to improve our bookings and we consider road signs one of the best ways of doing this, as 60 per cent. of our overnight customers of last year did not have advance bookings.

I will be greatly obliged if you will present my views to the Wicklow Co. Council, and hope they will see their way to granting us

permission to erect these signs, and so benefit the people of Wicklow Town as well as the Grand Hotel.

Finally, I would like to mention that these signs will be designed by an architect and will be pleasing to the eye.

Yours faithfully,

MARY B. COLLINS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we accept the recommendation of Bord Fáilte in regard to the type of sign for the Grand Hotel, Wicklow, and consider that permission be refused for the proposal submitted by the proprietor of the Grand Hotel.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Collins, Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the erection of signs per plans and specifications submitted, subject to the reduction in the size of the signs to 16 sq. feet each.

It was agreed that the Resolution in the name of Councillor F. Hynes be put to the Meeting and that Members vote either for or against the direction to grant permission. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—EIGHT.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan—FIVE.

The Resolution was declared passed by eight votes in favour to five against.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council confirmed and signed the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 9th September and 7th October, 1968, the Minutes of the 9th September having been amended by the Council to exclude the following paragraph in relation to Item No. 6 concerning Ashford Sewerage Scheme:—

"Members of the Council indicated agreement with the County Manager's recommendation that a contribution of £250 be sought for each new dwelling with a floor area of 1,500 sq. feet or less which would be connected to the new Sewerage Scheme."

The County Secretary stated that he was satisfied that the Minutes as circulated represented a true record of the proceedings at the Meeting. Councillor Hynes and Councillor Gregory pointed out that

they had objected to the amount of the contribution proposed.

The County Secretary stated that an expression of thanks for the Council's Resolution of sympathy had been received from the Davern family.

Applications for Reception of Deputations.

The County Council agreed that a representative of the Bray and District Trades Union Council attend at the special meeting of Wicklow County Council to be convened in January for the purpose of considering the priority of services in the coming year's Estimates. The Council also agreed to the attendance of representatives of the Greystones and District Civic Association at the meeting. The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Labour Party, Kilcoole Branch, regarding matter at Kilcoole at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

The County Secretary having pointed out that Monday, 6th January, was a Church Holyday, the Council agreed that the Housing Meeting of the Council be held on the 13th January, the monthly Council Meeting on the 20th January, and the special Meeting of the Council to consider Priority of Services in the Estimates on the 27th January.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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, Limited, 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 for the Quarter to 31st March, 1969, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Service Pay for Council Workers—Application from Union.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the introduction as from the 1st October, 1968, of a system of Service Pay for Council Workers on the basis of 5/- per week for workers with five years and less than ten years' service, 10/- per week for workers with ten years' service and less than fifteen years' service, 15/- per week for workers with fifteen years' service and less than twenty years' service, and 20/- per week for workers with twenty or more years' service and hereby authorise expenditure of £6,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate to defray the cost of the payment of Service Pay in the current financial year.

Passed unanimously.

Revision of Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.

The County Secretary stated that wages of Fitters on which remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel was based had been increased from 3rd July, 1967, to 7/6½d. per hour and from 4th September, 1968, to 7/9½d. per hour and it was proposed to revise the remuneration

of Fire Brigade personnel from the dates indicated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of revised rates of remuneration for Fire Brigade personnel with effect from 3rd July, 1967, and from 4th September, 1968, based on the increases in rates of remuneration for Fitters to 7/6½d. per hour from 3rd July, 1967, and 7/9½d. per hour from 4th September, 1968, and hereby authorise expenditure of £850 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Non-Nursing Staffs in Health Institutions—Revisions of Remuneration and Application of 11th Round Wage Increase and Service Pay.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

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

Resolved—That having noted Report of discussions with Representatives of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, we approve of the following revisions in remuneration of Non-Nursing Staffs in the Council's Institutions:—

1. An increase of 10/- per week in wages from 1st December, 1968, to Wardsmaids and Domestic, Laundresses, Cook, Assistant Cook, Male Attendants, Female Attendants and Boiler Attendants.
2. Payment of Boiler Attendants employed at District Hospital, Baltinglass, at the same rate of remuneration as Boiler Attendants at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, with effect from 1st October, 1968.

We approve also of payment of 11th Round Wage Increase to Non-Nursing Staff on the basis of 35/- per week for male workers of which 20/- would be payable from 1st April, 1968, and 15/- from 1st April, 1969, and 26/3 per week for female workers of which 15/- would be payable from 1st April, 1968, and 11/3 per week from 1st April, 1969.

We hereby authorise expenditure of £3,900 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate to defray the cost of these revisions of remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Revision of Salary Scale for Chief Clerk, Newcastle Hospital—Recommendation Under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve of the application of a revised salary scale of £1,685 x £75—£2,060 x £55—£2,115 to the post of Chief Clerk, Newcastle Hospital, with effect from 1st April, 1968, and authorise expenditure of £227 in excess of the

amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of application of this scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Pensions Increases, 1967 and 1968—Letters from Department of Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of increases in Pensions payable to former Officers of the Council on the terms indicated in letters of 22nd November, 1968, refs.: E.L.6/68 and E.L.7/68, and hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 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. 12—Community Social Services—Care of the Aged—Letter from Department of Health and Application for Grant Towards Cost of Provision of Social Centre.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health in letter of 6th November, 1968, had referred to developments which had taken place in regard to the Care of the Aged and to improvements in facilities which had been made available. It was indicated in the circular that in the present financial year Grants for Community Services for the aged were being made available to a total figure of £50,000 and in the coming financial year these Grants would be increased to a total of £75,000. The amount of Grant available to Wicklow County Council based on the number of persons of 65 years and over in the County was £1,000 in the present financial year and would be £1,500 in the year 1969/'70.

Application had been received from Bray Old Folks Committee for a Grant towards the cost of providing a Social Centre in Bray. The Committee had collected a substantial sum towards the cost of providing such a Centre but required a site and some assistance towards the cost of the building. Following discussions with representatives of the Committee it was recommended to the Council that a site be made available on the grounds of the Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray, and that a Grant of £200 per year be made available by the Council towards the capital cost of the Social Centre. Following a discussion on the matter in which Members referred to the need for improving facilities available at the Clinic at Bray and to the development of the site generally, it was agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next meeting.

Item No. 13—Appointment of Assistance Officer for Shillelagh Assistance District.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Social Welfare in a recent letter had noted that the Council was not prepared to consent to the proposed re-organisation of Assistance areas in the County and consequently the Department consider that a temporary

part-time Assistance Officer might be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Brennan's resignation and that the question of re-organisation be deferred for the present. In reply to inquiry from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union requesting that the Union be consulted before any steps were taken to abolish any office in which its members might be interested. The Council decided to defer making any temporary appointment to allow of any representations which the Unions representing Assistance Officers might wish to make. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, supported by Councillor Keenan, it was agreed that the Department of Social Welfare be informed that the Council considered that a permanent Assistance Officer should be appointed for the area.

Item No. 14—Reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge.

The County Secretary stated that plans had now been completed for the proposed new bridge at St. Valerie and that the current estimate of the cost of the new bridge was £56,000 towards which a grant of £42,000 was being made available. The amount of the local contribution accordingly would be £14,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £14,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the Council's contribution towards the erection of a new Road Bridge to replace the Lower Dargle Bridge (St. Valerie Bridge).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Tiglin, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that a further certificate had been received from the Parish Priest on behalf of Mr. Edward Byrne indicating the date on which Mr. Byrne intended to be married. An inquiry regarding the purchase of the house had been received from a Mr. Lawless of Laudersdale Terrace, Bray. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to defer a decision to the next Meeting for the purpose of obtaining further information.

Item No. 17—Swimming Pool at Blessington—Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin,
29 Shamhain, 1968.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 19th instant enquiring whether the acquisition by

way of lease, without any conditions, by your Council of a parcel of land at Blessington for the erection of a swimming pool by the Council would be acceptable from the point of view of the sanctioning of the loan and the payment of subsidy towards the loan charges and to say that since it appears from the draft lease that the period is 500 years there would be no objection. Before formal sanction to the acquisition could be given, the Minister would have to be satisfied as to the suitability of the site as a site for a swimming pool.

With regard to the final paragraph of your letter of 27 September, 1968, regarding the erection of the swimming pool, I am to enclose for your information copy of a reply given by the Minister to a Dáil Question on 20 Meitheamh, 1968. In this connection, I am to say that there are a large number of proposals for additional pools before the Department involving a considerable amount of loan capital. I am to add that in considering pools for release, it is the Minister's policy to have regard to the extent of local interest in a particular project as evidenced by the amount of effort that has been made to secure part of its cost from local sources. The more modest type of pool would be favoured.

Mise, le meas,

D. SWIFT.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had estimated the cost of the pool at £22,000 and it was understood that the local Association would contribute £1,000.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council Reduce the Age Limit from 17 Years of Age to 16 Years for Boys Who Want to Sit for Council Examinations for Trainee Draughtsmen."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That this Council reduce the age limit from 17 years of age to 16 years for boys who want to sit for Council Examination for Trainee Draughtsmen, and pay commencing remuneration of £6-0-0 per week until 17 years of age.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillor S. Costello, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill and J. Temple:—"In accordance with the Provisions of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we Hereby Direct the Service of a Notice Revoking the Planning Permission given to the Calumet Trading Co., Ltd., for the Development of Lands at Wingfield, Bray, by the Building of a Motel and Five Houses."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—Having considered the proper planning and development of

the County Health District of Wicklow (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof), we hereby decide that it is expedient that a notice be served in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, revoking the Outline Planning permission granted to the Calumet Trading Co., Ltd., for the development of lands at Wingfield, Bray, by the building of a motel and five houses.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Costello stated that Planning Permission had been refused by the Council in June, 1967, for eight different reasons which he indicated. The applicant had appealed to the Minister and permission had been granted by the Minister for five bungalows and a Motel. He felt that the Council's decision on the matter had been correct and for this reason that the permission granted by the Minister should be revoked. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary submitted the Opinion received from the Council's Solicitor that the Council had the authority to revoke the grant of Outline Planning Permission. The County Manager pointed out that the permission could be revoked by the service of notice on the applicant, but that the applicant could then appeal to the Minister and any parties to the matter might request an oral hearing. Six objections to the grant of permission had been received by the Council and these persons had asked that their views be brought to the notice of the Council. The County Secretary read a letter received from Mr. N. E. Corish, Steepdown, Ballywaltrim, Lane, Bray, on his behalf and on behalf also of Mr. D. A. Wallis, Ballywaltrim, Mr. W. H. Glanville, St. Bride's, and Mrs. J. Oranamore, Hollybrook, together with letters received from Mrs. R. Moeran, Silverstream, Dr. M. P. Fogarty, Brook Lodge, and Mrs. Dorothy Mark, Wingfield, Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That Item No. 30 on Agenda be deferred to next meeting of the Council.

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

In Favour: Councillors John Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Whelan—Eight.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—Nine.

The proposal was declared defeated by nine votes against to eight votes in favour. The Motion in the name of Councillor S. Costello was then put to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—Twelve

Against: Councillors J. Gregory, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Whelan—Five

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to five votes against.

Loan for the Purpose of Making Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was required to be the borrowing of a further sum of £70,000 for the purpose of making Loans available to persons for acquisition or construction of houses. It was estimated that this sum would be adequate to meet the Council's requirements for the period to 31st March, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £70,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years for the purpose of making Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Making of County Development Plan.

The County Secretary pointed out that Meetings of the Council had been arranged for each Monday during the month of January and that the Council would be dealing with the Estimates for the year 1969/'70 during the month of February and that, consequently, it would seem desirable that a further period of time be sought for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft County Development Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in order to allow reasonable time for consideration of objections made to the Draft County Development Plan we request the Minister for Local Government to allow a further period to 30th April, 1969, for the making of a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting at Aughrim.

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council approved of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the supply of 1 lamp on pole no. 58 at Meath Cottages, Aughrim, and approved also of the proposal that the light on pole no. 17 be transferred to pole no. 2.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan on behalf of the Chairman of the Council extended best wishes for a happy Christmas and successful New Year to the Members, officials and staff and to the Council's Ratepayers and to Councillor J. J. McCrea, who had been absent through illness for some while.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Kavanagh for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per plan enclosed together with newspaper advert."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That we get an up to date report on when the Council start the Scheme of work on private roads with the allocation of £5,000 handed over by the Department of Local Government."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatomcoyle Lane be taken over by the Council and that Knockanrooka Lane be taken over by the Council."

In the names of Councillors James J. McCrea and F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council take over the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall" and (b) take over the road at The Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Gregory:— (a) "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Susan Murphy's cottage, Ballinacorr, Kilbride, No. 71/79," and (b) "That the Council relay sewer pipes at the back of Mr. Doran's and the Repts. of Mr. Thompson's cottages."

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Offices, be promoted to Staff Officer grade in view of the work which she undertakes."

In the names of Councillors James J. McCrea and F. Hynes:— "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Susan Murphy's cottage, Ballinacorr, Kilbride, No. 71/79," and (b) "That the Council relay sewer pipes at the back of Mr. Doran's and the Repts. of Mr. Thompson's cottages."

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