

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, 5th January, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend owing to 'flu was received from Councillor James Whelan.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, also 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 M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, John J. Bourke, 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 direct the County Manager to grant outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, for the provision of 2 bungalows at Lackan."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 30th May, 21st July and 25th August, 1969.
3. To arrange a suitable date for inspection of site at Ballycoyle, Glencree—Ref. Planning Application of Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry.
4. Application from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association for reception of a Deputation.
5. Letter from Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee re provision of a public park at Enniskerry.
6. Application for consent to subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
7. Application for Supplementary Grant for reconstruction of house at Rossanagh, Ratnnew.
8. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellinghouses.
9. Applications for Loans towards the cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.
10. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council allocate a Loan of £1,700 to Mr. Eamonn McGettigan to enable him to purchase a vested cottage."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That repairs be carried out immediately to chimney and door for Mrs. Walker, Ballybeg, Tinahely."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That this Council build a house for Thomas Hyland on his own site at Kilcarra, Arklow."
14. Cottages repaired during month of December, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of January, 1970.

At the beginning of the Meeting the Chairman extended best wishes to the Members and Staff of the Council for a happy and successful New Year. She also availed of the opportunity to extend her good wishes to the Members of the Press and the "Wicklow People" for their coverage of meetings in the past.

Patient Missing from St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin.

The Chairman reported that a patient left St. Brendan's Hospital on the 21st November, 1969, and complained that five days had elapsed before his parents were notified of his absence. When his brother called later at the Hospital he was given very little information and when he reported the matter to the Garda Authorities he was told that that was the first they had heard of it. It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that the Dublin Health Authority be asked to inquire into the disappearance from St. Brendan's, Grangegorman, of a patient and that a full report on such inquiry be submitted to the Wicklow Health Authority.

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 M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the Erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

The County Manager outlined this proposed development at Clogga Beach. He indicated that Reports from the County Engineer and County Medical Officer recommended that permission should not be granted. The application did not include any lay-out plan of the houses or septic tanks and that there was a danger of contamination of the stream which ran through the property. After a full discussion it was agreed that a notice be served on Mr. Tierney requesting him to furnish further particulars with regard to the sewerage disposal and also that he should submit a housing lay-out for the development.

(b)—In the names of Councillors C. White, John J. Bourke, 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 Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny,

Enniskerry, for the Provision of 2 Bungalows at Lackan."

The County Manager outlined this proposal which was for the erection of two bungalows at Glaskenny, Enniskerry. The area was of high amenity value both scenic and recreational and the site was in an outstanding landscape area. Outline Permission had already been refused for a similar proposal in October last and included in the reasons for refusal at that time was that the water supply and drainage facilities indicated at that time were unsatisfactory and that the proposal would contribute to ribbon development along a rural road and set a precedent for further similar development which would be injurious to the character of the area. In addition, Bord Fáilte Éireann had recommended that permission be refused. In regard to the present application the County Medical Officer had no objection to the now proposed water and sewerage facilities provided that the triangular site be increased to one half an acre and the septic tank was located at a position within the boundaries to comply with requirements that the septic tank on the site nearer to Lackan House is 30 feet from the boundary and that the chemical closet on the site be removed. After a full discussion it was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, that the matter be deferred for inspection by Members of the site and be reconsidered at Meeting on 2nd February, 1970. It was agreed that Members meet at the clock in Enniskerry on Saturday morning, 17th January, at 11 a.m.

Tour by South African Rugby Football Team.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That the Council expresses its support of the protest of Anti-Apartheid Movement against holding of game against Springboks in Dublin on 10th January, 1970.

After a discussion the Resolution was passed, the following Members dissenting: Councillors M. Deering, B. Phelan and M. J. O'Neill.

Health Bill, 1969.

The Chairman indicated to the Meeting that the Members of Kildare County Council were prepared to attend a joint meeting of the Members of both Councils at the Downshire House Hotel, Blessington, on Wednesday, 7th January, 1970, at 3 p.m.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 30th May, 21st July and 25th August, 1969.
Passed unanimously.

Queries arising from the Minutes in connection with the construction of houses were replied to by the County Engineer. It was agreed that an area meeting for the Northern Electoral Area be held at 8 p.m. in Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday, 14th January,

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1970. It was agreed that the members meet representatives of the Bray Traders' Association on this night also.

Item No. 3—To Arrange a Suitable Date for Inspection of Site at Ballycoyle, Glencree—Ref. Planning Application of Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry.

The Members agreed that the site in this case be inspected on the 17th January when the Members had assembled to inspect Mr. Sutton's site, the subject of Item 1 (b) on the Agenda.

Item No. 4 — Application from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association for Reception of a Deputation.

The Manager indicated that a request had been received from K. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association, for the reception of a Deputation so that the Members of the Association might discuss priority of services with the Council. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor John Sweeney, that the Deputation be received at the Council Meeting on the 12th January, 1970, at 4.30 p.m.

Item No. 5—Letter from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee Re Provision of a Public Park at Enniskerry.

The Members were informed of a request dated 15th December, 1969, from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee for the provision of a public park on the site known as "Bog Meadow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the Council re-activate previous proposals for the acquisition of the Bog Meadow for the provision of a public park at Enniskerry and have report for the February meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Application for Consent to Subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.

The County Manager outlined the position in this case. Mrs. Doyle had agreed to sell to Mr. Patrick Haughian a plot of a half acre for the construction of a house for his occupation subject to the agreement of the County Council. The County Engineer had put a value of £250 on the plot and in accordance with the terms of Circular 5/67 Mrs. Doyle would be obliged to pay over one third of that amount to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Teresa Doyle of her interest in portion of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, to Patrick Haughian, for the purpose of the erection by Mr. Haughian of a dwellinghouse on the plot, and that we ask the Minister to waive the condition set out in Circular 5/67 with regard to the contribution to be made to the Council by Mrs. Doyle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Rossanagh, Rathnew.

The County Manager indicated that in accordance with the terms

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of the scheme for the payment of Supplementary Grants by the Council, Paragraph 6 indicated that before a Grant could be paid the dwelling must have at least three rooms and a floor area of at least 500 square feet. Where, however, a State Grant had been paid in respect of the repair or improvement of a house having a floor area of less than 500 square feet the Council may at their discretion pay a Supplementary Grant, subject to such conditions, if any, which the Council may impose.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise in pursuance of the discretion which may be exercised under condition no. 6 of the Council's Scheme for the payment of Supplementary Grants for the reconstruction of dwellinghouses the payment of a Grant of £100 to Miss Mary Clare in respect of the reconstruction of her dwellinghouse at Rosanna, Rathnew. It is noted that a State Grant of £100 already has been made by the Department of Local Government in this instance.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £350 to John J. O'Loughlin, Ballymorris, Aughrim, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballymorris.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £400 to Barry Deering, Milltown, Dunlavin, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Milltown.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Peter Byrne, Curraghawn, Tinahely, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Curraghawn.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Andrew Shannon, Kilballyowen, Aughrim, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilballyowen.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Anthony McLoughlin, 6, Quinsboro Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Templecarrig,

Greystones.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Thomas Coleman, Scalp Tea-Rooms, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmolin, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £250 to Patrick Vickers, 27, Boghall Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Boghall Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Bernard Darcy, Ashfield, Windgates, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Redford, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to James Day, Boghall Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Boghall Road, Bray.

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 £285 to John Mason, Old Village, Rathnew, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £250 to Mr. Stanley Weir, Churchlands, Tinahely, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Churchlands.

Passed unanimously.

The Council Manager indicated that Mr. Weir was erecting this house for the use of his father-in-law, it being noted that Mr. Weir had already received a Supplementary Grant for the erection of a house for his own use within the last five years.

Item No. 9—Applications for Loans Towards the Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,300 to Mr. Noel Gaskin, 12, Lr. Kindlestown, Delgany, towards the cost of purchasing Vested Cottage No. 381/4 at Grattan Park, Greystones, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £1,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O'Brien, Parkmore, Baltinglass, towards the cost of purchasing Vested Cottage No. 219/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

An application from Patrick O. Haughian, 2, Highfield Park, Dundrum, for a Loan of £2,700 for the erection of a new dwellinghouse on portion of plot 38/3 at Blessington was deferred.

Item No. 10—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The County Manager indicated that Mrs. Ellen Kelly, Kilmullen, Newtownmountkennedy, tenant/purchaser of Cottage No. 88/6, had made application for permission to transfer her interest in this cottage to Allan J. Fleet, "Dookum", Three-Mile-Water, Wicklow, for a consideration of £800. It was noted that Mr. Fleet had a home address of 86, Trees Road, Mount Merriem, Dublin. It was proposed by Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that the matter be deferred for one month.

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 Mrs. Sheila Ryan of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 99/11 at Bollarney, Wicklow, to Eamonn McGettigan, 4, Upper Main Street, Rathnew, for the sum of £2,300, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £333 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager indicated that though the sale price was £2,300 the value of improvements carried out to the house amounted to £1,300, so that the Council would be entitled to a contribution of one third of the difference between the amounts, viz., £333 6s. 8d.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Michael Farrell of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 219/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O'Brien, for the sum of £1,400, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £466 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 C. White;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Nancy Lyons of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 381/4 at 5, Grattan Park, Greystones, to Noel Gaskin, 12, Lower Kindlestown, Delgany, for the sum of £2,700, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £900, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—

"That This Council Allocate a Loan of £1,700 to Mr. Eamonn McGettigan to Enable Him to Purchase a Vested Cottage."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,650 to Eamonn McGettigan, 4, Upper Street, Rathnew, towards the cost of purchasing Vested Cottage No. 99/11 at Bollarney, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Repairs be Carried Out Immediately to Chimney and Door for Mrs. Walker, Ballybeg, Tinahely."

The County Engineer indicated that arrangements were being made for an inspection of the repairs to be carried out at a time suitable to Mrs. Walker.

Repairs to Cottage No. 258/10 at Ballyshanogue, Tinahely, Tenant: Mrs. B. Cleary.

The difficulty here was that the tenant requires new windows to replace the defective metal windows. The County Engineer was of the opinion that repairs to the windows should be carried out and that new windows were not required. It was agreed that the County Engineer would examine the position again.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:— "That This Council Build a House for Thomas Hyland on his Own Site at Kilcarra, Arklow."

The County Engineer reported that the site on which Mr. Hyland's present dwelling stands is suitable as a building site, is one half acre in area and contains what seems an adequate supply of spring water. As Mr. Hyland had not as yet submitted a formal application to have a house erected it was agreed to defer the matter for the moment.

Item No. 14—Cottages Repaired During Month of December, 1969, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of January, 1970.

Lists of cottages repaired during the month of December, 1969, and cottages to be repaired during the month of January, 1970, having been circulated were noted.

Replacement of Watermain—Coolmoney Water Supply Scheme.

At a meeting dated 10th February, 1969, the Council approved of the borrowing of a sum of £1,700 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the Scheme for the provision of water supply at Coolmoney, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. Sanction to the borrowing was obtained from the Department of Local Government but the National Bank have now indicated that the maximum repayment period permitted for a Loan of this type is now five years. The County Manager submitted to the Council for approval the borrowing of a sum of £1,625 for a period of five years as indicated by the Council's Treasurer.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,625 from the Council's Treasurers, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of the scheme for the provision of water supply at Coolmoney subject to the sanction of the Minister.
Passed unanimously.

Windgate Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor Costello inquired as to the present position with regard to the above Scheme. The County Engineer informed the meeting that at present there were four applicants who had paid deposits. He had previously informed the Council that in his opinion there would be just sufficient water from the Templecarrig Scheme to service the eighteen houses originally included. The question of other persons being permitted to connect to the Scheme would be investigated.

Heating at Bray Dispensary.

Mrs. M. Ledwidge requested that additional heating be supplied at Bray Dispensary as the present heating arrangements were insufficient in this cold weather.

Building of Houses at Stratford-on-Slaney.

Deputy G. Timmins, T.D., requested that information in connection with the erection of three houses at Stratford-on-Slaney be available at the next meeting.

Completion of Houses at Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That immediate steps be taken to finish the houses at Dunlavin.

The County Engineer indicated that he had written to the Contractor requesting him to complete the Scheme or the Council would complete the houses by direct labour at his expense.

Councillor F. Hynes was informed that the delay in removing the bend at Glenealy Cemetery was due to a delay in the acquisition of land and also that the provision of lights at Rathnew and Ballynerrin was in the hands of the Electricity Supply Board.

The County Engineer replied to queries by Councillor Roger Miley in connection with the erection of two houses at Laragh and the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor K. Ryan was informed that a Consultant had been appointed to prepare plans for five houses to be erected at Carnew.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting on 14th January, 1970, at 3.00 p.m., to discuss the present position of the Kilgarron Housing Scheme. It was agreed that this meeting would be held in Committee.

Tenders for the erection of 29 houses at Greystones were presented to the Meeting for opening. Set out hereunder is a list of Tenders received:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender
P. and T. Merriman, Kill of the Grange, Dun Laoghaire	££82,010 0 0
O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon, Newcastle	£89,739 0 0
M. J. Conboy, Kincora Grove, Clontarf, Dublin	£93,477 18 0
T. J. Treacy and Son, Ltd., "Massabielle," Lower Windgates, Greystones	£94,930 0 0
Belcourt Housing, Ltd., Linkfield House, Belgard Road, Clondalkin, Dublin	£99,560 0 0
S. Gavigan, Killiney Road, Killiney	£99,721 0 0
S. O'Connor and Sons, 3, Granville Crescent, Johnstown, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	£100,260 6 0

Notices of Motion

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

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That I or someone for me move a motion requesting the Council to erect extra lights on the road leading from corner known as Blind Lane corner to Kilcroney."

In the names of Councillors Kevin Ryan and Mary Walsh:— "That this Council remove a dangerous bend on the main road from Shillelagh to Tinahely at Ballyrahan (at Kavanagh's Corner)."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That I or someone for me move a motion requesting the Council that proper footpaths be laid from the Dargle Laundry to end of place known as the Slang."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Seamus Costello, C. White 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 direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Mason, Upper Windgates, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use on his father's land at Upper Windgates, Greystones."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Joint Meeting of Members of Wicklow County Council and Kildare County Council was held at the Downshire House Hotel, Blessington (by kind permission of the Proprietors), on Wednesday, 7th January, 1970, at 3 p.m.

Present at the Meeting:

Kildare County Council: Councillor J. Dowling, Chairman, M. Brady, J. Bermingham, J. McKenna, A. Mahon, M. Cunningham, and M. Hickey.

Wicklow County Council: Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, John Bourke, R. Miley, Basil Phelan and C. White.

The following Officials also were present:

Mr. E. M. Murray, Carlow/Kildare County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow County Manager, Dr. B. O'Donnell, Chief Medical Officer, Co. Kildare, Mr. J. J. Mullaney, County Secretary, Kildare, Mr. J. Gavin, A/County Secretary, Wicklow, and Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff Officer, Wicklow County Council.

It was agreed that Miss M. Walsh and Mr. James Dowling would act as joint Chairmen of the proceedings.

A statement which had been prepared by Wicklow County Council in relation to the Health Services and the affect of the proposed legislation in the new Health Bill was given by the Wicklow County Manager and Mr. Murray, Kildare County Manager, gave details of views put forward and decisions taken at a special meeting of Kildare County Council in connection with the new legislation.

Membership of Regional Health Authority:

It was noted by the Members that as a result of representations to the Minister for Health in October when there were discussions with him it had been agreed when the Bill was under consideration in the Oireachtas that the number of public representatives would be enlarged.

As a result of a further discussion on this subject it was agreed that the number of members of the Regional Health Authority who would be elected representatives should form a substantial majority of the Board and that in order to give effect to this the total membership of the Board could be increased to 43 members of whom 27 would be public representatives, 3 would be nominees of the Minister, and 13 would represent professional organisations. It was noted by the Members of Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council that having regard to population and proportion of cost involved the Dublin Health Authority had expressed the view that there should be a larger representation for Dublin City and Dublin County. The Members of Kildare and Wicklow County Councils, however, were of the opinion that the proportion as between the various Local Authorities was reasonable and that in this connection regard must be had to the fact that rural areas with scattered populations would require representation on a different basis to urban districts where populations were concentrated, where members could be in close touch with conditions and also where Health Services were available to the public close at hand through the existence of nearby Hospitals and Clinics. The following Resolution was then passed:

Proposed by Councillor James Miley, Wicklow County Council,
Seconded by Councillor M. Cunningham, Kildare County Council:
Resolved—That the number of representatives of the Local Authorities on the Eastern Regional Health Board should be:

Kildare County Council	5
Wicklow County Council	5
Dublin Corporation	10
Dublin County Council	5
Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation	2

and the total membership of the Health Board be 43.

The result of this proposal, if accepted, would be that Wicklow County Council, Kildare County Council and Dublin County Council each would have 2 additional public representatives on the Health Board, Dublin Corporation would have 4 extra and Dun Laoghaire Corporation would have 1 extra. It was felt by the members present at the meeting that an arrangement such as this would ensure that adequate representation would be given to the public representatives who would have a special responsibility and a direct association with the finding from local sources of the finances necessary to meet the requirements of the Board.

Finances of Health Board:

The financial arrangements arising out of the setting up of the new Eastern Regional Health Board were discussed at length.
Proposed by Councillor M. Cunningham, Kildare County Council,
Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, Wicklow County Council,
Resolved—That the proportion of the new Eastern Regional Health Board expenditure to be met by Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council shall not exceed that which has to be met in the financial year 1969/70 and that furthermore the amount of expenditure to be met by each of these Authorities shall not exceed that in the year 1969/70.

Local Advisory Committees.

The representation on Local Advisory Committees was discussed by the members and the following Resolution was passed:
Proposed by Councillor J. Temple, Wicklow County Council,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brady, Kildare County Council,
Resolved—That the number of elected members on Local Advisory Committees should be increased so that they would be in a substantial majority on any such Committee.

Administration of the Health Services—Administrative Centres:

Members of both County Councils were agreed that it would be desirable and could lead to additional costs if the administrative staffs to operate the Health Services were to be sited in Dublin. It was felt that they would be too far removed from the areas in which services were required and that this would lead to delays in taking decisions and additional costs. Moreover, both Authorities at the present time operate their Health Services through special staffs accommodated in offices in County Kildare and County Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple, Wicklow County Council,
Seconded by Councillor A. Mahon, Kildare County Council,

Resolved—That local administrative centres be retained for the Health Services in both County Kildare and County Wicklow and that there would be a proper delegation of functions and of control to be operated through such local centres.

Local Hospitals:

Already Kildare County Council had passed a Resolution asking that the new health legislation should not lead to any down-grading of local health institutions in their County as at present operated. It was stressed by the Members of Kildare County Council that they were very anxious to keep open their existing Hospital and Institutions and retain their existing status.

It was agreed that Wicklow County Council would pass a Resolution on similar lines to that adopted by Kildare County Council in relation to the retention and status of County Health Institutions.

State Grant Towards Cost of Health Services.

There was a lengthy discussion on the costs of the Health Services and the view was put forward that the financing of the Services should be reviewed with a view to a larger proportion being met from central funds. It was pointed out that the rising costs of the Health Services did not affect central funds in the same way as the Rates levied by local authorities were affected. Thus it was represented that part of the additional revenue derived by the State from Income Tax levied on rising incomes was associated with the additional remuneration of those employed in the Health Services.

A formal Resolution on this matter, however, was not adopted.

During the course of this discussion there was mention also of the rising costs in the Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area. It was stressed that public representatives at the present time could exercise no control whatever over the costs of these Institutions and that it was not clear if the new Health Board would be able to exercise any measure of control or influence decisions leading to additional costs.

General Medical Services:

The view was expressed by some Members that it was not clear if as a result of new arrangements resulting in a choice of Doctor system and apparently a concentration of doctors in the larger centres of population. Adequate medical services could be expected to be available for population in the rural areas.

It was agreed that there should be a joint meeting between the representatives of the Dublin Health Authority and representatives of Kildare and Wicklow County Councils and it was agreed that the following should form the members of the deputation:

Kildare County Council: Councillors M. Cunningham, J. Bermingham, J. Hickey, T. Boylan, J. Dowling, A. Mahon, P. Malone, J. McKenna, P. Power.

Wicklow County Council: Councillors Miss M. Walsh, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple and G. Timmins.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th Jan., 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Godfrey Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and C. White.

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

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th September and 13th October, 1969.
2. Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur — Advice of Council's Solicitor regarding proposal that Council take over structure and carry out works thereto.
3. Coast Protection Scheme at Bray — Letter from Office of Public Works.
4. Additional Leave Allowance for Part-Time Medical Officers — Authorisation of excess Expenditure.
5. Proposal that Road from Crossroads to Post Office at Ballycoogue be taken over as a public road.
6. Application of Newtownmountkennedy Tidy Towns Committee for laying of drain to take surface water where there is at present a ditch opposite cottages at Riverside.
7. Provision of Water Supply to 4 Houses at Hollybrook.
8. Fencing—Ballintemple, Woodenbridge, Graveyard.
9. Dumping Ground at Rathnew — Report of County Medical Officer.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on the said road."
12. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- (a) "That this Council remove the dangerous bends in Kennystown Lane, Carnew. These bends are a danger to the school car which has to travel them." (b) "That this Council have the open drains at each side of the road piped from the end of the houses in Coolboy to the bridge and from Greagan's Shop, Coolroe, to the bridge. Both drains are on the Coolroe side of Coolboy." (c) "That this Council extend the footpath along the Main Road from the Fair Green Gate to Ardeen Cheshire Home Gate, Shillelagh." (d) "That this Council erect public lights on the main road from Shillelagh to the Cheshire Home and from Shillelagh to Quarry Street."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kingston, Rathdrum."
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20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the bend on the road at top of Ballinabarney opposite Red Peg's Road."
21. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and C. White:- (a) "That this Council provide water for nine houses at Templecarrig, Delgany." (b) "That the area of land known as the Bog Meadow be acquired as a public park, car park and play centre."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering:- "That additional lights be provided at Dunlavin."
23. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- (a) "That this Council extend water and sewerage to eight cottages on the Terrace at Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend the water to Mr. James Hilliard's cottage at Mill Street, Carnew."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council remove the dangerous bend at the junction where the road from Coolboy joins the Tinahely/Shillelagh Road, also remove a bridge on the same road about 150 yards nearer to Coolboy Village. If this bridge is moved about ten yards downstream it would straighten a very bad patch of road."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take over the Leabeg Road from the Newcastle Road to Mr. Kearns' cottage and reconstruct this road."
26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Godfrey Timmins, Edward Byrne, John Sweeney and Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council should urge the Department of Education to provide a school in County Wicklow for moderately retarded children."
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of Very Rev. Fr. Kingston, Parish Priest of Wicklow, who had died

suddenly. The Chairman, Miss M. Walsh, and other Members joined in paying tribute to Fr. Kingston and in the Resolution of sympathy. The County Manager, on behalf of the staff of the Council and himself, asked to be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy. **Health Bill, 1969 — Meeting Arranged by Dublin Health Authority.**

The following letter received from the Dublin Health Authority was considered by the Council as a matter of urgency:-

DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY

James' Street, Dublin.

9th January, 1970.

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

Dear Sir,

Health Bill, 1969

I am directed to refer to my letters of 19th November and 18th December, 1969 in regard to the above and to inform you that the Health Authority will be prepared to meet representatives of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare County Councils, Dublin Corporation and Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation in the new Restaurant here at 5 p.m. on Friday, 16th January, 1970. A meal will be provided. Please let me know the number of representatives and officials who will be attending on behalf of your Council.

I trust that this time and date will be suitable to your Council's representatives.

Yours faithfully,

R. N. Lamb,

Secretary.

The Council agreed that the Members of the Council who had represented the Council at the meeting with the Minister in October, together with Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., would represent the Council at the meeting arranged by Dublin Health Authority to be held on Friday, 16th January, 1970. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, having indicated that she would be unable to attend on that day due to a prior engagement, it was agreed that Councillor F. Hynes as Vice-Chairman would take her place.

Referring to the joint meeting between Wicklow County Council and Kildare County Council which had taken place on the 7th January, 1970, at Blessington, the County Secretary stated that Minutes of the Meeting had been circulated to the Members and pointed out that it had been agreed at the meeting that the Council would pass a Resolution in relation to the existing Health Institutions in the County on similar lines to a Resolution which had been passed by Kildare County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That the existing health institutions in County Wicklow should be retained and their status should not be reduced in any way. Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Permanent District Medical Officers.

The Chairman inquired as to the present position in relation to

appointment on a permanent basis of District Medical Officers for Tinahely and other Dispensary Districts, as there seemed to be an impression that it was as a result of recent illness in Tinahely area that the Department of Health had approved of the appointment of a permanent District Medical Officer for Tinahely District.

The County Manager pointed out that the Chairman had raised this matter specially at a Conference with the Minister for Health in October last and had strongly urged that the Minister should agree to the appointment of permanent District Medical Officers in Tinahely, Blessington, Rathdrum and Kiltegan. It was submitted to the Minister that as these were rural areas with scattered populations it was essential that a permanent Medical Officer resident in the Dispensary District should be available in each such district.

The County Manager went on to say that as a result of representations on this subject the Minister in November, 1969, had approved of the appointment of permanent Medical Officers in Tinahely and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts. It was quite clear that this decision was taken before any incidence of influenza in recent weeks. Consequently the report in a daily newspaper which was to the effect that it was a recent outbreak of influenza which led to arrangements being made for a permanent District Medical Officer in Tinahely was not correct. In fact the permanent appointment, as already mentioned, had been approved by the Minister in November last and the Local Appointments Commission had been asked to recommend suitable persons to fill the vacancies in Tinahely and Kiltegan.

The Chairman inquired as to repairs to the dispensary residence in Tinahely and it was indicated that the County Engineer had been asked for a special report in the matter.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor R. Miley the County Manager stated that the Local Appointments Commission had recommended a doctor for appointment to Rathdrum Dispensary District and he had stated that he was prepared to reside in the Dispensary District and proposed to erect a residence on a site within the Dispensary District. The Department of Health had accepted such an arrangement as suitable.

Item No. 1 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved — That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th September and 13th October, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 — Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur — Advice of Council's Solicitor Regarding Proposal that Council take over structure and carry out works thereto.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this matter pending the attendance of Comdt. Kavanagh, who was at present ill.

Item No. 3 — Coast Protection Scheme at Bray — Letter from Office of Public Works.

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

An Runal,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 14th October, 1969, about the Coast Protection Scheme at Bray Promenade, i.e., repair of the sea wall immediately north of the Beach Pavilion for a length of 620 feet, I wish to inform you that owing to present commitments on Coast Protection Schemes generally, it would not be possible to carry out the preliminary examination at Bray for a considerable time, and it would be at least fifteen months after the examination before actual work could start on the scheme. As pointed out previously, our Engineers are of the opinion that the repair of the wall should be undertaken by your Council without delay if serious deterioration is to be avoided.

Mise, le meas,

S. de Barroid.

19 Nollaig, 1969.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been sent to the Office of Public Works pointing out that if the Scheme were not carried out under the provisions of the Coast Protection Act it would have to be done by Bray Urban District Council. Bray Urban District Council had also been informed of the terms of the letter received from the Office of Public Works. The County Manager pointed out that Bray U.D.C. had agreed to the appointment of a Consultant some while ago and an estimate of the cost had been supplied to the Department of Local Government. The Department of Local Government, however, had replied pointing out that the work should be carried out under the Coast Protection Act but it was clear from the letter received from the Office of Public Works that it would be a considerable while before the work could be undertaken. Councillor E. E. Byrne pointed out that the matter was very urgent and serious and on the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council agreed that the Parliamentary Secretary with responsibilities for the Office of Public Works be asked to receive a Deputation in the matter. The Council agreed that the Deputation consist of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with the three Deputies for the County.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the County Secretary stated that the Scheme for foreshore protection works at Wicklow was ready but no definite date for commencement had been given by the Office of Public Works. The Council agreed that the Office of Public Works would be requested to indicate a date for the commencement of work on the Scheme.

Item No. 4 — Additional Leave Allowance for Part-Time Medical Officers — Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached with the Medical Association and the Medical Union on the terms for settlement of the claim of Local Authority Part-Time Medical Officers for time off with locums paid by Health Authorities. The

terms of settlement provided that the time off allowed be as follows:-

- (a) every second week-end, and
- (b) one half-day a fortnight.

This would be equivalent to a total of 65 days in respect of each Dispensary District. The estimated cost in the present financial year would be about £2,000 and in a full year would be £8,000. It was expected that 50 per cent. of the cost would be met from State Grant.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having noted agreement reached with representatives of the Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union we approve of the allowance of time-off duty for District Medical Officers with locums paid by the Council on (a) every second week-end, and (b) on one half day a fortnight, and hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the allowance of time off in accordance with the terms of the agreement reached.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Proposal that Road from Crossroads to Post Office at Ballycoogue be taken over as a Public Road.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the meeting on the 13th October at which the County Engineer had indicated that it would cost about £150 to reconstruct and surface dress the road from the Crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office at Ballycoogue. The County Engineer had pointed out that unless the road were taken over as a public road or unless the work were carried out under a Local Improvements Scheme no action could be taken.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved — That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road the road from the Crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office at Ballycoogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Application of Newtownmountkennedy Tidy Towns Committee for Laying of Drain to take surface water where there is at present a ditch opposite Cottages at Riverside.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of piping approximately 75 lin. yards of ditch, provision of inlets, etc., opposite the cottages at Kilmacullagh was estimated at £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we approve of the laying of a pipe to take surface water away where there is at present a ditch opposite the cottages at Riverside, Newtownmountkennedy, the provision of inlets, etc., at a cost of £100, as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Provision of Water Supply to 4 Houses at Hollybrook.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of laying 120 lin. yards of 2" main and provision of stop cocks to serve three cottages occupied by Patrick Butler, John O'Toole and Thomas Messett, and a ½" connec-

tion to serve the cottage occupied by Miss Elsie Hopkins was estimated at 100. All the tenants concerned had completed Water Supply Agreement forms but Miss Hopkins wanted the Council to instal the water in the house. The scheme provided for the bringing of the water to each house and providing a stop cock and it would be for the tenants to arrange for taking in the water to the houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Whyte;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the laying of 120 lin. yards of 2" main and provision of stop cock to serve three cottages occupied by Patrick Butler, John O'Toole and Thomas Messett at Hollybrook and to instal a water a water supply to the house of Miss Elsie Hopkins, subject to Miss Hopkins agreeing to pay the appropriate contribution towards the cost of installing the water supply in her house.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Fencing — Ballintemple, Woodenbridge, Graveyard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved — That we approve of fencing of Ballintemple Graveyard at an estimated cost of £135 as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — Dumping Ground at Rathnew — Report of County Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had indicated that he agreed with the Report of the Health Inspector that the dumping ground at Rathnew could continue to be used for a few years of dumping and that it should not be closed. He considered that there was no objection to using the Glenealy dump for Glenealy but that the Rathnew dumping ground would be more convenient for use for Ashford. The County Secretary stated that as the Council were aware agreement had been reached to purchase a site at Ballyknockanmore, Glenealy, for a dumping ground for Glenealy. An objection to the use of the land for dumping had been received from Mr. W. H. Meredith. Councillor F. Hynes disagreed strongly with the Report of the County Medical Officer and pointed out that there were dwelling-houses as close as 10 yards to the dump on one side and within 35 yards on the other side. He claimed that people had to be taken from their houses as a result of smoke coming from the dump. He claimed also that there were rats on the dump. He again urged that the dumping ground at Rathnew be closed and pointed out that it was in the centre of the village. Councillor Hynes suggested that there was a suitable site for a dumping ground on lands owned by Mr. Goodison and that the owner would be agreeable to sell to the Council. The Council agreed that the County Engineer examine the site and report if it would be suitable.

**Item No. 10 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:-
"That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a Public Car Park."**

Councillor Costello inquired when a Report would be available from the County Engineer on the matter of the provision of a public car park at Brittas Bay. He pointed out that the matter was urgent in view of the approaching holiday season. He considered that toilet facilities should also be provided. The County Manager stated that the cost of acquiring land for a car park at Brittas Bay could be high

and the provision of sanitary facilities would be very costly as it would be necessary to provide a suitable water supply and also a special sewage disposal unit. There would also be the cost of maintenance and remuneration of a caretaker. Councillor Phelan expressed the view that the provision of the minimum facilities as suggested would cost at least £10,000 and inquired as to what return could be expected by the Council. The County Manager stated that reference had been made in two recent Reports regarding tourism in Wicklow to the need for providing facilities which however it was agreed would be mainly to serve visitors from the metropolis and it was felt that the cost of providing such facilities should not have to be met by Wicklow ratepayers but should be defrayed by State Grant or contributions by Dublin Authorities. The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit a Report and recommendation with an approximate estimate of cost for the next meeting.

Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Council's Solicitor.

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.
3rd January, 1970.

Re: Public Access to Beaches at Brittas Bay.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 31st ultimo we, a few days ago, had a ring from Mr. C. Lehan, Solicitor for Councillor Costello and others and he stated that his clients did not wish the Council to be joined as co-defendants and has suggested that the Council would proceed with their action independently of the action against his clients.

You may recall that the Council, at the request of these parties agreed to act as co-defendants for the purpose only of establishing that a right-of-way to the public existed to the beaches at Brittas and that this would be a quicker and cheaper method of having the matter determined.

We suggest therefore that you bring this letter before the Council. It will be now necessary to obtain an order countermanding the previous order and indicating that proceedings be instituted by the Council against Mrs. Maguire for the necessary declaration that a public right-of-way exists to the beaches.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL

Councillor Costello stated there must be some misunderstanding as he was unaware of the suggestion stated to have been conveyed to the Council's Solicitor by Mr. Lehan. The Council agreed, at the request of Councillor Costello, to defer the matter for clarification.

Item No. 11

The Council noted that this matter had been included in error on the Agenda.

Item No. 12—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—

- (a) "That this Council remove the dangerous bends in Kennystown Lane, Carnew. These bends are a danger to the school car which has to travel them."

The County Engineer reported that there were four bends which required to be removed on this road. The estimated cost of removing these bends and fencing the land would be £400. As the bus only calls to one house on this road, he considered than an expenditure of this amount would not be justified.

- (b) "That this Council have the open drains at each side of the road piped from the end of the houses in Coolboy to the Bridge and from Gregan's Shop, Coolroe, to the Bridge. Both drains are on the Coolroe side of Coolboy."

The County Engineer reported as follows:— With regard to the drain from the end of the houses at Coolboy to the bridge—this drain is carrying waste water from some of the houses and the run off from outhouses, some of which are used as piggeries. I recommend that the County Medical Officer examine the situation before any such work be carried out.

With regard to the drain from Gregan's shop to the bridge—this would involve 80 yards of piping. I do not consider this improvement necessary.

The Council agreed that a Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer as suggested by the County Engineer.

- (c) "That this Council extends the footpath along the Main Road from the Fair Green Gate to Ardeen Cheshire Home Gate, Shillelagh."

The following Report was submitted by the County Engineer:— The extension of the pathway would be beneficial to people attending the Home and also for patients in wheelchairs who come to the village in the Summer time. The distance involved is 420 yards, which would involve an expenditure of around £1,600. It would be possible to extend this expenditure over a few years and thus complete the pathway in this manner.

The Council agreed to defer the matter for consideration in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

- (d) "That this Council erect public lights on the Main Road from Shillelagh to the Cheshire Home and from Shillelagh to Quarry St."

The Council noted that the County Engineer had reported that the E.S.B. had been asked to submit quotations for the erection of public lighting at Shillelagh and also at Carnew and that as soon as these quotations were received a recommendation would be submitted.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kingston, Rathdrum."

Councillor Hynes stated that there had been a fire at this place last year and two children had been burned. He urged that a watermain be extended to supply water for the houses. Councillor R. Miley stated that he had raised this matter some years previously but had been informed that the pressure was insufficient on the main from which it was proposed to take a connection. The Council agreed to await a report from the County Engineer on the matter.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Roger Miley:— "That the Council repair the footpath at Glenealy up to the cottages at Deputy's Pass Road as the road is dangerous for children going to school."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY SECRETARY.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
6th November, 1969.

Re: Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor R. Miley:
"That the Council repair Footpath at Glenealy up to
Cottages at Deputy's Pass Road."

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 14th ultimo.

I have carried out an examination of the footpath in question. The footpath extends from Glenealy to Cusheen Bridge. Some years ago the first portion of it was surfaced with tarmacadam, and the remaining portion, approximately half a mile long, is in need of repair and improvement.

I will arrange to widen and repair this section of path in the near future.

I estimate the cost of laying a tarmacadam surface at £400. 0. 0. This will be included for surfacing the footpath in the coming years' estimates.

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

The Council agreed that provision be made in the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year so that the matter could then be considered.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:—
"That Logatryna Lane, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—
"That this Council extend the footpath to the bottom of the hill in Mill Street at Carnew at each side."

The County Engineer in Report of 15th December recommended that the footpath be extended on one side only so as to allow for parking of lorries on the opposite side when drawing grain to the mill. He estimated the cost of the work at £500. The Council agreed that the matter be considered in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 17—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—
(a) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses at Coolattin Road, Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses on Shillelagh St., Carnew."

The Council noted that the County Engineer had sought estimates of the cost of providing the lighting and would submit the estimates when received.

Item No. 18 — Notice of motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the Old Refuse Dump at Tinahely be closed immediately and the New Dump be put into service forthwith."

The County Engineer stated that the old refuse dump had been closed and the new dump was now in operation.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:—
"That we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby recommend that the County Manager fill the vacant position in the Health section by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill to the post of Clerical Officer therein. We further recommend that Miss R. O'Neill's permanent service as Clerk/Typist with this Council be taken into account in this regard and we further recommend that this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Minister."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby recommend that the County Manager fill the vacant position in the Health Section by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill to the post of Clerical Officer therein. We further recommend that Miss R. O'Neill's permanent service as Clerk/Typist with this Council be taken into account in this regard and we further recommend that this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Minister.

Councillor Temple pointed out that this matter was a Managerial function and the Council could only make a recommendation. The County Manager stated that he was not prepared to depart from the normal method of recruiting staff, which was by open competition. Councillor S. Costello inquired whether this matter had ever been raised by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and felt that such was the proper procedure and he considered that the proposal should not have been included on the Agenda. The Resolution was declared passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council remove the bend on the road at top of Ballinabarney opposite Red Peg's Road."

The County Engineer reported that the alignment of the road both vertical and horizontal was substandard at this point and that there was a cottage situated on the junction which prevented any short term improvements being carried out. It was proposed to re-align the complete section of road some time in the future in connection with the major scheme for the re-alignment of the Arterial Route. The Council noted the position as reported by the Co. Engineer.

Item No. 21—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and C. White:— (a) "That this Council provide water for nine houses at Templecarrig, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that no report was yet available from the County Engineer on the matter.

(b) "That the area of Land known as the Bog Meadow be acquired as a Public Park, Car Park and Play Centre."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
9th January, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notices of Motion: "That the area of land known as the Bog Meadow be acquired as a Public Park and Play Centre and Car Park." Item No. 21 (b) on Agenda.

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With reference to yours of the 4th December, 1969.

The land in question, approximately 4 acres in area, is situated off the Monastery Road, immediately across the river in Enniskerry. The land would make a very acceptable public park adjoining the river by retaining the existing trees and improving the open space. I understand that the area is used occasionally as a playing pitch and as a site for a dance marquee.

I do not consider that the provision of a car park would be justified as the streets in Enniskerry seem to have sufficient parking space for cars. I think the land is the property of Lord Powerscourt and should the Council consider that the area should be acquired, negotiations for its purchase can be entered into.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor White stated that the owner of the lands was a Mr. Fitzpatrick of Bray. His object in raising the matter was that it be included as an objective in the County Development Plan for the provision of a public park. In his opinion a car park would be necessary. The Council agreed that the County Engineer make enquiries into the possibility of acquiring the land.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering:—
"That additional lights be provided at Dunlavin."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of six extra public lights at Dunlavin at the following places:

2 on the Milltown Road between Milltown Cross and the old Railway Bridge;

2 at Church Terrace;

1 at Litchfield's Corner;

1 at Tutty's Corner,

and approve also of a quotation being obtained for replacing of old lights in Dunlavin with new Mercury Fluorescent lighting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—

(a) "That this Council extend Water and Sewerage to eight Cottages on the Terrace at Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend the Water to Mr. James Hilliard's Cottage at Mill St., Carnew."

The Council deferred consideration of the matter pending a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—

"That this Council remove the Dangerous Bend at the Junction where the Road from Coolboy joins the Tinahely/Shillelagh Road, also remove a Bridge on the same Road about 150 yards nearer to Coolboy village. If this Bridge is moved about ten yards downstream it would straighten a very bad patch of road."

The Council deferred this matter for consideration in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, urged that the local meetings which it had formerly been the practice to hold in connection with the Road Estimates each year be resumed and the Council agreed that meetings of the Members of the Council for each local Electoral Area to consider the Roads Programme to be held prior to final determination of the Road Works Scheme.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council take over the Leabeg Road from the New-castle Road to Mr. Kearns' cottage and reconstruct this road."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of bringing this section of road up to reasonable standard would be £350 and the annual maintenance cost would be about £35. The road served 5 Council cottages and was used by a number of farmers to gain access to their land. The Council agreed that the matter be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Godfrey Timmins, Edward Byrne, John Sweeney and Miss Mary Walsh:—
"That this Council should urge the Department of Education to provide a School in County Wicklow for Moderately Retarded Children."

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That this Council urge the Department of Education to provide a school in Co. Wicklow for moderately retarded children. We request the Minister for Education to receive a deputation from the Council and members of the committee in regard to the matter. Passed unanimously.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., in proposing the Motion, gave details of the activities of the County Wicklow Committee for Mentally Handicapped Children and paid tribute to the excellent work being done by the members of the Committee. He stated that there was a sufficient number of moderately retarded children in the County to justify the establishment of a school and urged that the Council give the matter full support. Councillor Hynes in seconding the proposal stated that the local committees had collected funds towards the cost of providing the school. It was stated also that the Sisters of Mercy at St. Kryan's, Rathdrum, were prepared to provide a site and that Terrapin of Wicklow had given a very reasonable price for supplying a school building which would be erected voluntarily by Terrapin employees. All that was needed was the sanction of the Department and the provision of trained teachers. The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer had submitted a report on the moderately retarded children in the County in which he stated that it was desirable that a day school for the moderately handicapped be established in the South East of the County. He agreed that Rathdrum was a fairly central location as all the children would be residing within 15 miles of Rathdrum. If a local school were established it could serve as a centre where activities in aid of the mentally handicapped could be organised, for example Assessment Centre, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Vocational Training and advice to parents. The Resolution having been passed unanimously the Council agreed

that the Deputation be comprised of Members of the Council together with members of the Committee.

Glenealy Protest Committee.

The following letter received from Denis M. Ronan, Solicitor, was submitted:—

11 Lower Mount Street,
Dublin 2
7th January, 1970.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Glenealy Protest Committee v. Philips

Dear Sir,

I act for the above committee and I have instituted proceedings in the High Court on behalf of several members of the committee against Messrs. Philips of Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.

I understand that Councillor Costello lodged a list of signatures of residents who objected to the manner in which Ballyfree Farms were being operated, on the 5th July last. Would you kindly let me have a copy of the list of names you received, as I require same to include it in my Briefs for Counsel on the hearing of the action.

Yours faithfully,

DENIS RONAN

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Costello, agreed that a copy of the list of names received by the Council be forwarded.

Abstract of Accounts of Council for Year to 31st March, 1969.

The County Secretary stated that the Abstract of Accounts was ready for submission to the Department of Local Government for Audit. It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1969, and approve of their submission to the Department of Local Government for Audit.

Passed unanimously.

Kilcoole Green.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill inquired as to the position regarding the Council's proposal to take over the Green at Kilcoole and referred to itinerants having occupied the Green recently and stated that their horses had gone into people's gardens and into the Church and school grounds and had caused a lot of damage. The County Manager stated that two persons had claimed that they had rights-of-way over the Green and these claims were being examined. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., urged that the acquisition of the property be expedited.

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, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, "Verdella," Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council carry out the necessary repairs to Mr. Breen's cottage, Ballard, as this cottage is only two years built."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 14th January, 1970. The Meeting was held in committee.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, James Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and C. White.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor J. Bourke on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Doyle of Ballinglen.

Councillor Miss Walsh indicated that the purpose of the Special Meeting in committee was to consider the housing situation at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry. Councillor S. Costello inquired as to why it had been decided to hold the meeting in committee and stated that he had left the Council meeting on the 5th January, 1970, at 5 p.m. at which time he understood the meeting was terminating. He stated that the meeting in fact continued for some time afterwards and it was during this time that the decision to hold the special meeting in committee on the 14th January was taken. Councillor Miss Walsh, Chairman, stated that the Members of the Council had agreed unanimously that the meeting be held on that date, the 14th January, and that it be held in committee and that one consideration taken into account by the Members was the fact that there were legal issues to be discussed. Councillor S. Costello urged that in future meetings terminate at 5 p.m. unless otherwise agreed by the Council by resolution prior to that time. Councillor Temple inquired whether the details of the costs of completion of the houses were available and pointed out that the Council had been promised that particulars of the Tenders received for completion of the houses by Contract as compared with the cost of completion by direct labour would have been available and circulated to the Members of the Council prior to the meeting. The County Engineer stated that he had the figures available but had not had an opportunity of preparing a statement for circulation to the Members.

The County Engineer stated that the cost per house for completion of the 12 purchase type houses was £3,120. He had obtained a quotation from Mr. Conboy, Contractor, in the sum of £3,120 also. Mr. Conboy had originally quoted a higher figure but had then agreed to reduce his figure to the same as the estimate of the County Engineer at £3,120. A tender which had been received from Mr. McCormick, Contractor, was in the sum of £3,400. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Council was not being fully informed of what had taken place in regard to the dispute with Mr. Eager and stated that there had been negotiations and that an offer of £2,000 had been made on behalf of the Council. He stated that officials had no right to make any offer without the approval of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed that having considered the Advice received from Counsel and the Council's Solicitor that an effort be made to see if agreement could be reached by discussion with the Solicitor for Mr. Eager. The Council's Solicitor accordingly had had a meeting with the Solicitor for Mr. Eager and in the course of that meeting, which was

without prejudice on either side, the Council's Solicitor had indicated that he would be prepared to recommend to the Council that they consider making a payment of £2,000 in full settlement of any claim which Mr. Eager might have but without acceptance of any liability and in order to expedite the Council's entering on the sites and completing the works directly. It had not, however, been possible to reach any agreement in the matter. The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Mr. Max W. Abrahamson, Solicitor for Mr. Eager, that morning:-

J. H. McCarroll, Esq.,
Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co.,
Solicitors,
4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

13th January, 1970.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE/

Re: William Eager v. Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

Proceedings in this case are being drafted by Counsel.

In the meantime I understand from my client that a special meeting is being held to consider giving a contract for finishing the twelve houses at Enniskerry to another contractor at £650 per house more than my client's figure.

Without prejudice to his legal rights, my client would be prepared to complete these houses for an additional £400 per house.

You will appreciate that my client maintains that the figure of £650 per house is excessive, and will dispute any attempt to deduct this amount from the money owed to him on this ground as well as on the ground that it is the Council which is in breach of contract. It would therefore seem to be in the interests of your clients to accept this offer by my client, which would avoid an unnecessary expenditure of £3,000 and expensive litigation.

I should be obliged to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

c.c. County Secretary.

In reply to a request from the Chairman as to his views on the offer made on behalf of Mr. Eager the County Engineer stated that in his view this price of £400 did not include the cost of increases in prices of materials or of wages under the Prices Variation Clause nor did it include the cost of development which Mr. Eager claimed was not in his contract price and which, consequently, would be additional. The County Engineer also pointed out that if Mr. Eager were to be allowed to complete the houses on the basis of this offer that there would be extra supervision involved and in his view the total cost of completion per house would be about £3,163 as compared with the County Engineer's estimate for completion by direct labour of £3,120, which latter figure also corresponded with an estimate made by Mr. Conboy, Contractor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That we complete the 12 purchase-type houses at Kilgaron, Enniskerry, by direct labour and invite tenders for six additional purchase-type houses.
Passed.

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 February, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillor William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, 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, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and C. White.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Acting Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Ashtinstown."

(b) In the names of Councillors C. White, John J. Bourke 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 direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, for the provision of 2 bungalows at Lackan."

(c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss Nancy O'Neill 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 direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree"

(d) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Rd., Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

(e) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Seamus Costello, C. White 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

direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Mason, Upper Windgates, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use on his father's land at Upper Windgates, Greystones."

2. Proposed House at Laragh East—Legal Advice recommending revocation of Planning Permission.
- 2 (a) To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th October and 3rd November, 1969.
3. Transmission Lines from E.S.B. Generating Station at Turlough Hill.
4. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of the Council.
5. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellinghouses.
6. Applications for Loans towards the cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.
7. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Applications for consent to sub-divisions of Vested Cottage plots.
9. Proposed erection of Cottage at Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen, for Mr. William Condell.
10. To receive Tenders for erection of Cottages at Tinahely (2), Ballydowling, Glenealy (1), and Kilbride, Arklow (1).
11. Report of Co. Engineer on Tenders received for Houses at Greystones.
12. Purchase of Land for building at the Green, Kilcoole, and Acquisition of Green.
13. Letter from Arklow Harbour Commissioners regarding Planning Application of Avoca Mines, Limited.
14. Temporary Office Accommodation for Staffs of Housing and Sanitary Services, Planning and Accounts.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council carry out the necessary repairs to Mr. Green's cottage, Ballard, as this cottage is only two years built."
16. Cottages repaired during month of January, 1970, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of February, 1970.

Missionaries in Nigeria.

Councillor Whelan, having obtained the consent of the Chairman to raise a matter which he stated was not contentious, urged that the Council pass a Resolution expressing support for the Irish Missionaries in Nigeria and for the organisations concerned in providing relief for persons in need in Nigeria and asking the Minister for External Affairs to bring to the notice of the Nigerian Authorities the deep concern felt by the Irish people for the welfare of the Missionaries in Nigeria and asking him to do all in his power on their behalf. Councillor M. Deering seconded the proposal. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan expressed the view that this was a matter on which the Council were not fully informed and should not enter into. He asked that he be recorded as dissenting. The Resolution proposed by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Deering was passed, Councillor Phelan dissenting.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
(a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us

by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Asintinny."

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting held on the 5th January, 1970, the Council had agreed that a notice be served on the applicant requesting him to furnish further particulars in regard to the sewage disposal system and also to submit a housing lay-out for the proposed development. This information had not yet been obtained and consequently it would not be possible to deal with the proposal that day. The following letter received from Arthur O'Hagan and Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Maureen Kathleen Rueter of Clogga, Arklow, was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

9 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2
16th January, 1970

Re: Planning Development at Clogga, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We act for Mrs. Maureen Kathleen Rueter of Clogga, Arklow, Co. Wicklow who has consulted us with reference to a planning application for the erection of Bungalows near Clogga. Our client's attention was directed to the matter by a report in "The Wicklow People" of 10th instant, which covered a meeting of the Wicklow County Council recently held to deal with the application for planning permission.

Our client is the owner of a farm of land in the townland of Clogga. The proposed development would appear to affect lands adjoining our client's land. Our client, who is an Irish citizen, bought her farm about six years ago. Since then she has been improving the lands and has erected farm buildings and residence where she lives with her family, and she has used the lands in the normal way as a farm.

While our client does not wish to object to any plans for development which her neighbours may have she would prefer to see the area in general preserved in its natural state. Our client considers that the area in general has great scenic beauty and is also to some extent a sanctuary for wild life and our client is apprehensive that these amenities could be destroyed by development.

If, however, as it seems is inevitable, there will be development in the area then our client would acquiesce in this, but she would object if the effect of any proposed development was to "freeze" her own lands and render them incapable of similar development. Our client's lands have a long frontage on the strand in Clogga and this frontage would appear from a developers point of view for a development similar to that presently envisaged to be more suitable and more valuable. Our client neither desires to see such development carried out on her land, nor immediately contemplates such development, but if such development is permitted on adjoining lands then our client seeks to ensure that such development would not be a bar to the development on the same lines on her own land.

In effect our client does not wish to be left in the position of providing an amenity at her expense for the benefit of developers of adjoining lands.

For our client's information we would be glad if you would kindly let us know (a) whether there are in the Draft Development Plan for

the Clogga area any zoning restrictions; (b) whether there are any such restrictions or in general proposals in the plan which would specifically affect our client's land; (c) whether in the event that permission for the planning application presently before the County Council is granted restriction on the development of our client's lands will be imposed.

Yours faithfully,

A. O'HAGAN

The Planning Officer,
Wicklow Planning Authority
County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

(b) In the names of Councillors C. White, John J. Bourke 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 direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, for the provision of 2 bungalows at Lackan."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the Meeting held on the 5th January, 1970, to enable Members of the Council to inspect the site of the proposal. Members of the Council who had inspected the site stated that in their view the erection of the proposed two bungalows would not be injurious to the character of the area and that the road which would serve these sites was in a bad state of repair and carried very little traffic. Councillor Costello pointed out that Bord Failte Eireann had recommended that permission be refused in this case and that consequently if the Council passed a Resolution directing that Planning Permission be granted Bord Failte would appeal to the Minister. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that consideration of the proposal be deferred and Bord Failte consulted as to whether the Bord's objections could be overcome by planting to screen the proposed houses. The County Secretary pointed out that in view of the date on which the application was received it was necessary to issue a decision in regard to it within that week and it would not be possible to defer consideration of the proposal to a later meeting. In the circumstances it was agreed that the proposal by Councillor Costello could not be considered.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, for the provision of 2 bungalows at Lackan.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, C. White, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, K. Ryan—NINETEEN.

Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill abstained.

In the course of the debate Councillor C. White referred to objec-

tions made by Bord Failte to developments in the Enniskerry area but stated that in some instances the Board had not objected because the applicant was known to Officers of the Board. The County Manager asked that Councillor White submit details of the matters to which he referred and that a full report on the proposals concerned would be submitted to the Council.

(c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss Nancy O'Neill 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 direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree."

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary read the letter received from the applicant in which she indicated clearly that she was seeking permission to reconstruct a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree. Councillor J. Temple stated that it was quite impossible to reconstruct the house which was clearly a ruin and of which only old stumps of walls and rubble remained. Councillor Costello and other Members who had visited the site agreed that the structure was altogether incapable of reconstruction. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, the Council agreed that permission for the proposal be refused.

(d) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for permission for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Rd., Greystones, by Mr. William Mullineux had been refused on the following grounds:—

1. The sites are situated on elevated ground to the rear of existing residences on Rathdown and Church Roads and Church Lane and are thus in a position where the erection of further dwellings would be inconsistent with proper planning and development and would be seriously injurious to the amenities and depreciate the value of property in the vicinity.
2. The public road frontage and access available to the sites (15/20') are inadequate for the provision of a satisfactory service road. These inadequacies arise from the fact that the sites are practically land-locked and they impose limitations which would render access to the heavily trafficked Rathdown Road, as proposed, dangerous to public safety by reason of traffic hazard.
3. No evidence has been submitted that a water supply connection to serve the proposed dwellings would be granted by the Dublin Corporation.

The County Secretary stated that in the present application Mr. Mullineux had indicated that he had obtained permission from Dublin Corporation for a water supply connection. The County Secretary stated that an objection to the proposal had been received from Mr. Arthur Dey, "Rathlahine," Church Lane, Greystones, in which he stated that he believed the site in question was a field adjoining the grounds of "Rathlahine" and that he wished to object to the erection of two bungalows on this field. He stated that the field in question was swampy

towards the bottom as the land inclined very steeply and that the Rathdown Road was already overtaxed with traffic and any additional openings would cause further traffic chaos. Mr. Dey also stated that the sewerage disposal system was overtaxed and the water supply almost inadequate and that the pressure of water at "Rathlahine" was very bad and any additional houses adjoining would make it very difficult. Members of the Council stated that Mr. Dey was not the owner of "Rathlahine" and did not agree that there was merit in his objection. As it appeared that the main grounds for objection to the proposal was the matter of traffic hazard by reason of the access on to Rathdown Road the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on 9th February and asked that in the meantime the County Engineer examine the matter of access to the sites from Rathdown Road with a view to seeing if the matter of traffic hazard could be overcome.

(e) In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Seamus Costello, C. White 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 direct the Co. Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Mason, Upper Windgates, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use on his father's land at Upper Windgates, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that the previous application by Mr. Mason for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, Bray, had been refused on the 11th December, 1969, on following grounds:—

1. The site lies in an area of high amenity values. A dwelling erected on this site would injure seriously the considerable scenic and recreational values of this area by reason of prominence in views of Bray Head and of the surrounding landscape. Taken in conjunction with existing sporadic development along the scenic route on which the site is situated, the proposal would lead to irreparable injury to the scenic and recreational values of the area by constituting undesirably an extension of ribbon type development along the scenic route referred to above.
2. Evidence has not been submitted that an adequate supply of potable water would be available.
3. The erection of the proposed dwelling would result in an addition to traffic from a side road at a dangerous traffic junction.

The County Secretary stated also that the Greystones and District Civic Association had objected to this proposal. Councillor Costello stated that while he appreciated the reasons why the previous application had been refused the applicant in this case was a local resident who was getting married and proposed to build a new house on his father's land. His father's house in which he now resided was alongside the Bray/Greystones Road at Windgates and consequently access to the house was directly off the Main Road. The new house would have access from the side road leading to Cliff House and would be a less objectionable access than that from the present house. In regard to the matter of water supply Councillor Costello stated that Mr. Mason was agreeable to provide a water supply by sinking a well as the existing water supply was not adequate for any additional houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

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

City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Mason, Upper Windgates, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use on his father's land at Upper Windgates, Greystones, subject to condition that water supply be provided from a bored well.

Passed unanimously.

Oral Hearings of Planning Appeals.

The County Secretary informed the Council that arrangements had been made by the Department of Local Government to conduct Oral Hearings in the Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday, 18th February, 1970, in respect of the following appeals relating to Permissions for development granted by the Council in pursuance of Resolutions passed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

1. 10 a.m.—Proposed Development: 6 bungalows at Ballyflanigan, for Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne.
2. 12 noon—Proposed Development: 5 bungalows at Ballymerrigan, for David Maharry.
3. 3 p.m.—Proposed Development: Caravan Park at Laragh East for Kevin Merrigan.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor would be attending the Hearings to represent the Members of the Council.

Item No. 2 (a)—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th October and 3rd November, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Proposed House at Laragh East—Legal advice recommending revocation of Planning Permission.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received an application for approval to plans for a house to be erected at Laragh East for Mr. Christopher Merrigan with an indication that Planning Permission had been obtained for the erection of a house on the site in 1948. Planning Permission had been granted by Order of 10th Sept., 1948, to Mrs. F. Roberts, Boolard, Clifton, Co. Galway, for the erection of a bungalow on the site. In view of the period which had elapsed since the date Planning Permission had been granted but which had not been availed of, legal advice was obtained as to whether the Planning Permission granted in 1948 still applied and whether the Council was obliged to grant permission for the present application which showed a change of house plan. The County Secretary stated that the circumstances which now pertained at Laragh East were entirely different to those which existed in 1948 when the Planning Permission had been granted and that if the application were now being submitted for the first time it would be refused. During the 21 years which had elapsed there had been a tremendous increase in tourist traffic in the area which made it all the more important that the visual amenities of the area should be preserved; the pressure for development in the area did not exist nor could it have been anticipated in 1948 and in the meantime develop-

ment had taken place and under the draft Development Plan for the County emphasis was attached to the importance of the tourist industry and the necessity to preserve existing amenity values. The legal advice received by the Council indicated that the Grant of Permission given in 1948 was still effective and that consequently the Council would be obliged to grant permission for the present application provided that the plans submitted were acceptable. Council had advised that having regard to the change in circumstances and to the provisions in the draft Development Plan the Council could, if they considered it expedient to do so, revoke the permission granted in 1948 and had indicated the procedure to be followed if the Council wished to do so.

Councillor R. Miley stated that Mr. Christopher Merrigan who sought Planning Permission for the house at Laragh East had sold his house at Glenmacness because he had been unable to obtain a supply of electricity and he wished to provide a new house at Laragh East where electricity was available. On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council agreed that no action be taken in regard to the proposal that the Planning Permission granted in 1948 be revoked.

Item No. 3 — Transmission Lines from E.S.B. Generating Station at Turlough Hill.

The County Manager stated that the Council had received applications from the Electricity Supply Board for Planning Permission for transmission lines from the new Generating Station being built at Turlough Hill to Maynooth and to Great Island, Co. Wexford. The route of the transmission lines lay over the Wicklow Gap and then along the valley of the King's River to a point near Granabeg Bridge where one line branched northwestwards towards Maynooth and the other line southwards towards Great Island, Co. Wexford. The proposals raised important questions in regard to the effect of the transmission lines on the scenic amenities of the Wicklow Gap and the King's River Valley. The County Secretary gave particulars of objections received and the following letter from the local Branch Committee of the West Wicklow Development Association was read:—

WEST WICKLOW DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Local Branch Committee 11,
Valleymount,
West Wicklow

14th January, 1970.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Association is gravely concerned about E.S.B. plans to run double lines of overhead cables through the King's River Valley and urges the Council to take whatever steps it can to guard against permanent destruction of the view of the Valley from the Wicklow Gap Rd.

Should an E.S.B. view that not running the lines underground on grounds of expense be upheld (15 times the cost of overhead lines) it

would be necessary to take a fresh look at the proposed route. As a result of a reconnaissance of the area by the Development Officer and myself, together with consultation with our Local Branch Committee members we put forward the following points:—

- a. The King's River Valley must be preserved. Overhead lines would destroy the view of the picturesque meanderings of the river from the Wicklow Gap road.
- b. The solution lies in re-routing by debouchment along the general line of the upper road.
- c. This contradicts the principle that low ground is best to avoid skylines. The departure from principles is upheld in this case by the fact that—
 - (1) The eye-catching view is downward into the valley.
 - (2) The upper ground is generally afforested and not quite as important from the scenic aspect.
- d. Such re-routing would automatically satisfy the nine farmers in the valley.

If necessary this Local Branch would act as objectors under the Planning Act, 1963.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICK F. RYAN, C.C.,

Chairman, Valleymount Local Branch Committee.

A letter had also been received from the Valleymount Committee signed by a number of farmers in the area objecting to the proposed siting of the transmission line on their lands for the reasons that the pylons would seriously obstruct the only arable land they possessed and that the line would irreparably damage the natural beauty of the scene. As alternatives they proposed (1) that the transmission line be an underground one, and (2) that the line be re-routed to pass on the upper side of their holdings. The County Secretary also submitted objections received from Mrs. Theresa Doyle, 28, Serpentine Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin, protesting against the proposal to put pylons through the valley and from Mr. C. J. Butler of Garryknock, Valleymount, also objecting to this proposal and stressing the importance of the attractiveness of the King's River Valley. He pointed out that the circular route Dublin/Glendalough/Valleymount over the Wicklow Gap and down the King's River Glen was popular with both Dublin and foreign tourists and as the road was improved it would undoubtedly become more important. He stated that the proposed twin line of pylons passing right down the entire length of the valley could do nothing but ruin the many fine views which were to be seen from its roads and meadows. Mr. Butler also stated that he saw no reason why the Government could not meet the increased cost of placing the E.S.B. line underground and that the tourist earnings of the country would more than justify it. He also suggested that the E.S.B. had not made public sufficiently definite figures as to the cost of the underground lines to enable a proper assessment to be made and referred to a report he had read in a scientific journal of a new type of underground cable being developed in America which made underground transport of electricity cheaper than overhead.

Councillor J. Miley supporting the objections made in relation to the route through the King's River Valley urged that the Council refuse

the present application and asked that the line be re-routed at a higher level and in part be brought underground. The County Engineer stated that he was not satisfied with the proposals as submitted and also expressed the view that at least certain sections of the line should be put underground. The Co. Manager suggested that the matter be deferred and notice be served on the Electricity Supply Board for further information particularly in relation to the advice received by the E.S.B. from the Consultant Landscape Architect to which reference had been made in their application. He suggested that the E.S.B. should be required to submit a copy of the Landscape Architect's Report and also details of the cost of putting transmission lines underground. The Council agreed with the suggestion made by the County Manager and agreed also that a joint inspection be made by Officers of the Council with Officers of Bord Failte and An Taisce and following receipt of their recommendations that the Members would then arrange a meeting with representatives of the E.S.B. and an inspection of the proposed routes of the transmission lines.

Item No. 4—To fix date for Estimates Meeting of the Council.

Councillor S. Costello expressed the view that before a date be fixed for the Estimates Meeting of the Council that it would be desirable that all Health Authorities should consider the attitude they would take to the matter of Health Services in the Estimates for 1970-'71.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That an emergency meeting of the General Council of County Councils be called for the purpose of considering the attitude of local authorities in regard to Health Services in the Estimates for 1970-'71. Passed.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that before any special meeting of the General Council on this matter were held it would be necessary for the Council to consider the position of Health Services so that their delegates could be fully instructed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That a special meeting of the Council be held to consider the position of Health Services in relation to the Estimates for 1970-'71. Passed.

The Council agreed that the Special Meeting be held on Monday, 16th February, 1970. The County Secretary stated that the Council usually held the Estimates Meeting on the last Monday in February, which in the present year would be the 23rd February, but in view of the fact that the Council would be holding a special meeting to consider Health Services on the 16th February he suggested that the date of the Estimates Meeting might be fixed for the first Monday in March, i.e., 2nd March. The Council agreed that the Estimates Meeting be held on Monday, 2nd March, 1970, for the purpose of considering the Estimates for the financial year 1970/'71. The County Manager stated that par-

ticulars of the Estimates for Health Services would be available for consideration by the Members at the special meeting on the 16th February, 1970. Councillor J. Temple referring to the meeting of the representatives of Wicklow, Dublin, Kildare County Councils, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation and Dublin Corporation and Dublin Health Authority, held on the 16th January, 1970, expressed appreciation of the advice and help given by the County Manager at the meeting in relation to the proposed manner of apportionment of expenses of the Eastern Regional Health Board.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association had asked to be informed of the date of the Estimates Meeting and supplied with a copy of the Estimates when available and had also asked for permission for representatives of the Wicklow County Executive to attend at the Estimates Meeting for the purposes of making representations to the Council. The Council agreed that a Deputation from Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association be received at the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 10—To receive Tenders for Erection of Cottages at Tinahely (2), Ballydowling, Glencaly (1), and Kilbride, Arklow (1).

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of cottages were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
For Erection of 2 Houses at Tinahely.	
William Pollard, Tinahely	£5,740
James Dempsey, Tinahely	£6,090
Patrick A. Cullen, Tinahely	£8,174
For Erection of House at Ballydowling, Glencaly.	
Arklow Homes, Ltd.	£3,500
For Erection of House at Kilbride, Arklow.	
Timothy Weadick, South Quay, Arklow	£3,595
Arklow Homes, Ltd.	£3,300

The Council noted that the Tenders would be forwarded to the County Engineer for examination and report.

The remaining Items on the Agenda were deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 9th February, 1970.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, C. White, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory, Wm. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and Miss Nancy O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the

County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows."

In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—"That this Council purchase ground immediately at Tomacork for a new cemetery to replace the present one which is full."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council buy land from Mr. Art Sullivan, Merrymount, Rathnew, in order to provide a roundabout at this cul-de-sac."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"That the watermain be extended to Mount Alto, Ashford, as the 2" main is no longer private, since two houses being built in the area are being connected."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th February, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:—

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

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

AGENDA

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

- (b) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, C. White, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory, Wm. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, and Miss Nancy O'Neill:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows."

- (c) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th October, 10th November and 17th November, 1969.
3. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—(a) Waiver of Condition contained in Section 7 (1), and (b) Waiving of Separate Charges on holdings with land valuations up to £20 with no buildings attached.
4. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1970—To consider adoption of Scheme.

5. Public Access to Beach at Brittas Bay — Letter from Council's Solicitor.
6. Swimming Pool at Blessington—Report of County Engineer.
7. Recreation Centre for Newtownmountkennedy—Report of County Engineer.
8. Hollywood Water Supply—To authorise raising of Loan to defray cost of Scheme.
9. Revision of Rate of Wages of Fitters employed by Council.
10. Authorisation of Expenditure in excess of Estimates in the current financial year.
11. Laneway leading to Church of Ireland School at Kilcommon, Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
12. Road leading from Newtown Park, Blessington, to Kildare County Bounds—Report of County Engineer.
13. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellings.
14. Applications for Loans towards the cost of erection of new dwellings.
15. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
16. Applications for consent to sub-divisions of Vested Cottage Plots.
17. Proposed erection of Cottage at Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen, for Mr. William Condell.
18. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for Houses at Greystones.
19. Purchase of Land for building at the Green, Kilcoole, and acquisition of Green.
20. Letter from Arklow Harbour Commissioners regarding Planning Application of Avoca Mines, Ltd.
21. Temporary Office Accommodation for Staffs of Housing and Sanitary Services, Planning and Accounts.
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council carry out the necessary repairs to Mr. Green's cottage, Ballard, as this cottage is only two years built."
23. Cottages repaired during month of January, 1970, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of February, 1970.
24. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— (a) "That the Council erect extra lights on the road Dargle leading from corner known as Blind Lane corner to Kilcorney." (b) "That proper footpaths be laid from the Dargle Laundry to end of place known as 'The Slang'."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—"That this Council remove a dangerous bend on the main road from Shillelagh to Tinahely at Ballyrahan (at Kavanagh's cottage)."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—"That this Council purchase ground immediately at Tomacork for a new cemetery to replace the present one which is full."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"That the watermain be extended to Mount Alto, Ashford, as the 2" main is no longer private since two houses being built in the area are being connected."

28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council buy land from Mr. Art Sullivan, Merrymount, Rathnew, in order to provide a roundabout at this cul-de-sac."
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
 (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred from the previous meeting on the 2nd February to enable the County Engineer to consult with the applicant with a view to seeing if the difficulty of access from Rathdown Road could be overcome. The County Engineer reported that Mr. Mullineux had no further land other than that shown on the site plan submitted by him. He pointed out that it would be necessary for Mr. Mullineux to acquire more land and to inform the Council if such land would be available before any discussion as regards improvement of the access to the site could take place. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the application be considered again at a special meeting to be held on Monday, 16th February.

- (b) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, C. White, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory, Wm. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, and Miss Nancy O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received from Mr. Carey and consequently the matter could not be considered. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been submitted in this instance also. Councillor R. Miley handed in an envelope containing plans and asked if the matter could be considered at the special meeting to be held on the 16th February. The Council agreed that this application be included on the Agenda for the special meeting on the 16th February.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th October, 10th November and 17th November, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—(a) Waiver of Condition contained in Section 7 (1), and (b) Waiving of Separate Charges on Holdings with Land Valuations up to £20 with no Buildings attached.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister we hereby determine that the making of any allowance under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 and 1967, in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1970, within such financial year.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, and being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for Criminal Injuries on holdings consisting of land only with a valuation of £20 or less would exceed the amount leviable, we waive the levying and collection of such Rate.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for the Separate Charge relating to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board on holdings of land only under £20 would exceed the amount leviable we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of waiving and levying the collection of such Rate.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1970 — To consider adoption of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that in the previous year no application had been received under the provisions of the Scheme. As it appeared that there was no longer any demand for a Scheme of this type he suggested that no Scheme be made for the year 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme for the supply of Seeds and Fertilisers under the provisions of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting being in similar terms to the Scheme adopted by the Council for the year 1969, subject to the revision of the rate of interest chargeable to 8½ per cent.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Public Access to Beach at Brittas Bay — Letter from Council's Solicitor.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street, Wicklow

20th January, 1970.

Re: Public Access to Beach at Brittas Bay.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 19th instant and we note what you state. At the same time Mr. C. Lehan, Solicitor for Mr. Costello, also rang us as he had a copy of our letter to you of the 17th ultimo.

It appeared that Mr. Lehan was not speaking to Councillor Costello direct but was speaking to his co-defendants and they apparently had not told Councillor Costello what Mr. Lehan had asked us to do.

Mr. Lehan informs us that the Counsel he has engaged has advised that the Council should proceed with their action independently. That being so we are of opinion that the Council should proceed with the action but it would be necessary to rescind the resolution to the effect that the Council would agree to act as co-defendants for the purpose of establishing the right of way.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having noted letter from Council's Solicitor dated 3rd January, 1970, we hereby revoke the Resolution passed by this Council at Meeting held on 6th October, 1969, agreeing that for the purpose of establishing a right of way for the public at Brittas Bay the Council be joined as defendants in proceedings being taken by Mrs. Philomena Maguire against Mr. Costello and others, and direct that the Council's Solicitor proceed with the arrangements for establishing the existence of a public right of way at Brittas Bay.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Swimming Pool at Blessington—Report of Co. Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow

15th January, 1970.

Secretary,

SANITARY SERVICES SECTION

Re: Proposed Swimming Pool at Blessington

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 7th instant (SD/LO/C).

I enclose herewith Layout Plan for proposed Swimming Pool at Blessington, based on a design and estimate received from Messrs. Ascon Ltd. with whom I have had consultations.

The overall dimensions of the building is 109 ft. 7 ins. by 48 ft. 3 ins. with an Annexe, 89 ft. 0 ins. x 30 ft. 11 ins., for toilets, showers, wash-hand basins, changing rooms, clothes store, attendants, plant room, boiler room and store.

The swimming pool itself will be 82 ft. 6 ins. long by 30 ft. 0 ins. wide, with depth varying from 3 ft. 0 ins. to 9 ft. 10 ins. The accommodation also includes for changing cubicles for 20 women and 18 men.

The estimate cost of the proposed building would be in the region of £57,000 to £60,000. This includes for filtration, heating and air changing and all necessary equipment. The building would be a 11" cavity block wall, with a hyperbolic rubberoid roof shell. It will be similar to those already erected by this Firm for the Dublin Corporation at Townsend Street and Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin.

I would recommend that if it is decided to go ahead with the Pool that a Contract be entered into with this firm on a packet deal basis for the supply and erection of the building and all equipment.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley in regard to the high cost of the pool, the County Engineer stated that his estimate of £57,000 to £60,000 was for a covered and heated pool fully equipped with all necessary facilities. It would be possible to provide an uncovered pool at a very much lower cost but such a pool would be suitable for use only for the summer months whereas the swimming pool of the type on which his estimate was based would be capable of use the whole year round and would produce an income. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that if a 50 per cent. subsidy towards Loan Charges based on the full capital cost of £60,000 was obtained from the Department of Local Government the net Loan Charges to be met by the Council would be £2,913 15s. 0d. or about 2½d. in the £, if expressed as a Rate. This, however, did not cover any costs of maintenance and operation. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed that plans and specifications of the pool be submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request for approval and an indication as to the amount of the Grant which would be made available.

Item No. 7—Recreation Centre for Newtownmountkennedy—Report of County Engineer.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
17th December, 1969.

SECRETARY,

SANITARY SERVICES SECTION.

Re: Recreation Centre at Newtownmountkennedy.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter received on 17th July, 1969 (PH/AD).

I attach herewith two 6" prints showing in 'RED' thereon, sites which the Civic Development Association are interested in obtaining for a Recreational Centre.

Site No. 1 is owned by Mrs. Monteith, Ayrfield, Newtownmountkennedy. Its area is approximately 9 acres.

Site No. 2 is owned by Miss Lily Haslam, Newtownmountkennedy. Its area is approximately 4/5 of an acre. It adjoins the Parochial Football Pitch, e.c., which is shown in 'BLUE' on the map.

Site No. 3 is owned by Thomas Shortt, Springmount, Newtownmountkennedy. Its area is approximately 5½ acres. It adjoins O'Neill Park Housing Scheme.

The sites have been discussed with Mr. George Mooney, Vice-Chairman, Civic Development Association. The Association is interested in obtaining one of the sites in the following order of priority:

1. Site owned by Miss Haslam.
2. Site owned by Thomas Shortt.
3. Site owned by Mrs. Monteith.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the site owned by Miss Haslam which adjoined the parochial football pitch contained about four-fifths of an acre and would be approximately 100 yards from the dumping ground. It was understood that the football pitch, which was the property of the Parish, was used by the local G.A.A. Club. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal that a recreational centre be provided at Newtownmountkennedy to the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 8—Hollywood Water Supply—To Authorise Raising of Loan to Defray Cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted plans and specifications for the Water Supply for Hollywood. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £6,500. The Scheme had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval, who had indicated agreement to the plans subject to further consideration

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by the County Engineer of certain matters. The Department noted that it was proposed to carry out the work by direct labour.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £6,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the Hollywood Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Revision of Rate of Wages of Fitters Employed by Council.

The County Secretary stated that, following discussions with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in relation to a claim that certain employees of the Council should be graded as Fitters and receive remuneration at the rate for Fitters under the National Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement, agreement had been reached with the Union on the basis that the Fitters which numbered five be paid at the Maintenance Craftsmen's rate of 9s. 6½d. per hour with effect from 1st October, 1969. The estimated cost of this revision of remuneration would amount to £600 in the present financial year and about £1,450 in the coming financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the revision of rates of wages of Fitters employed by the Council and approve of the payment of Fitters at a rate of 9s. 6½d. per hour, being the rate applicable under the Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement, with effect from 1st October, 1969, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Machinery Expenses to defray the cost of the increase in wages.

Passed unanimously.

Rate Collectors—Allowance for Travelling and other Expenses.

The County Secretary stated that at the request of the local Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials Union the matter of an allowance to Rate Collectors for travelling and other expenses had been deferred from a previous meeting pending consideration of the basis of payment by the Rate Collectors concerned. The Wicklow Branch of the Union had now reported that following a ballot of the Rate Collectors it had been agreed to accept the award made under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration on the basis that each Rate Collector receive an allowance at the rate of 13 per cent. of the gross salary payable to him as at 1st April, 1968, and that the allowance apply as from that date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having noted recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the payment to Rate Collectors with effect from 1st April, 1968, of allowances for travelling and other expenses at a rate of 13 per cent. of

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the gross salary payable to each Collector as at 1st April, 1968, and hereby authorise expenditure of £3,400 in excess of the amount provided in the current year to defray the cost of the payment of these allowances for the year 1968-69 and for the year 1969-70. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Authorisation of Expenditure in Excess of Estimates in the Current Financial Year.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of headings of the Services under which expenditure in the present financial year was likely to exceed the amount originally estimated. In the case of Sanitary Services the headings affected were (1) Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance, (2) Dumping Grounds, and (3) Maintenance of Open Spaces; under Health Services, Medicines, Extern Institutions, Ambulance Service and Retiring Allowances and Gratuities, and under Public Assistance in respect of Home Assistance. In regard to General Purposes the County Secretary stated that the Council had decided not to make any provision in the Estimates for the current financial year in respect of Courthouses—Rents and Expenses and Repairs and Renewals. During the year urgent works of repairs had to be carried out at Baltinglass, Bray and Wicklow Courthouses to an amount in all of £51 and particulars of these repairs were given to the Council. The Council also had to meet the accounts for electricity supply to the Courthouses and for Rents, Rates and Insurance for which the Council was liable. Councillor J. Temple, supported by Councillor S. Costello, protested against any expenditure having been incurred under these headings in view of the Council's decision not to make any provision in the Estimates. Following a discussion in the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of the following Services to the amounts indicated in respect of each Service:—

Sanitary Services:—

Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	£3,000	
Dumping Grounds	£500	
Maintenance of Open Spaces	£200	
		£3,700

Health Services:—

General Medical Services—Medicines	£4,920	
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Extern Institutions:—

Maternity Hospitals	£1,300	
T.B. Hospitals	£600	
Fever Hospitals	£1,500	
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb	£9,300	
		£12,700

Ambulance Services

Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	£2,410	
Public Assistance	2,000	
	£840	

£22,870

General Purposes:—

Courthouses—Rents and Expenses	£800	
Repairs and Renewals	£51	£851

£27,421

Passed, Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, K. Ryan and S. Costello dissenting.

The County Secretary had indicated that the County Engineer had recommended that defects in the lighting in the Courthouse, Wicklow, be attended to by an electrician as a matter of urgency and also that the main hall was in urgent need of redecoration. The plaster on the west wall of the Criminal Court was defective and it was necessary to re-plaster and re-decorate the wall internally, to replaster the wall externally, to provide new gutters, down pipes and to carry out roof repairs. The total estimated cost of the works recommended would be over £700. The Council indicated that having regard to the policy as expressed at the Estimates Meeting the Council was not prepared to approve of these works.

Item No. 11 — Laneway leading to Church of Ireland School at Kilcommon, Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow

8th January, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

**Re: Church of Ireland School at Kilcommon, Tinahely;
Use by School 'Bus.**

A Chara,

With reference to yours of 15th and 3rd December, 1969.

The avenue to the school is 120 yards in length and in its present condition it would not be possible for the school 'bus to travel down same. This would mean 'buses stopping on the main road to allow schoolchildren to alight, which would be a traffic hazard, and also place the children in danger.

The works necessary to improve the avenue are as follows:—

- (1) Remove ditch and erect fencing for a distance of 100 yards.
- (2) Surface and surface dress avenue.
- (3) Improve junction with the main road.

The estimate cost of carrying out the work would be £350.

As the Council do not maintain this lane, it would not be their responsibility to carry out the work.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council agreed that the road be improved under a scheme carried out under the Local Improvements Scheme if this were possible but if a scheme could not be arranged the Council would be agreeable to take over the road as a public road and make provision for the necessary works.

Item No. 12—Road leading from Newtown Park, Blessington to Kildare County Bounds—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
22nd January, 1970.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Road Leading from Newtown Park, Blessington, to Kildare County Bounds.

A Chara,

Councillor James Miley has made representations in regard to the taking over of the above road.

I see no objection to the Council taking over this road, which is in good condition and has recently been surface dressed. The length of the road is 140 lin. yds. and the width is 13 ft. The cost of putting the road in a state of repair for taking over would be £10 and there are no houses on the Wicklow section of the road but it continues on into Kildare where there are a number of houses. The annual maintenance of the road when taken over would be £8. I enclose herewith Map, with the road marked thereon in 'RED.'

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council agreed that this section of road be taken over as a public road. Councillor J. Miley drew attention to two other roads, i.e., those at Kylebeg and Cryhelp, which the Council had agreed would be taken over as public roads and asked that the necessary public notice be given in relation to these two roads also.

Members of the Council inquired as to whether the full amount of the Grant of £5,000 made available for works under the Local Improvements Scheme would be expended within the financial year. The County Engineer stated that any Scheme for which the local contributions had been paid could be carried out but it was essential that the local contribution be paid before any work could commence. He stated that every effort would be made to have the full amount of the Grant expended by the 31st March but this would depend on whether the Assistant County Engineers in the areas concerned would be able to overtake the work of supervising these Schemes.

Item No. 13—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

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

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

of £300 to Francis Murphy, The Bungalow, Manor Kilbride, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Manor Kilbride.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. James Hughes, Magherabeg, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Three Mile Water, Wicklow.
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 Michael Broderick, Croneybyrne, Rathdrum, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Croneybyrne for occupation by Mr. Richard Windsor.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that in the case of the Supplementary Grant payable to Mr. Michael Broderick the house in question would be occupied by his farm Foreman, Mr. Richard Windsor.

Item No. 14—Applications for Loans towards the Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

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 John Brady, Bawnogue, Rathdangan, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Bawnogue, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Thos. N. Clancy, 5, Kingsmill Road, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballywaltrim, Bray, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,000 to John Kelly, Greenane, Rathdrum, towards the cost of purchase of a dwellinghouse at 5, Fogarty's Row, Aughrim, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Graham W. J. Brierton, 5, Ledwidge Crescent, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballywaltrim, Bray, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Patk. Haughian, 2, Highfield Park, Dundrum, Dublin, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of Mr. John Moody, Ballyhubcock, Stratford-on-Slaney, for a Loan of £1,780 in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballyhubcock Upper, the County Secretary pointed out that the house to be erected was of a pre-fabricated type. A certificate of income had not yet been received from Mr. Moody and the Council was also awaiting an estimate of the market value of the house from the County Engineer. The Council had not previously given a Loan in respect of this type of dwelling and a report from the County Engineer as to the likely life of this type of house would be required. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the application to the special meeting of the Council arranged to be held on the 16th February.

Item No. 15 — Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottage.

Having considered the application of Mrs. Eileen Kelly for consent to the sale of her Vested Cottage No. 88/6 at Kilmullen, Newtownmountkennedy, to Mr. Alan J. Flett, the Council decided that consent to this sale be refused. The Council noted that while Mr. Flett gave his address as Three Mile Gate, Wicklow, it was understood that his permanent residence was at Trees Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin, and it was felt that the house if purchased would be used only as a summer residence and that in consequence Mr. Flett could not be regarded as being in need of housing.

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 Mrs. Elizabeth Mulhall of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 55/2 at Lugatryna, Dunlavin, to Mrs. Theresa O'Brien, Brittonstown, for the sum of £1,100, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £366 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Applications for Consent to Sub-divisions of Vested Cottage

In regard to the application of Mrs. Theresa Doyle, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, for permission to sub-divide her vested cottage plot the

County Secretary stated that the Council's Resolution asking that the Minister approve of the waiving by the Council of any claim to a contribution in this case had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and a reply had been received indicating that the Department had nothing to add to their letter of the 15th July, 1969, in which it had been indicated that the statutory payment to the Council for the redemption of that portion of the annuity proper to the sub-divided plot should be calculated in accordance with the terms of Circular H5/67 of 14th April, 1967, as amended. It would be necessary consequently for Mrs. Doyle to pay the sum of £164 5s. 8d. to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the application of Mrs. Theresa Doyle, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, for permission to sub-divide her cottage plot No. 38/3 in order to provide for the erection of a house thereon for Mr. Patrick Haughian, 3, Highfield Park, Dundrum, Dublin, subject to payment to the Council of a contribution amounting to £164 5s. 8d.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Kathleen Phillips for permission to sub-divide her vested cottage plot to provide for the erection of a house for her son-in-law, Mr. James McGrath. The Council noted that since in this case the erection of a house was for a member of the family of the tenant/purchaser the contribution to be made to the Council would only amount to £7.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the granting of permission to Mrs. Kathleen Phillips, Kilmurray Cottages, Kilmacanogue, to sub-divide her cottage plot No. 144/4 in order to allow for the erection of a new house thereon for her son-in-law, Mr. James McGrath, subject to payment to the Council of a contribution amounting to £7.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Proposed Erection of Cottage at Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen, for Mr. William Condell.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the house in which Mr. Condell was living was unfit for human habitation and incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost. He had also indicated that there was a suitable site for a house on Mr. Condell's land at Ballymaghroe. The County Medical Officer had agreed that Mr. Condell was in need of housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a cottage for Mr. William Condell, Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen, on his own lands at Ballymaghroe.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked that arrangements be made as soon as possible for the invitation of Tenders for the erection of the house for Mr. William Condell.

Item No. 18 — Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for Houses at Greystones.

The County Engineer stated that he was not yet in a position to submit his recommendation on these Tenders.

Item No. 19—Purchase of Land for Building at The Green, Kilcoole and Acquisition of Green.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. David Gahan, whose two brothers had been recommended for the tenancy of two houses at Kilcoole, had land suitable for building in the area. The County Engineer reported that the land owned by Mr. Gahan was at the junction of Lott Lane and the road leading eastwards from Kilcoole National School but was unserviced and therefore would be extra costly to build on. Mr. Gahan, however, had a small plot at the Fairgreen with an approximate frontage of 45' by 70' deep. This could accommodate two specially designed semi-detached two storey buildings with entrance from the fronts to the back yards through the buildings only. The present Council type two storey building would be too wide for the fitting of two of them on the site. As an alternative a single Council type bungalow would fit on the site. The County Engineer stated that the site at present contained a number of derelict buildings and was convenient to public water and sewerage systems. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor White, the Council agreed that the land owned by Mr. Gahan at the Green, Kilcoole, be acquired as a derelict site. The Council agreed also that the site when acquired be used to accommodate two specially designed semi-detached two storey buildings as suggested by the County Engineer. It was agreed that the allocation of the two houses at Kilcoole to the Gahan brothers be deferred pending further consideration at the next meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

In regard to the acquisition of the Green the County Secretary stated that rights-of-way across the Green were used by Mr. David Gahan and Mr. D. C. Young and that a Mrs. Andrews also had access to her garage from one of these rights-of-way. He pointed out that there was no intention of depriving any of these people of access to the Green and that for that reason care would have to be taken in the erection of any fencing on the Green when it had been taken over by the Council. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., urged that the matter of completing the acquisition of the Green under the Derelict Sites Act be completed as soon as possible in order that the Green could be fenced.

Item No. 20 — Letter from Arklow Harbour Commissioners Regarding Planning Application of Avoca Mines, Ltd.

The following letter from Arklow Harbour Commissioners was considered by the Council:—

ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Harbour Office, Arklow

14th January, 1970.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
Application of Avoca Mines, Ltd.

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer to the application of Avoca Mines, Ltd., for planning permission in respect of the construction of a storage bin copper con-

centrate at the premises of Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., one mile South of Arklow, and to say that Arklow Harbour Commissioners object to the granting of planning permission for the following reasons:—

1. In view of Plans for the proposed development of Arklow Harbour to cater for ships of 2,500/3,000 tons capacity already before the Department of Transport and Power, it is essential that all possible revenue should be available to Arklow Port to assist the Commissioners in making a significant contribution towards the cost of the development works and the granting of planning permission to Avoca Mines Limited, would, in the opinion of the Harbour Commissioners, be an unwarranted interference with the business of the Port of Arklow.

2. When Avoca Mines Limited are in production, the present Harbour Revenue in Arklow will be reduced by reason of the supply of Sulphur from Avoca Mines to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta, and it is essential that such reduction should be offset by the export of Copper Concentrates through Arklow Port.

3. In consenting to the carrying out by Messrs. Roadstone Limited of certain works at Arklow Rock in July, 1969, the Commissioners made it quite clear that their consent was given on the basis that such works would not interfere with the existing or future traffic to Arklow Port.

4. A great many local persons and interests depend for their livelihood on the maintenance of the Port of Arklow, which can only be achieved by maintaining and increasing the present trade, and this would be seriously jeopardised by granting the application.

5. Since both Avoca Mines Limited and Messrs. Roadstone Limited have benefited from Public Funds, it is essential that their activities should not adversely affect the continued existence of Arklow Port, which is so necessary to the welfare of the whole Urban and County population.

6. As you are aware, both Wicklow County Council and Arklow Urban District Council have guaranteed Loans made to the Harbour Commissioners from the Local Loans Fund, and if there is to be any prospect of the Commissioners repaying these Loans and thus reducing the burden on the ratepayers of the Town of Arklow and County of Wicklow, it is essential that the trade of Arklow Port should be maintained and increased.

7. Arklow Harbour Commissioners can provide the necessary storage and local Shipping Agents the necessary loading facilities for Avoca Mines Limited on reasonable and competitive terms. Furthermore, it is confidently expected that vessels of suitable size will be accommodated within the next couple of years when the Port Development Scheme has been completed.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. McELHERON, P.C.,

Chairman.

For and on behalf of ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

Councillor Cleary proposed "That this Council consider that Planning Permission should be refused for the application of Avoca Mines Ltd., for a storage bin for copper concentrates at the premises of Roadstone Ltd., south of Arklow." The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sweeney. In proposing the Motion, Councillor Cleary supported the objections put forward by Arklow Harbour Commissioners and pointed out that it was unfortunate that this application was made by Avoca Mines Ltd. at the present time when a major scheme of improvements

for Arklow Harbour was under consideration by the Minister for Transport and Power. He pointed out that some years ago approval had been given to the construction of a special model at a cost of £20,000 for the purpose of a study to determine improvements to the Harbour which would obviate the extensive dredging which had had to be carried out for many years past. Following the study of this model by Dutch experts a major scheme had been prepared by Consulting Engineers on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners which scheme was estimated to cost £1,000,000 and also a lesser scheme estimated to cost £250,000 but which would involve dredging to an extent of about £20,000 per annum. At the request of the Minister for Transport and Power a special Report had been obtained from the Economic Advisory Unit and this was now being submitted to the Minister. Councillor Cleary stressed the importance of the Arklow port where there was a large fleet of fishing vessels owned locally and stated that if the proposal of Avoca Mines to use the Roadstone jetty were allowed there was a likelihood of 25 dockers losing their jobs in Arklow. Councillor S. Costello pointed out that the Council when considering the application of Avoca Mines Ltd. would be restricted to Planning considerations only and could not take account of objections on economic grounds, such as those put forward by Arklow Harbour Commissioners. He suggested that it would be undesirable at present for the Council to pass any Resolution for refusal of Planning Permission. Councillor Costello suggested that the parties concerned might meet with the Council and with the Minister for Transport and Power with a view to seeing if an acceptable compromise could be reached. Following a discussion on the matter Councillor Cleary, with the agreement of Councillor Sweeney, withdrew his Motion and:

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That a joint deputation from Arklow Harbour Commissioners and this Council meet representatives of Avoca Mines Ltd., Roadstone Ltd., and the Minister for Transport and Power.

Passed.

Extension of Time for Making of County Development Plan.

The County Secretary stated that the time for the completion of the County Development Plan had been extended to 31st March, 1970, but having regard to the number of meetings of the Council which would be held during the period to 31st March in relation to the annual Estimates and otherwise it was unlikely that it would be possible for the Council to complete their consideration of objections and representations received and complete the Plan by 31st March. He suggested that application be made to the Minister for a further extension of time for the making of the Plan to the 30th June, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a further extension of the period for the making of a County Development Plan to 30th June, 1970, so as to allow sufficient time for consideration by the Council of objections and representations received. Passed unanimously.

The remaining Items on the Agenda were deferred.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor Thomas J. Keenan:— "That extra efforts be made to buy land for house building in Avoca, Aughrim and Ballinaclesh, as there is an urgent need for houses in these areas."

In the name of Thomas J. Keenan:— "That this Council build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, as he is living in conditions which are a danger to his family."

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That the Council build a house for Mr. Byrne at "Blackberry Lane," Stylebawn, Delgany, on his own lands."

Special Meeting of Windsor County Board of Health for the purpose of considering the Balance of Health for the financial year 1970-71 was held at the Council Chamber, 22 Cornhill, Windsor, at 2.30 pm on Monday, 16th February, 1971.

The following members attended:
 President: Mrs. M. Walsh, Chairman.
 Secretaries: William C. Ryan, Thomas J. Keenan, Rayn, Ryan, John
 Kennedy, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Riley, M. J. O'Neil, G.
 Collins, T. D. Edwards, James S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Leary, Mrs.
 Nancy O'Neill, Josephine, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hesse,
 Meyer Riley, B. J. O'Neil and C. W. Wagon.
 The County Manager, County Secretary, and Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff
 Officer, Social Services, were present.

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Notice of Motion

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

In the name of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, E. B. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Grubb, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacorney, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor Thomas J. Keenan:— "That such efforts be made to buy land for house building in Avoca, Aughrim and Ballinacorney, as there is an urgent need for houses in these areas."

In the name of Thomas J. Keenan:— "That this Council build a house for William Byrne, Ballinacorney, Rathfriland, as he is living in conditions which are a danger to his family."

In the name of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council build a house for Mr. Byrne of Ballinacorney, Rathfriland, on his own land."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the Estimates for Health Services for the financial year 1970/71 was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th February, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, 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, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and C. White.

The County Manager, County Secretary, and Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff Officer, Health Services, were present.

Sea Wall at Bray.

The Chairman (Miss M. Walsh) stated that she had received a request signed by twelve Members of the Council to allow time for a short discussion in connection with the decision of the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of repairs to the sea wall at Bray. Having regard to the number of the Members of the Council who had signed the request she proposed to allow the discussion as requested. The Council agreed to the proposed discussion. Councillor J. Temple referred to information which had been received during the previous week by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area that the Commissioners of Public Works had indicated that they were not in a position to proceed with a scheme for the carrying out of urgent repairs to the sea wall at Bray. The Town Engineer, Bray Urban District Council, had reported that further damage had been caused to the sea wall and promenade in recent storms and that urgent repair works were essential if more widespread damage was to be avoided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we request the Minister to receive a deputation from the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in relation to the need for repairs to the sea wall at Bray.

Passed.

Objection by Arklow Harbour Commissioners to Planning Proposal by Avoca Mines Ltd. about the use of the Roadstone Jetty for Export Shipments of Copper Concentrates.

The Chairman stated that the County Secretary had indicated that a reply had been received from the Department of Transport and Power to the Council's request for the reception of a joint reception. As the matter was urgent the Council agreed that it be considered immediately. The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Department of Transport and Power.

Department of Transport and Power,

Kildare St., Dublin 2.

13th February, 1970

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Transport and Power to refer to your letter of 10th February, 1970, regarding an objection by Arklow

Harbour Commissioners to a planning proposal by Avoca Mines Ltd. about the use of the Roadstone jetty for export shipments of copper concentrates.

On 19th December, 1969, the Harbour Commissioners made representations to this Department regarding the use of the Roadstone jetty for exports of ore from Avoca mines and requested that steps be taken to ensure that such traffic is channelled through Arklow port. It was explained to the Commissioners in reply that arrangements in such matters are entirely within the discretion of the exporter. Also, in the present case, vessels of a size used for this traffic cannot, at present, be accommodated at Arklow port. In these circumstances it was explained to the Harbour Commissioners that it would not be appropriate to intervene as suggested by the Commissioners.

In the light of the foregoing the Minister feels that this matter could best be pursued through direct negotiations between the parties concerned. As there is no action which he can usefully take in the matter, he trusts that it will be appreciated that it would not be appropriate for him to receive the proposed delegation.

Mise, le meas.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

The following letter had been received from Avoca Mines Ltd.:-

AVOCA MINES LIMITED

February 12, 1970.

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.
Attention: Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary.

Re: Planning Permission for Concentrate Storage Shed—Arklow.

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter of February 10th proposing a meeting on the above subject between the Minister for Transport and Power, Arklow Harbour Commission, Roadstone Ltd. and Avoca Mines Ltd.

Just to make a few points clear, may we say:

1. This mine went bankrupt in 1962 and was examined and turned down by several mining companies since. When we entered this venture in 1969, we were assured that we would receive all possible help. So far we have not asked for, nor plan to ask for such.
2. Our investment will amount to £2,250,000 by late this year. We are currently employing 250 people and expect to employ 350 when in full operation. Our operation is important to Wicklow County economy.
3. Our estimates, and the best independent advice that we could get, say that Roadstone's jetty is the best shipping point for us. We appreciate, and sympathise, with the geographical problem of Arklow Hbr. However, we are at a loss to understand why our attempts for efficient shipping should be hampered, when as we will show below, this operation can, and will be, of benefit to a broad segment of Ireland, as well as Arklow Town.

4. Our smelter contracts require 1,200 ton minimum shipments, which are not possible from Arklow Harbour.
5. Conferences are good but they seldom solve problems promptly. We will be glad to attend a conference any time prior to February 27. After that, it is important that we lay firm shipping plans, and we are going to do so.
6. If we are prevented from using Roadstone's jetty, we will be forced to make other arrangements.
7. Time is of the essence in this venture and it is running out fast. We came to Ireland to reopen a mine that will provide a £600,000 annual payroll to Wicklow County and could improve the Irish balance of payments by £4,000,000 per year. This, we maintain, is of important consequence and we are determined to bring this venture to fruition promptly, regardless of obstacles.

Yours sincerely,

AVOCA MINES LIMITED

R. J. KILGOUR,

General Manager.

cc. Mr. B. Lenihan, T.D.
Mr. P. Brennan, T.D.
Mr. J. McElheron, A.H.C.
Mr. P. A. Lynch, Roadstone.
Mr. J. C. Byrne, Avoca Mines.

Having considered the letters from the Department of Transport and Power and from Avoca Mines Ltd. the Council agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 23rd February, 1970, and that representatives of Arklow Harbour Commissioners, Avoca Mines Ltd., Roadstone Ltd., Arklow Urban District Council, and the Unions representing the dockers and mine workers in Arklow, be invited to attend the meeting, to discuss this matter. The Council agreed that each body be asked to send not more than two representatives to the meeting. The Council agreed also that a reply be sent to Avoca Mines Ltd. assuring the Company that the Council did not wish to impede progress but were concerned with the future of Arklow port. Members also suggested that representatives of Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta be asked to attend.

Estimates for Health Services for 1970/'71.

The following letter had been circulated to the Members of the Council by the County Manager:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow

12th February, 1970.

Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES—1970/'71.

HEALTH SERVICES

SPECIAL MEETING—MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1970.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

At the meeting of the Council held on 2nd instant it was decided that there would be a special scrutiny prior to the Annual Estimates

meeting of the provision proposed to be made for the Health Services in the coming year, and that for this purpose a special meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 16th February, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

In accordance with the decision of the members information as to the cost of the Health Services is now being circulated, and in the attached Statement and Tables full details will be found of the cost under each heading, together with explanations as to the causes of variations from the present financial year.

On the basis of the details now given the Health Services would require an additional rate of 5s. 3d. in the coming year.

The Rate for Health in the present year was 28/6d. and for the coming year the Rate required would be 33/9d. The Rate of 33/9d. had been calculated after allowing for a State Grant of the same proportion as in the present year when it was approximately equivalent to 54 per cent. of the total outlay.

As explained in the attached Statement the rise in the cost of Health is mainly due to the additional outlay on Hospital Treatment, especially in the Extern Hospitals (the Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area). Other items showing substantial increases are Medicines, the remuneration of District Medical Officers, Disability Allowances, and the Ambulance Services.

An examination of the requirements for the other Services of the Council indicates that some additions to the existing Rate levy would be required for all of them because of rising costs following mainly from increases in remuneration. The increases to be provided for would be:

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| Roads | 1. 11. A | This increase is for the most part attributable to increases in remuneration. |
| Health | 5. 3. | The reasons for this charge have been separately given. |
| Sanitation | 1. 1. | This is mainly ascribable to the provision for new water supplies and sewerage and to scavenging requirements. |
| Housing | 4. 1. | Provision has to be made for the cost of additional Housing Grants, and for additional engineering staff. |
| Public Assistance | 2. 1. | The allowances were reviewed recently in the light of what had been done in the case of Social Welfare allowances generally. |
| General Purposes | 11. 1. | The increases here are due in the main to additional provision for the Committee of Agriculture (new offices) and the Fire Brigades. |

The total Rate required for the coming year as calculated from a review of the requirements for all the Council Services would be 84.11d. which is 9/9d. more than in 1969/70 (when the rate was 74/4d.) and as already pointed out 5/3d. of this would be due to the Health Services.

It is not expected that the Rate for Separate Charges under which

provision is made for Vocational Education and Criminal Injuries will show any material change from that in the present year.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

Following receipt of information from the Department of Health in relation to a special additional Grant towards the Health Services the following letter had been sent to the Members of the Council by the County Manager:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow

13th February, 1970.

Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES—1970/71.

HEALTH SERVICES

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

Since writing to you conveying details of estimated Health costs for the coming year a letter has been received from the Department of Health stating that the Minister had under consideration the question of a special Grant from the Vote for his Department towards containing the Health Rate for the year 1970/71, and he had decided to provide assistance, additional to the Statutory (50 per cent.) and Supplementary (4 per cent.) Grants payable to Health Authorities. The additional assistance, it is stated, would ensure that despite the increases in the estimates of all health authorities for the year 1970/71 the increase in the Health Rate will not exceed 2/-d. in the £ in any area.

The Department state that the amount of additional Special Grant for 1970/71 which will be payable to Wicklow County Council is £32,000.

It is also stated in the Department's letter that full allowance has been made in the calculation of the Special Grant of £32,000 for a proposed increase as from 1st April, 1970, in capitation rates payable for services in Voluntary Hospitals, and that details of these would be furnished later.

It was pointed out by me that in the Estimates for Health Services which have been transmitted to you, in the case of Extern Institutions, i.e., the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere, provision was being included for a 20 per cent. increase in capitation charges. This was apart from any provision which it was felt necessary to make because of a rise in the number of hospital admissions. In the current year the increase approved by the Minister in the capitation rates for Voluntary Hospitals was 20 per cent. Whilst exact information as to the approved revised capitation rates for Voluntary Hospitals is not yet available it now seems that the increase will be of the order of about 10 per cent.

As a result of the information which has been received from the Department of Health it has been decided that the provision for Extern Institutions which has been shown in the Tables circulated to you as £470,405 can be reduced to £415,155. This reduction affects the esti-

mate for the Health Grant under Receipts. The revised figures accordingly will be (previous figures in parenthesis):

Extern Institutions (total) (p. 1 of Tables)	£415,155 (£470,405)
Total Health Expenditure (p. 3 of Tables)	£1,236,815 (£1,292,065)
Income — Health Grant (p. 3 of Tables)	£673,025 (£670,860)

The net amount, on this basis, to be levied from Rates would be £524,505 and would require a rate of 30/5d. in the £ which would be an increase for Health of slightly less than 2/- in the £; for the year 1969/70 the rate was 28/5.72d. in the £. The manner in which the Health Grant is calculated is shown in the Statement now enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

HEALTH SERVICES GRANT CALCULATION OF HEALTH GRANT

	Original 1970/'71	Revised 1970/'71
Gross Expenditure	£1,292,065	£1,236,815
Deduct non-recoupable Items:—		
Loan Charges	£7,035	
Proportion of Engineers etc., Salaries	£1,412	
Improvements at Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital	£2,000	10,447
	£1,281,618	£1,226,368
Deduct Special Grant (100 per cent.) Items:—		
Diabetes Scheme	£900	
Care of Aged Grant	£2,000	2,900
	£1,278,718	£1,223,468
Deduct Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services and other Receipts	36,385	36,385
Adjusted Expenditure for Grant Purposes	£1,242,333	£1,187,083
Health Grant being 54 per cent. of Adjusted Expenditure	£670,860	£641,025
Additional Grant	NIL	32,000
	£670,860	£673,025

Councillor Costello referred to previous Resolutions passed by the Council protesting against any change in the Rates for Health and urged that the Council should not depart from these decisions. Councillor J. Temple also referred to the meeting which had taken place between representatives of the Council with representatives of Dublin and Kildare County Council, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, Dub-

lin Corporation and the Dublin Health Authority and pointed out that the representatives of all these bodies had agreed that representations be made to the Minister that an additional Grant be provided by the State towards the cost of Health Services so as to ensure that the charge on Rates did not exceed that levied in the current financial year. The County Manager stated that the Resolution which had been passed by the combined Health Authorities at their meeting, as referred to by Councillor Temple, had been forwarded to the Department of Health and it appeared that the letter recently received from the Department of Health notifying the additional Grant represented the reply of the Minister to these representations. He pointed out that Dublin County Council had already considered the reply received from the Minister and had accepted the additional Grant and had determined their rate for Health Services for the coming financial year showing an increase of 2/-d. in the £ over that levied in the present financial year. Councillor Costello referred to the decision of the Council to seek a special meeting of the County Council's General Council and to a reply he had received from the Secretary of the County Council's General Council. He felt that there was still a possibility that a special meeting of the General Council could be arranged and that the Council should not at present accept the amount of the additional Grant notified by the Minister. At the request of Members of the Council the following letter received from the County Council's General Council was submitted:—

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin 1.

12th February, 1970.

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

Health Services—Estimates for 1970/'71.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 4th inst., and telephone conversation of 5th, The Executive Committee—at their meeting held yesterday, 11th inst—considered your request for a special meeting of the General Council re above.

In view of the fact that a requisition would have to be signed by 15 members of the Council and as this had not come to hand, the Committee could not accede to your request but I was directed to contact the Minister for Health asking that he would make known as soon as possible, his intentions for Central Fund Relief of the Health Charges, and now await his reply.

Mise, le meas,

EILIS NI DHEORAIG.

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The letter received from the Department of Health notifying the additional Grant was also submitted:—

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin 1
11th February, 1970.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to state that he has had under consideration the question of a special grant from the Vote for his Department towards containing the health rate for the year 1970-71. He has decided to provide assistance, additional to the statutory (50 per cent.) and supplementary (4.0 per cent.) grants payable, which will ensure that despite the very considerable increase in the estimates of all health authorities for that year the increase in the health rate will not exceed 2/- in the £ in any area.

The amount of special grant which will be payable to your health authority is £32,000. This amount has been based on the information supplied by you in regard to (1) the estimated balance at the commencement of the year, (2) the amount to be rated for and (3) the produce of the rate, and will be subject to adjustment by reference to any improvement in the balance situation as finally determined, or to any decrease in the amount rated for or increase in the produce of the rate. Full allowance has been made in the calculation of the special grant for a proposed increase, as from 1st April, 1970, in capitation rates payable for services in voluntary hospitals, details of which will be furnished shortly.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we accept the increase of £32,000 in Health Grant as notified by the Minister.

As an amendment:

It was
Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That we defer a decision on the Health Estimates pending a meeting of the Genral Council of County Councils.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh—Ten.

Against: Councillors C. White, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—Eleven.

The amendment was declared defeated by eleven votes against to ten in favour. The Council accordingly accepted the additional Grant as notified by the Minister.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the Health Estimates in detail to the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 2nd March, 1970.

Bray Dispensary.

Councillor Temple complained that the Pharmacist in the Bray Dispensary had left the Dispensary before the last patient of the District Medical Officer had been attended to and in consequence patients had to return to the Dispensary to have prescriptions supplied. He asked that suitable arrangements be made to ensure that this did not occur. Members also referred to the need for the provision of improvements to the Clinic at Bray and it was agreed that tenders be sought again for these works. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council asked that a thorough investigation be made by the County Medical Officer into the operation of the dispensary service in Bray with reference to the hours worked, the availability of staff, etc.

Accommodation in Dispensaries.

Councillor J. Whelan asked that extra seating accommodation be provided in dispensaries.

Appointment of District Medical Officer and Medical Officer to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council the County Manager stated that a doctor had been recommended for this appointment and was expected to take up duty on the 1st March. The doctor had indicated that he intended to build a house within the dispensary district and to reside within the district. Members of the Council urged that it be assured that the doctor to be appointed complied with the requirement of residing within the district within a reasonable time.

District Medical Officer for Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley complained of the delay in filling the permanent post of District Medical Officer, Blessington, and proposed that in the circumstances Dr. W. J. Purcell, who had been acting as Medical Officer at Blessington since 1967, be appointed to the permanent post. The Council agreed that the Council's views on this matter be conveyed to the Department of Health.

Repairs to Tinahely Dispensary Residence.

Councillor Miss Walsh urged that arrangements be made to have repairs carried out to Tinahely Dispensary Residence as soon as possible so as to ensure that it would be ready for occupation when an appointment of a new Dispensary Medical Officer was made.

Following the termination of the Special Meeting in regard to the Health Services the Council proceeded to consider the following matters which had been referred to a Special Meeting to be held on that date:—

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to

Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

2. Application for Loan towards the cost of erection of new Dwelling-house at Ballyhubbock Upper.

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Mullineux had been asked to indicate if he could obtain additional land for the purpose of improving the access to the houses and if so to submit proposals for an improved access. So far these details had not been received. Councillor J. Temple handed in a plan showing a proposed improvement to the access to the houses and it was agreed that this be referred for examination by the County Engineer and that the matter would be considered at a special meeting to be held following the Meeting arranged to be held in Monday, 23rd February, 1970.

(b) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that Councillor R. Miley had handed in on that date a map showing the site of the proposal and also a copy of the public notice given in the newspaper but the formal application by the applicant with an indication of her interest in the site had not yet been submitted and consequently the application could not be considered at that meeting. The Council agreed that this application also be considered at the meeting to be held on Monday, 23rd Feb., 1970.

Item No. 2—Application for Loan towards the cost of erection of new dwellinghouse at Ballyhubbock Upper.

The County Secretary submitted a Report received from the County Engineer indicating that he valued the house proposed to be erected by Mr. Moody at £1,780 and that he estimated the life of the dwelling at 65 years. Having allowed for State Grant and Supplementary Grant the maximum Loan which the Council could make to Mr. Moody was

£1,300. Having regard to the type of house to be built the County Secretary suggested that the Loan should be for a lesser period than 35 years.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,300 repayable over 25 years to John Moody, Ballyhubbock, Stratford-on-Slaney, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballyhubbock Upper, subject to compliance with the requirements of Council's Scheme. Passed unanimously.

Temporary Offices for Planning, Rates and Housing and Sanitary Services and Accounts Sections.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer in which he estimated the cost of providing temporary offices in a Terrapin building for the staffs of the Planning, Rates and Housing and Sanitary Services at £6,500 approximately and also estimating that a sum of £320 would be required for the provision of a new office on the ground floor of the offices at Kilmartin Hill for the Accounts Staff. In reply to enquiries from Councillor Hynes the County Secretary stated that while it was agreed that the new permanent offices would be desirable it was unlikely that the Council would be in a position to obtain the necessary capital to meet the cost of building new permanent offices.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of his proceeding with the provision of temporary office accommodation in a Terrapin building for the staffs of the Planning, Rates and Housing and Sanitary Services, at an estimated cost of £6,820 and approve also of proceeding with works on the ground floor of the offices at Kilmartin Hill for the purpose of providing additional office accommodation for Accounts Staff, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure to defray the cost of these works in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates.

Passed unanimously.

Tenders for Erection of Public Toilets, Landscaping and Ancillary Works at South Beach, Greystones.

The following Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender	Time for Completion
Dodds, Builder, Brighton Terrace, Bray.	£11,780	20 weeks
B. Hourican, Building Contractor, 4, Loreto Avenue, Bray.	£12,970	12 weeks
Brady and Nixon, Park House, Ashdale Road, Terenure, Dublin.	£14,286	24 weeks
National Excavation and Construction Co. Ltd., 11, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1	£14,500.	—

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred to the Consultant Architect and County Engineer for examination and Report.

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Dumping Ground at Rathnew.

Councillor Hynes referred to the unsatisfactory conditions at the dumping ground at Rathnew and asked that the matter be investigated with a view to ensuring proper supervision.

Dumping Ground at Tinahely.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh asked that arrangements be made as soon as possible for the covering in of the old dumping ground.

Dumping Ground for Bray Urban District Council at Ballybawn.

Councillor White referred to objections received to a proposed dumping ground for Bray Urban District Council at Ballybawn. He stated, however, that there was a site which he considered would be suitable for a dumping ground about 100 yards from the site for which Planning Permission had been refused by the County Council, this site being located at a place known as "Pigs' Hollow" on the Sugarloaf. It was agreed that Councillor White's suggestion be conveyed to Bray Urban District Council.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will take over Old Kilbride Graveyard."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd February, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. in regard to the proposed use by Avoca Mines Ltd. of the jetty at the premises of Roadstone Ltd. at Arklow Rock for the export of copper concentrates. Following the termination of the Meeting a further Special Meeting to consider Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was held.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

The following bodies were represented by those named hereunder at the Meeting, as requested by the Council:—

Arklow Harbour Authority:	Mr. J. E. McElheron, Chairman, and Mr. J. Tyrrell, Vice-Chairman.
Avoca Mines Ltd.:	Messrs Kilgour, Shaw and Riordan.
Roadstone Ltd.:	Mr. Lynch.
Arklow U.D.C.:	Councillors New and Kearon.
Nitigrin Eireann Teo:	Messrs Hynes and McSweeney.
I.T.G.W.U.:	Messrs Brauders and Gannon.
(representing the dockers)	
Representing the Mine Workers:	Messrs Murphy and Doyle.
Economic Intelligence Unit:	Mr. O'Loughlin-Kennedy.

Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, welcomed the representatives of the various bodies to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance as requested by the Council. She gave a brief statement of the event's and discussions which had led to the Council's proposal that all parties concerned in regard to the proposed use by Avoca Mines Ltd. of the jetty at the premises of Messrs. Roadstone Ltd. and the development of Arklow Harbour be asked to meet with the Council with a view to seeing if the matters at issue could be resolved satisfactorily. At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary read the letter of 14th January, 1970, which had been considered by the Council at their meeting on the 9th February and also the letter from the Department of Transport and Power of 13th February, 1970, in reply to the Council's in relation to the proposed Scheme for the development of Arklow Harbour Commissioners, Avoca Mines Ltd. and Roadstone Ltd. The County Secretary also read the letter of 12th February, 1970, received from Avoca Mines Ltd. and also considered by the Council at their meeting on the 16th February, 1970.

Mr. J. E. McElheron, Chairman, Arklow Harbour Commissioners, addressed the Council and informed them that at the request of the Minister for Transport and Power the Arklow Harbour Commissioners had obtained a financial Report from the Economic Intelligence Unit in relation to the proposed Scheme for the development of Arklow Harbour and this Report had been received and considered by the Commissioners at their meeting on the previous Friday night. The Report had been forwarded to the Department of Transport and Power for consideration by the Minister. In regard to the third point made in

his letter of 14th January, 1970, to the Council, Mr. McElheron stated that the Commissioners had received an inquiry from the Department of Transport and Power as to whether any objection was seen to the proposed use by Roadstone Ltd. of their jetty at Arklow Rock and had replied indicating that the Commissioners had no objection to the use of the jetty provided that it was used only for the Company's own products. Mr. McElheron claimed that at the present moment Arklow Harbour could offer a reasonable service to Avoca Mines Ltd. In referring to Grants obtained from public funds Mr. McElheron pointed out that this reference in his letter was not to Avoca Mines Ltd. but to St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., their predecessors. Mr. McElheron stated that there were two representatives of shipping interests present who could provide particulars of the services available at Arklow Harbour. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Cleary as to whether the Commissioners had been approached by the Avoca Mines Ltd. as to whether their shipping requirements could be handled through Arklow port Mr. McElheron replied that they had not been approached but recently there had been discussions with Avoca Mines Ltd. In regard to the matter of the size of ships which could be handled at Arklow Mr. McElheron stated that the port could handle 1,200 ton ships and up to 14 foot draught. Mr. J. Tyrrell, Vice-Chairman, stated that the harbour had provided all services necessary for St. Patrick's Copper Mines satisfactorily except in two instances where ships had been caught on sand banks when they had sailed contrary to advice. The Harbour Commissioners had not been asked as to whether the export of ore from Avoca Mines Ltd. could be dealt with through the harbour. He referred to a visit of representatives of the Harbour Commissioners to Mr. Kilgour, Managing Director, Avoca Mines Ltd., during December, 1969, at which the Commissioners had been informed that the export of ore via Roadstone jetty had been arranged some time previously. He suggested that smaller ships 800 to 1,000 ton would be more easily available and suitable for use for the export of the ore and that there would be a difference of only 5/- per ton in freight between the smaller ships and the larger ones. He also drew attention to the difficulties in using the Roadstone jetty in heavy seas.

Mr. R. J. Kilgour, Managing Director, Avoca Mines Ltd., addressing the Council, pointed out that the use of the Roadstone jetty by the Company was purely a matter of economics. The cost of export through Arklow port would be much higher and he emphasised that the lower the costs of production the longer life the mine would have and that this was in the interests of Arklow and of the country generally. Mr. Kilgour stated that Arklow port had been closed for some time during the last two winters and drew attention to the fact that Nitragin Eireann Teoranta had been obliged to use Wicklow port. He apologised for not having discussed the matter of the exports with Arklow Harbour Commissioners at an earlier date but stated that on his arrival he had been informed that the arrangement with Roadstone Ltd. for the use of their jetty had been settled. He drew attention to the difference in freight rates between using ships of 700 and 1,900 tons which he understood would amount to 19/- per ton. Mr. Kilgour pointed out that Avoca Mines Ltd. had 350 employees and that there was a large number indirectly engaged as a result of the re-opening of the mines and that this was of considerable benefit to the economy of the country.

Mr. Lynch, Roadstone Ltd., stated that the previous June a request had been received by Roadstone Ltd. for provision for shipping concentrates in 2,000 ton ships and as the company did not feel that this would interfere with Arklow Harbour in view of the size of the ships they had agreed to the use of their jetty.

The following letter received from the Secretary, Arklow and District Trades Council was submitted:—

Secretary's Address,
102 St. Peter's Place,
Arklow
21st February, 1970.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
Attention of Chairman.

Re: Proposal of Avoca Mines Ltd. for the use of Roadstone Jetty for Export Shipments of Copper Concentrates

Dear Sir, and Madam Chairman,

We thank you for your letter of 17th inst. re above, which was the first communication, any interests have made to our Council.

At a Special Meeting on 20th inst. our Council unanimously passed the following resolution:—

"As an Organisation entitled to representation on Arklow Harbour Board under part II of the First Schedule to the Harbours Act, 1946, and Section 7 (9) of the Act."

"It is our opinion that the Arklow Harbour Board should guarantee to Avoca Mines Ltd. that a dredger will be employed to keep the Harbour clear to receive Ships up to 1,500 tons, and in that event, Avoca Mines Ltd. should only ship through Arklow Port, and that pressure be used to have the Harbour properly developed as soon as possible."

A copy of this resolution is being forwarded to the Minister for Transport and Power.

Our Council also decided to request the Arklow branch of the I.T. and G.W.U. to send two representatives to your meeting of 23rd inst to represent the interests of dock workers and general workers in Avoca Mines Ltd.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. McBRIDE,

Secretary.

Mr. Gannon, on behalf of the dockers at Arklow, stated that the loss of sulphur imports would represent one half of the earnings of the dockers. He claimed that shipping from Roadstone jetty was mainly by means of ships of 800 to 1,200 tons and that very few of 2,000 tons used the jetty. He wished to object on behalf of the dockers to the proposed use of the Roadstone jetty. Mr. Murphy, on behalf of the mine workers, stated that they were glad that the mines had re-opened and referred to the number of employees at the mines and the substantial investment which had been made in the re-opening of the mines. He pointed out that many of the workers now employed in the mines had returned from abroad to take up work again in Arklow.

Councillor New, Arklow Urban District Council, supported the representations made by Arklow Harbour Commissioners and urged that the port be improved but at the same time welcomed Avoca Mines Ltd. and stressed that the Urban Council wished to co-operate with the Company in their enterprise. Councillor Kearon, Arklow Urban District Council, stated that quotations had been obtained for 1,000 ton and for 2,000 to 2,500 ton vessels and that the great majority of shipping available was in the smaller class. He contended that ships of

2,000 to 2,500 ton were not readily available. The following letter received from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Arklow,
16th February, 1970.

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

Proposal by Avoca Mines Ltd. to use Jetty at Arklow Rock.
Dear Mr. Brangan,

In connection with above matter, I wish to state that the following is text of resolution passed by the Members of the Arklow Urban District Council at their Meeting held on the 13th February, 1970. A copy of this resolution has been forwarded to the Minister for Transport and Power for his information.

Yours sincerely,
N. BRADLEY,

Town Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney,
Seconded by Councillor Cleary,
and unanimously resolved:

"That we view with grave concern and record our strong disapproval of the proposal by Avoca Mines Ltd. to use the jetty at Arklow Rock, thereby diverting trade from Arklow Harbour, and prejudicing the future development of the Port and the industrial and commercial growth of the town. We ask that the Minister for Transport and Power would immediately enter into discussions on this matter with the Arklow Harbour Authority and the other interested public authorities and industrial undertakings, and we, furthermore, ask that the Minister would, without delay, give his approval to the plans which have been prepared for the improvement of Arklow Port, as the implementation of this scheme is essential in the national and local interest."

Mr. Hynes, Managing Director, Nitrogin Eireann Teoranta, stated that the traffic from his Company came through both Arklow and Wicklow Ports. The greater part of their business was done through Arklow port. He pointed out that 80,000 tons of pyrites would now be bought from the mines and this would eliminate the import of sulphur. He referred to a new factory to be built at Arklow, the products of which would be for export through Arklow port, and suggested that both the Arklow port and the Roadstone jetty would be needed to handle the mines exports and his Company's exports together.

Mr. O'Loughlin-Kennedy of the Economic Intelligence Unit pointed out that all the bodies represented were properly concerned with their own interests. He queried the range of prices given for shipping. Mr. O'Loughlin-Kennedy stated that Arklow port was a small port with a large problem of dredging, which involved an expenditure of £20,000 per annum. There was a splendid jetty along the shore particularly good for exports though not at present good for imports. The new plans would enable the harbour to be developed to take bigger ships and reduce the expenditure on dredging to a figure of from £4,000 to £5,000 per annum. He felt that it should be possible to reach an agreement between all the interests concerned. Mr. O'Loughlin-Kennedy added that he felt that this was a case for a compromise and suggested a meeting of the local interests.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, pointed out the position of the County Council in regard to the Planning application and at her request the following letter received from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

30th January, 1970.

Planning—Application of Avoca Mines Ltd. for Construction of Storage Building and Conveyor at Arklow Rock.

Dear Sir,

I duly received yours of 29th inst. enclosing letter from Mr. J. E. McElheron, P.C., Chairman of Arklow Harbour Commissioners in which he sets out seven grounds upon which the County Council could refuse the permission sought by the Avoca Mines Ltd.

I have gone carefully into the 7 reasons set out in Mr. McElheron's letter and I have no hesitation in saying that none of them could be regarded as planning considerations.

It is quite clear on examining the Planning Acts that the Wicklow County Council could not refuse an application for permission on the grounds that same might affect the activities at an existing port or ports, similarly the fact that Wicklow County Council have guaranteed loans granted to Arklow Harbour Authority and Wicklow Harbour Authority would not be a ground for refusing under the Planning Acts.

I would like to refer to Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, which enacts that in deciding to grant or refuse a planning permission the Planning Authority shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and development of their area (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof), regard being had to the provisions of the Development Plan and the provisions of any special Amenity Area Order. It is noted that Avoca Mines Ltd. propose to construct a Storage Building and Conveyor in the County Health District and not in the Arklow Urban District. The Council should also bear in mind that the draft Development Plan does not contain any provisions in relation to Port Development in the County.

In conclusion I would like to say that I am quite satisfied that if the County Council were prepared to refuse permission on any one of the 7 grounds of objection lodged on behalf of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners that the High Court would immediately hold that the Council had exceeded their Authority under the Planning Acts and would annul the Refusal Order made by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL

K. J. Brangan Esq.,
County Secretary,
Kilman in Hill,
Wicklow

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—That we request the interested parties concerned to meet with a view to seeking a solution acceptable to all.

Passed.

Mr. J. E. McElheron, Chairman, Arklow Harbour Commissioners, invited all parties represented at the meeting to a meeting as the guests of the Harbour Commissioners and suggested that if convenient the meeting could be held that afternoon at a hotel in Wicklow. The

representatives of the various bodies present agreed and Mr. McElheron having thanked the Council for the initiative displayed in arranging the joint discussion the representatives left to meet together in accordance with the request of the Council and the invitation of the Chairman of Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Following the termination of the meeting in relation to Arklow Harbour and Roadstone jetty a further Special Meeting of the Council was held to consider the following Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

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

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

(c) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, C. White, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory, Wm. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and Miss N. O'Neill:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows."

(d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Wm. Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, 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 direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the revised lay-out for the entrance while not eliminating the traffic hazard would alleviate it to a certain extent. Mr. Mullineux in letter of 18th February had stated that he tried to obtain additional land at the site entrance but apart from the section in front of the five bar gate he was unsuccessful.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Wm. Mullineux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, to erect two bungalows on Church Road, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

(b) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that the site was owned by the applicant's mother, Mrs. Esther Hawkins, and in the previous application from Miss Breda Hawkins it was stated that she was getting married. Her brother William, had been given permission for a bungalow on the adjoining site last October. The previous application from Miss Breda Hawkins had been refused and the present proposal was identical with the previous one and the County Engineer had again recommended refusal of permission for the reasons already given, viz.

1. The proposed residential development of this site with a separate entrance would give rise to an urban type ribbon development with a multiplicity of entrances along a main tourist route (T61) to Glendalough.
2. Proper planning and development requires that the carrying capacity of this heavily trafficked tourist route be increased (vide the proposed re-alignment of this road at this point). The proposal would be in serious conflict with this requirement because an extra entrance onto the re-aligned road would reduce traffic carrying capacity and give rise to a traffic hazard.

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Hawkins was rated for land containing 16a. 3r. 21p. with a total valuation of £5 14s. 0d. and also for a house valued at £6. The County Council was acquiring 4 acres of land from her at this point for improvement of the adjoining Main Road. Councillor R. Miley stated that Miss Hawkins was agreeable to having the access to her bungalow and the access to her brother's bungalow on the one entrance to the adjoining public road and consequently he held that no additional traffic hazard would arise. He proposed that the Council direct the Grant of Outline Planning Permission subject to the condition requiring only one entrance to the two houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

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 Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Breda Hawkins, Annamoe, for the provision of a bungalow on her mother's land at Drumore, Annamoe, subject to access to the bungalow and the bungalow for William Hawkins being from one joint entrance from the public road.

Passed unanimously.

(c) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, C. White, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory, Wm. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan,

Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and Miss N. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows."

The County Secretary stated that this application was identical with the previous proposal submitted by Mr. Carey in November, 1969, for which permission was refused and the County Engineer had again recommended refusal of Outline Permission for the same reasons, viz.

The proposed development taken in conjunction with existing development would constitute undesirable ribbon development in the rural area, remote from the existing nucleus of population at Newcastle and along a heavily trafficked tourist route to which further access would tend to cause serious traffic congestion and be hazardous to road users. Further sporadic residential development in this rural area, as proposed, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and be injurious to the amenities thereof.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Carey was rated for 218 acres of land valued for rating purposes at £242 and for buildings valued at £43. He resided at The Rookery, which was shown on the site lay-out plan submitted, and stated in his application that the land was of little value for agricultural purposes. In October, 1968, permission was granted to his brother, Mr. Michael Carey, The Agricultural Institute, Lullymore, Rathdangan, Co. Kildare, for the erection of a house on the adjoining site of 1½ acres. This house has been built. In July, 1969, a Mr. O'Connor of Church Road, Ballybrack, was refused permission for the erection of a bungalow on another site on Mr. Carey's land and an Appeal had been made against this decision. The County Manager pointed out that Mr. Carey had also obtained permission for another house for himself but that subsequently that house had been sold. Councillor Bourke stated that subsequent to Mr. Carey obtaining permission for the house for himself his father died and he then moved into his present house, The Rookery. His brother had been living at Newcastle Middle at the time permission was sought for the house for him but before the house was completed he had been transferred to a post in Co. Kildare.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Carey, The Rookery, Newcastle, for the erection of two bungalows. Passed unanimously.

(d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Wm. Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this case had been handed in on that date and there had been no opportunity of having it examined. Councillor Sweeney asked that consideration of the application be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council and the Council agreed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1971, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 2nd March, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant, and Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff Officer, Health Services, attended.

The Chairman conveyed an apology from Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., for inability to attend.

Application for Reception of Deputation.

The Chairman submitted a letter received from the Newtown Tenants' Association requesting the reception of a Deputation in connection with the occupation of a cottage in the Newtownmountkennedy area and on the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the next ordinary Council Meeting.

The Council agreed that the Meeting would be adjourned at 5 p.m.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor B. Phelan, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a Resolution conveying the sympathy of the Members to Mr. H. Jordan, Clerical Officer, on the death of his child.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, referred to the Special Meeting which had been arranged by the Council in connection with the Health Services and stated that in consequence of the pressure exerted by Wicklow County Council and other Health Authorities the Minister had indicated that an additional Grant was being made available which had the effect of ensuring that the increase in the Rate for Health Services in the present year would not exceed 2/- in the £. The proposed increase in the Estimates in respect of Health Services for Wicklow County Council was 1/11d.

Deputation from National Farmers' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association and Mr. Nolan, Secretary, addressed the Council. He drew attention to the increase in the Estimates for Health Services and Roads and again put forward the view that the costs of these Services should be met from central funds and should not be a charge on Rates. He suggested that the revenue required to meet such additional central charges could be obtained by an increase in indirect taxation on commodities such as alcoholic drinks. In stressing the increasing burden on the agricultural community he pointed out the huge wage increases which had been obtained during the past two years which were not offset by any increases in the income of farmers and contended that the farming community had

been the worst hit by inflation. He asked that the Council give consideration to the effecting of economies by limiting the extent of certain services. Mr. Nolan referred also to the high percentage increases in certain of the items under Sanitary Services and to the increase in the costs of Rate Collection and other items under General Purposes. Councillor Costello objected to the statement made by the Chairman at the commencement of the Meeting and claimed that the Council had reversed their previous decision by accepting the extra Grant for Health Services which had been notified by the Minister. He expressed the view that the Council should have pressed for a meeting of the General Council of County Councils and opposed the decision of the Council to accept the additional Grant allocated. The Council proceeded to examine the Estimates for Roads.

Roads.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the damage being caused to County Roads by forestry operations and Councillor R. Miley pointed out that the roads serving the State forests were mainly in the mountains and had not been constructed for heavy traffic. He urged that these roads be made fit for carrying the heavy traffic which now arose from the development of the forestry operations. The County Secretary stated that following consideration of a previous Report from the County Engineer in regard to excessive damage to roads by lorries drawing timber from the State forests the Council had asked that special representations be made to the Department of Local Government for an increase in the County Road Grants to enable the Council to bring such roads up to a standard suitable to take the heavy loads which were now being transported over them. The Council agreed that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government for additional Grants for the reconstruction of these roads. Councillor Whelan and Councillor J. Miley pointed out that County Roads generally carried much heavier traffic nowadays than in past years and that consequent on the introduction of the school buses improvements to roads were required and they also drew attention to the increasing tourist traffic on County Roads. The County Manager stated that in the year 1957/'58 the amount provided for maintenance and reconstruction of Main Roads was £78,404 and of County Roads £77,349. In the Estimates now submitted the corresponding provisions were £149,501 for Main Roads and £154,738 for the County Roads. In 1957/'58 a sum of £782,000 was made available by way of special Grant for County Road Works. In the Estimates now submitted a Grant of £34,092 was provided for but the actual amount of Grant received in the previous year was £21,250. He pointed out that the reduction in the amount of the Grant for County Roads would have been related to the increase in the mileage of County Roads in Co. Wicklow which had been reconstructed and provided with dust free surfaces. By the end of the present year the mileage of County Roads with dust free surfaces would represent over 90 per cent. of the total mileage of County Roads. He agreed that the increase in the extent of heavy traffic on County Roads, particularly that arising from Forestry operations, would seem to justify an increase in the amount of the County Road Grant.

Councillor Ryan drew attention to the need for the replacement of temporary bridges which had been erected to replace bridges destroyed following the severe flooding in November, 1965. On the proposal of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor James Miley, the Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be asked to provide special Grants towards the cost of replacement of the five

temporary bridges which are estimated to cost £80,000 and it was agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to receive a Deputation from the Council in the matter. The Council decided to defer the determination of the membership of the Deputation until after the meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary be asked to write to the Department in the matter and to request the reception of the Deputation.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh referred to the matter of a bridge at Munny which had been closed to traffic as it was considered unsafe. She urged that provision be made for replacing this bridge also. The County Secretary pointed out that the bridge in question had become damaged as a result of work carried out by local land owners under a land improvement scheme and the Council would be seeking payment from the persons concerned of the cost of repairing the bridge.

Having examined the details of the Roads Estimates and noted the terms of the County Engineer's Report, which had been circulated to the Members, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, "That we accept the amounts provided in the Estimates for maintenance and reconstruction." Passed, Councillors Costello and Phelan dissenting.

Local Improvements Scheme.

In reply to inquiries by Members the County Engineer stated that he expected to be able to expend the full amount of the Grant provided for the present year before the 31st March, 1970. The Council agreed that application be made to the Minister for an increase of £5,000 in the Grant to a total of £10,000.

The Council approved of the other provisions made in the Estimates for Roads.

Health Services.

Members of the Council having indicated that they wished to raise matters in relation to the Health Services it was agreed that the Estimates for Health Services be considered.

Appointments of District Medical Officers.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked that inquiries be made from the Local Appointments Commission as to when the posts of Medical Officers for Tinahely and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts could be filled.

Compounder at Bray Dispensary.

On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Phelan, the Council agreed that the County Manager be authorised to pay an allowance by way of overtime to the Compounder at Bray so as to ensure that she remained on duty in the Dispensary until all patients had been seen by the doctor. The Council noted that the County Medical Officer was preparing a special Report on the operation of the Dispensary Service in Bray and that this would be available shortly.

Appointment of Medical Officer at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department in regard to the Council's recommendation that the doctor at present acting temporarily as Medical Officer for the Bless-

ington Dispensary District be appointed permanently to the post. Councillor Miley stressed that members of the public in the Blessington area had expressed complete satisfaction with the services provided by the temporary Medical Officer.

Councillor Whelan inquired whether some type of temporary screening could be provided in local Dispensaries and it was agreed that this matter be examined.

Councillor J. Miley asked if an Eye Clinic could be provided in Blessington and it was agreed that this would also be looked into.

Councillor Hynes also inquired regarding the provision of a waiting room for psychiatric patients attending for clinics at Wicklow Hospital. The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a meeting to be held on the following Monday, 9th March, 1970.

Public Convenience at Greystoneis.

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had now been received for the acceptance of the lowest Tender received in response to public advertisement for the provision of public toilets, kiosk, car parking and ancillary works at the South Beach, Greystones. Public toilets were estimated to cost £5,000 and the Council would receive a subsidy of 50 per cent. of the Loan Charges on this amount. Bord Fáilte were meeting the cost of the kiosk and contributing 80 per cent. of the cost of the other works. As it was desired to have the work put in hands at the earliest possible date the County Secretary asked if the Council would approve of the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 to defray the cost of the public conveniences.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the erection of new public sanitary conveniences at the South Beach, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 9th March, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, 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, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, and C. White.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant and Mr. S. Desmond, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, were present.

The Council proceeded to examine the Estimates for Public Assistance.

Public Assistance.

In reply to an inquiry relating to the Footwear Scheme the County Manager stated that this Scheme had been introduced as a war time measure but had still continued and that the number of pairs of footwear issued under the Scheme was limited by the amount of the Grant made available.

In regard to salaries the County Manager pointed out that while this figure included the full salaries of Assistance Officers in fact approximately two thirds of the time of these Officers were devoted to Health Services. The matter of allowing the appropriate proportion of the salaries and expenses of Assistance Officers to be charged against Health Services had been taken up with the Departments of Health but it had been pointed out by the Department that the full cost of the salaries of the County Medical Officer and his Assistants and of the Health Inspectors was charged to Health Services even though these Officers discharged many other duties in respect of Sanitary Services and Housing.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board

Councillor Temple complained of insufficient notice having been given of the dates and times of meetings of the Board and asked that adequate notice be given in future.

The Council made no change in the provision for Public Assistance.

Sanitary Services.

The Council proceeded to examine the Estimates for Sanitary Services.

Tinahely Water Supply.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh urged that a Caretaker be appointed for Tinahely Water Supply and her proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Whelan.

Wicklow Regional Water Supply.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor Hynes the County Manager gave particulars of the apportionment of the costs of Loan Charges and maintenance expenses of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply between

the Wicklow Urban District Council and the County Council. Particulars of the consumption of water in both areas from this source were also given. Councillor Hynes drew attention to the position that the greater part of the water produced from the Scheme was being used by Wicklow Urban District Council whereas the greater part of the cost of the Scheme was being met by the County Council. Members of the Council inquired as to the position regarding a number of Water Supply Schemes and Sewerage Schemes proposed and the Co. Manager stated that a summary of the position in regard to the various Schemes would be prepared and circulated to the Members of the Council and included on the Agenda for a meeting at the earliest possible date. In regard to the Sewerage Scheme for Avoca and Kilmagig the County Engineer stated that a preliminary estimate had been approved by the Department but a Consultant was to be engaged to prepare the details of the Scheme. On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Phelan, the Council agreed that a Consultant be engaged.

Sewerage Scheme at Bray.

Councillor Temple asked that a Scheme be prepared and an estimate of cost of the making of connections and installing toilets in houses which would be served by the new Sewerage Scheme in the area South of Bray. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into this request.

Domestic Scavenging and Dumping Grounds.

In reply to inquiries by members of the Council the Co. Manager stated that in the Urban Districts the Domestic Scavenging Service was provided by direct labour but in the County areas this service was provided by Contract. He pointed out that dumps were now being used for industrial waste whereas they were provided for the purpose of dealing with domestic refuse only. In regard to a recent statement concerning dumping at Arklow the County Manager stated that Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta were availing of the Urban District Council dump at Arklow but made no contribution towards the cost of dumping industrial waste at this place. He suggested that industries should provide their own means of disposal of refuse. He drew attention also to the type of containers used at present, i.e., plastic bottles, etc., and suggested that the manufacturers of these types of containers should meet part of the cost of disposal of their products which created problems for local authorities. Members of the Council suggested that gates should be provided on all dumping grounds and that dumping should be restricted to specified times at which a caretaker would be present to ensure that dumping was controlled. It was agreed however by Members that even when gates were provided many persons dumped refuse on the roads approaching the dumping ground. Councillor Gregory urged that a domestic scavenging service be provided for Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove based on the dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy. It was proposed by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Hynes, that Tenders be invited for this service. Councillor Gregory contended that the dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy would last for many years and could absorb the collection of refuse from these areas.

Burial Grounds:

Councillor J. Temple referred to the need which would arise very shortly for a new burial ground for the Bray area and suggested that a meeting be arranged between the Commissioner for Bray Urban District, the Members of the County Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Parish Priest of Bray to consider the matter. His proposal was seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. Councillor Ryan referred to the need for a new burial ground to serve the Carnew/Shillelagh area and suggested that a meeting be arranged between the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area with the County Medical Officer and the Parish Priests with a view to agreeing on a suitable site.

Contribution to Water Safety.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council agreed that a Lifeguard be employed at the South Beach, Greystones, in the coming season. The Co. Manager stated that provision for this service had been made in the Estimates.

HOUSING.

Sale of Vested Cottages.

Reference was made by Councillor J. Temple to the sale of a vested cottage area for £2,600 and Councillor Timmins suggested that the Council should consider waiving their contribution of one third of the purchase price so as to assist qualified persons on the Council's Housing List to obtain such cottages when put up for public auction. The County Manager pointed out that the consent of the Council was required in all cases to the sales of vested cottages and the Council insisted that the purchaser be a qualified person.

Erection of Council Houses.

Members of the Council having inquired as to the position regarding Schemes for the erection of Council houses the County Engineer gave a verbal report on the present position. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the Council on his proposal had asked several months previously that progress reports on housing be submitted every month. On his proposal the Council agreed that the County Engineer submit a report on the progress of housing for consideration by the Council at their Housing Meeting each month. The Council made no change in the provisions made for Housing Services.

Road at Arklow for Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta.

Councillor Cleary referred to statements which had been made by the Managing Director of Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta at a recent function in Arklow and drew attention particularly to criticism made of the County Council for alleged delay in construction of a special access road to serve the Nitrigin Eireann factory. He asked for the observations of the County Manager on the criticism made. The County Manager stated that having seen the press reports of the statement made by Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta he had written to the Managing Director on the subject. The County Manager stated that a few years ago a proposal to provide a new road to the factory to avoid heavy traffic from the factory passing through the town of Arklow had been made. The County Engineer arranged for a Traffic Survey with the approval of the Council and of the Department of Local Government and a Survey for a by-pass route had been carried out by the County Engineer's staff. As it was found that a by-pass road

would be very costly it was decided to proceed with the matter of a special access road. Drawings and estimates submitted by Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta for an access road were received in May, 1969, and were examined by the County Engineer. The County Engineer, however recommended an alternative route through the lands of the Forestry Division to connect with the Beech Road which leads from Arklow to Avoca. This alternative route would have a better gradient and alignment and would avoid creating a dangerous road junction at Temple-rainey which would result from the proposals of the Company. The estimated cost of the new access road for the route proposed by the Company was £49,500 whereas the County Engineer's alternative proposal was estimated to cost £41,500. It was evident from the cost involved that the work would have to be assisted by substantial State Grants and the Department of Local Government had been approached in regard to this matter. The County Manager stated that he had suggested to the Managing Director that there be joint consultations between the Company, the Council and the Department of Local Government as all three would be involved. The Council noted the position in the matter.

The Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on Monday, 16th March, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, and John J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Eileen Chapman, Johnstown, Kilpedder, for the provision of 50 dwellings at Kilpedder."

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council which had been adjourned from the 9th March was resumed at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th March, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

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

Reception of Deputation.

On the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, with Councillor J. Miley dissenting, the Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association. In proposing that the Deputation be received Councillor Costello pointed out that the Council had agreed to receive a Deputation from the Association at the Meeting on the 12th January, 1970, but the letter of notification to the Association did not reach them. Mrs. D. Kelleher addressed the meeting and inquired as to whether a Housing List had been prepared for the Greystones/Kilcoole district listing the persons in need of housing. She asked for information also as to the position in respect of the Scheme for the erection of 20 Council houses and 9 purchase type houses at Grattan Park and as to whether the Council had any further land available for building in Greystones. She asked also as to the Council's proposal for housing all other persons in need of housing in the Greystones area. She referred to the 120 caravans at Fairfield Park, Greystones, having been connected to the Council's Sewerage Scheme although the Scheme in question had been stated by the Council to be overloaded. She stated also that building had been approved on what was known as the "Bog Field" in Greystones which the Council had indicated was unfit for use for housing development. Mrs. Kelleher stated that there were fifty families in the area living in either overcrowded or unsatisfactory conditions and complained also of vested cottages being sold at high prices beyond the reach of persons in need of housing. She stated that no houses had been built in the Greystones area since July, 1968. The Council agreed that a Deputation from the Association would meet the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in regard to the matters raised by the Association and it was agreed that the meeting be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 31st March, 1970.

The Council then proceeded to resume the discussion of the Estimates.

HOUSING.

In the course of a discussion regarding the sales of vested cottages, some of which had been sold for figures exceeding £2,000, it was proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that the Housing Acts be amended to provide that vested cottages when available for disposal revert to the Council for re-allocation to qualified persons.

Cottage Repairs.

It was proposed by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Costello, that the provision for Cottage Repairs be increased from £15,000 to £20,000. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the number of the older houses awaiting vesting was relatively small and that delay in vesting was due to the necessity to prepare new maps of the plots to be vested. The Council decided not to make any change in the provision for repairs which remained at £15,000.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Councillor Costello proposed that provision for Travelling Expenses for Members of the Committee of Agriculture, which formed part of the Demand from the Committee of Agriculture, be reduced by 50 per cent. He suggested that meetings of the Committee could be held bi-monthly instead of monthly and expressed the view that monthly meetings were not necessary. Members of the Council disagreed and expressed the view that monthly meetings of the Committee were required. The Council decided to make no change in the Estimates in respect of the Committee of Agriculture.

Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions.

The County Manager having indicated that following a review of the Estimate he had no objection to a reduction being made under this heading, the Council agreed to reduce the figure for Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions by the sum of £2,000 leaving the figure under this heading at £3,000.

Maintenance of Courthouses.

The following letter received from the Department of Justice was submitted to the meeting:—

Roinn Dli Agus Cirt,
72/76 Faiche Stiabhna
Baile Atha Cliath,
19 Feabhra, 1970.

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to the County Secretary's letter of 2nd December, in regard to court accommodation at Wicklow.

The necessity to restore to jury purposes the jury room attached to the Record Court arises as a result of the failure of your Council to remove the dock in the Criminal Court, as directed by the Minister, through the County Registrar on 21st February, 1969. The existence of the dock in the Criminal Court prevents accused persons from being suitably placed so as to enable them to have easy and unobtrusive access to their legal advisers while remaining visible to the Judge and jury. Accordingly, this Court is no longer suitable for criminal trials. The Judge has, therefore, decided to transfer criminal trials to the Record Court, which has no dock. It is imperative, therefore, that the jury room adjoining this court be made available. A jury room is, in any event, necessary for the hearing of civil jury trials, the frequency of which may be expected to increase sharply as the result of the Minister's proposals to change the law so as to promote local hearings of High Court Actions.

Your Council's general failure to make financial provision for the repair and maintenance of court and court office accommodation, if left unchallenged, must lead eventually to a serious reduction in sitting venues and court office facilities in your County and seriously affect the administration of justice in that area. This is a situation which the Minister is not prepared to countenance. His clear duty in this matter is to protect the public interest. If, therefore, the Council do not face up to their statutory duty the Minister will be compelled to resort to the enforcing provisions of the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935.

The most immediate matters requiring attention in the case of the Wicklow accommodation are:—

- (a) the removal of the dock in the Criminal Court;
- (b) the repair of the ceiling in the Record Court;
- (c) the provision of a jury room connected to the Record Court;
- (d) provision of suitable accommodation for prisoners and prison officers including adequate heating and lighting.

The Minister hereby directs your Council to carry out the necessary works involved and to provide the the required accommodation. Failing the receipt in writing not later than the 6th March, 1970, of an assurance that the Minister's directions will be carried out with due expedition, the Minister will proceed to invoke his powers under the 1935 Act to implement his directions. As you will be aware, these include the power to have the necessary works executed by the Commissioner of Public Works, and provision for recovery of the costs and expenses as a civil debt and/or by deduction from grants payable to your Council.

I am to request an immediate acknowledgement of this letter.

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M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.

Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor Temple pointed out that if the Council did not provide the necessary monies for the maintenance of the Courthouse the works required would be carried out by the Office of Public Works and would probably result in a greater charge to Rates, it was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Bourke, that the Council do not make provision for repair and maintenance of Courthouses. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, J. Temple, K. Ryan—Six.

Against: Councillors C. White, W. Cleary, F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—Eleven.

The proposal was declared defeated by eleven votes against to six votes in favour. The Council decided accordingly to approve of the provisions made in the Estimates in respect of Courthouses.

Councillor J. Temple inquired why it was necessary to have two Courts in the Courthouse, Wicklow, and on his proposal, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council agreed that the Department of Justice be requested to have a survey made to ascertain if one Court only would be adequate. It was pointed out that it was seldom that the two Courts were in use at one time and that a re-arrangement of the dates for Court hearings could obviate the necessity for maintaining the two Courts. Such an arrangement would also eliminate the need for a Jury Room for the Record Court.

Councillor Costello raised the matter of the provisions made in the Estimates for Weights and Measures, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Conveyance of Prisoners and Food and Drugs, and suggested that no provision should be made by the Council in the Estimates in respect of these services which should properly be met from State funds. Members of the Council having pointed out that the cost of the services could be recovered from the Council should the Council not make the necessary provision the Council decided not to make any change in the provisions made under these headings.

Interest on Overdraft.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Interest on Overdraft by £2,000 having regard to the experience of the requirements in the current financial year.

Burial Ground for Bray.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the matter of the need for a new cemetery for Bray, which he had raised at a previous meeting, and asked that a token sum of £5 be allocated under Burial Grounds for the purposes of a new Burial Ground at Bray.

Cloghleaigh Water Supply.

Councillor J. Miley stated that it would be desirable that the Group Water Supply Scheme at Manor Kilbride be connected to the Cloghleaigh Water Supply Scheme when this became available.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The Council approved of the Estimates for Vocational Education, Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board and Criminal Injuries. In regard to Criminal Injuries the County Secretary stated that the amount provided represented only Decrees which had been lodged with the Council. Decrees lodged subsequent to the issue of the Estimates amounted to £456 4. 0d.

The County Manager stated that the reductions effected by the Council in the examination of the Estimates were equivalent to a reduction of 3.71d. in the estimated Rate for the coming financial year, making the Rate to be assessed 80/6d. to the nearest penny exclusive of Separate Charges.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses (as amended) the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table 'C' and Column 15 of Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1971:—

Roads	21/2.59
Health	30/5
Public Assistance	2/2
Sanitary	6/11.82
Housing	7/8.64
General Purposes	11/11.95
Total:	80/6.00

SEPARATE CHARGES:

Vocational Education	2/5.40
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	1.03
Criminal Injuries	0.52

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1971, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	4,234	16,350	3,096
Health	23,540	90,902	17,214
Public Assistance	1,877	6,475	1,227
General Purposes	2,038	7,867	1,488

SEPARATE CHARGES:

Vocational Education	1,896	—	1,387
Criminal Injuries	34	131	24

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1971, as amended and as set out in Tables A, B, C and D.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

CLOSING OF ROADS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 11th April, 1970, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 28th March, 1970, for the periods indicated and approve of the holding of the Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1970, on these roads while so closed to public traffic.

Old Military Road Northwards from Waterfall at Glenmacness to road junction at Aurora (County Roads Nos. 58, 57 and Main Road L.94); Road Eastwards from junction at Aurora to Bahana then Northwards to Annacrivey to Glenree (County Roads Nos. 13, 16, 17, 15 and 11)—from 3.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

From three roads, Derrybawn via three roads at Glenwood, three roads at Croneybyrne, and three roads at Moneystown Bridge to three roads at Tokiland (County Roads Nos. 86, 90, 88 and 87) — from 3.45 a.m. to 8.15 a.m.

From W. three roads, Lacken via three roads, Ballinatona and three roads Ballysmutton to three roads at Oldcourt (County Roads Nos. 367, 378, and 377)—From 4.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

From Ballinclea Cross Roads via three roads, Knickeen. Three roads at Seekin, Coan Cross, three roads at Ballyneddin Upper, three roads at Ballinfolyle, three roads on Ballinabarney Gap to three roads at Ballingule (County Roads Nos. 329, 325, 326, 327, 265, 262, 264, 261, and 263)—From 6.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

From three roads at Redenagh via three roads on Ballymanus (near Ballymanus Bridge), three roads, Kilgobban, Mucklagh Bridge, to three roads at Mucklagh (County Roads Nos. 142, 136, 137 and 138)—From 7.15 a.m. to 12 noon.

It is noted that the Royal Irish Automobile Club will ensure that the Organisers in conjunction with the Garda Síochána will make the necessary marshalling arrangements, will facilitate the general public as far as possible, and will erect the necessary warning and diversion signs and that a Public Liability Policy of Insurance is held by the organisers covering them and the Council against any claim arising from incidents on these sections.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Councillor Costello stated that he considered that this function was of no benefit to the County and resulted in additional wear on public roads and that consequently he was opposing the closing of the roads for this purpose.

The following statement by the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members and attached also is a Table Explanatory of the Estimates giving details of the amounts estimated and adopted by the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantinn Hill,

Wicklow.

20th February, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1970/'71.

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Details are given in the attached Tables, under the main Service

headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1971.

The total expenses for the coming year are estimated at £2,333,182. This total however does not include the outlay under the headings of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses which are shown at the end of the Table for General Purposes as such expenses are offset by corresponding Receipts and consequently do not affect the net requirements to be met from Rates. The figures shown under Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses are merely a "pro forma" accounting detail necessary in order to conform to statutory accounting requirements. The charges for Plant and for Road or other materials are included in the ordinary way in the outlay on Roads and other Services. The total Receipts come to £1,128,423 so that the net expenses which would have to be met from Rates is £1,204,759.

The Rate required to meet the cost of services in the coming year, as now shown, would be 80/10d. in the £. In the present year the Council struck a rate of 74/4d. in the £ so that the increase for the coming year would be 6/6d.

The separate Rates for the various Services and the variations from the current year are set out below:

Roads	21/2.59d.	Increase of 1/11.20d.
Health	30/5d.	Increase of 1/11.28d.
Assistance	2/2d.	Increase of 0/ 2.52d.
Sanitary Services	6/11.82d.	Increase of 1/ 0.68d.
Housing	7/8.64d.	Increase of 0/ 4.35d.
General Purposes:	12/3.62d.	Increase of 0/11.64d.

The rise in the cost of all Services is almost altogether accounted for by the increases in wages and salaries which have occurred in recent times. Higher incomes for those employed in the various services will be bound to lead to higher costs and these in the case of a public authority will have to be met from public funds—local rates or central taxation.

ROADS

The gross expenses on Main Roads are estimated at £263,405 (£245,308 for 1969/'70) and for County Roads at £238,855 (£215,603 for 1969/'70). After deducting Receipts of £169,065 for Main Roads and £50,502 for County Roads the net charges to be met from Rates come to £94,340 for Main Roads and £188,353 for County Roads. The rate required would be 21/2.59d. which is 1/11.20d. more than was struck last year.

Of the total outlay of £502,260 the amount estimated to be met from the Road Fund (Motor Taxation) is £202,242. This means that out of a total outlay of £500,000 to express it in round figures something around £200,000 or two-fifths is met from Motor Taxation. The balance of three-fifths or 60 per cent. has to be found from local rates.

Whilst there has been some increase in the cost of materials the rise in the cost of Roads can in the main be attributed to wage increases. Those which have been operating on a phased basis and in some cases applied retrospectively were allowed as follows in the past 2 years: 1st April, 1968, £1; 1st October, 1968, 7/6d.; 1st April, 1969, 15/-d.; 1st June, 1969, 10/-d.; 1st October, 1969, £1; total £3 12. 6d.

The amounts applicable since 1st April, 1968, represent an advance of 40 per cent. The increases approved in the present year after the Annual Estimates had been determined have resulted in a Debit Balance of £15,000 on the Roads account and this must be added to the outlay for the coming year.

Main Roads:

For the Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads the amount included is £149,501; for the current year it was £132,803. As already mentioned, this increase of about £17,000 is mainly due to wages but part of it is also due to higher costs for materials—chippings and tar—and fuel and running costs for plant. Of the outlay of £149,501 on Main Roads one-half will be met from Road Fund (Motor Taxation).

Provision of £4,000 is made for Winter Employment Schemes on Main Roads and £2,000 is included for Snow Clearance and treatment of Main Roads during severe frost.

Arterial Roads—Special Grant Works:

As the Council is aware the Department of Local Government some time ago decided to classify certain roads carrying heavy traffic as "Arterial Routes." Later they were designated as National Primary and Secondary Routes. In this County the road from Bray via Rathnew and the Beehive to Arklow has been designated as a National Primary Route, and it is intended that it will be progressively improved over a number of years with grants from the Road Fund (derived from Motor Taxation). (The Main Road via Blessington and Baltinglass has been designated a National Secondary Route). The expenditure on the National Primary Route for which provision is made in the Estimates is £85,400 and will, it is expected, be spent on that section of the road between Kilcorney and Kilmacanogue on which work is being carried out at present. Up to the present it seems that £120,000 has been spent on this road improvement scheme but as progress reports are not yet received information as to the stage the scheme has reached, the relation of outlay to estimates, or how long it will take to complete it, is not available. The building of a new bridge at St. Valerie is included in this Scheme and part of the costs will, it seems, have to be met by the Council from rates. Consequently some provision has been included in Loan Charges in respect of it.

County Roads:

The entire cost of the maintenance of County Roads has to be met from rates. In the coming year this cost is estimated at £154,738, which is £16,867 higher than the estimate for 1969/'70. The cost of County Roads is now approaching twice that of three years ago (1967/'68) when the estimate was £85,713. The Estimates include £4,400 for Winter Employment Schemes on County Roads and £1,000 for Snow Clearance and frost protective measures.

All through the course of the current financial year it was urged at Council meetings that additional rural roads not at present in charge of the Council be taken over for improvement and maintenance. Improvements to existing County Roads were also sought. Last year the Co. Engineer gave an estimate of over £80,000 for the works for which agreement was sought. During the present financial year it was agreed to take over some roads for future maintenance and they would involve an outlay of £1,975 in the coming year. The County Engineer has indicated that proposals submitted by Councillors for new roads would cost £12,980 and further works put forward would cost £45,990. He considers that some roads giving access to Council houses require to be improved—when the houses were built in former decades the layout did not provide for tarred service roads—and that special priority should be given to them. For this purpose there is an estimate of £1,010.

Last year the Council after lengthy consideration of the matter decided to allow £2,405 for a special programme of improvement to rural roads. In the Estimates now submitted the amount included for this purpose is £2,985 made up of £1,010 for access roads to Council houses and £1,975 to cover outlay on minor roads which the Council already had agreed to take over for maintenance. It should here be mentioned that to give full effect to the proposals put forward for the taking over and improving of minor roads would require a rate of 6/-d. to 7/-d. in the £. At present well over 80 per cent. of all county roads in the charge of the Council have tarred surfaces and this is a higher percentage than obtains in most parts of this country.

The Council has been receiving a State Grant (coming from the Road Fund) for improvements to County Roads for many years past but the amount received has been continuously reduced in recent times. In the present year £21,250 was allocated. The amount of expenditure provided for Grant Works on County Roads is £34,092 and a similar receipt from the Road Fund is included. It seems doubtful however if a grant to this extent will be forthcoming, as the Department of Local Government has on a number of occasions made the point that the percentage of County Road mileage now improved is high compared with other counties, and that in the interests of traffic mobility and safety it is necessary to concentrate on the arterial routes.

HEALTH SERVICES

The cost of the Health Services for the coming year has been carefully reviewed and it is found that the amount required would be £1,236,815. After allowing for a Government Grant of £673,025 and other Receipts of £39,285 the net cost would be £524,505 and this amount has to be levied on the Rates. The gross cost allowed for in the Estimates last year was £1,074,131 so that the additional sum required in 1970/'71 would be £162,684. The total outlay on Health in the coming year will be about three times that which had to be levied five years ago.

The rate which would be required to meet the cost of the Health Services in the coming year would be 30/5d. The proposed Rate for Health would be 1/11.28 more than that levied in the current year. The Health Services show a rise in cost under most headings but the greater part of the increase is due to the cost of the Hospital Services. For the coming year the Extern Hospitals—these being the General, Maternity and other Hospitals in the Dublin area and special Homes—are estimated to cost £44,955 more than in 1969/'70. It is estimated that the Council's own Institutions—Baltinglass and Wicklow Hospitals and St. Colman's, Rathdrum—will require additional expenditure of £19,350 and the Mental Hospitals (Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital and the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals) will cost £34,210 extra. Another item showing a marked increase in cost is the General Medical Service under which treatment in the Dispensaries and Clinics is provided by the District Medical Officers and Nurses. It is expected that this service will cost an additional £27,325 in the coming year. The Ambulance Services are expected to cost £3,760 more.

In all the foregoing instances the rise in costs in the main derives from recent increases in remuneration of staffs and a reduction in working hours. All Medical Officers and Nurses, and likewise non-nursing and domestic staffs, have received substantial increases in remuneration in the past eighteen months and the Estimates in addition provide for a further increase, estimated at 7 per cent. in the coming year.

In addition to the upward revision of remuneration, the staffs employed in the Health Services have been allowed shorter working hours and additional leave in recent times. In particular, as a result of an application from the Medical Union, special arrangements have had to be made for allowing time off at week-ends to District Medical Officers.

Whilst, as mentioned, an addition of 7 per cent. has been included to allow for possible increases in remuneration as a result of the 12th round applications which have been received from the Unions it could happen that hearings before the Labour Court and at Arbitration might result during the coming year in advances beyond this percentage. In this connection it might be mentioned that recent applications from Unions other than those associated with the Health Services seem to be of a much higher order than 7 per cent.

General Medical Services:

The costs of the General Medical Services are estimated at £124,075; in the present year the Council allowed £96,750. It will be seen consequently that there is a rise in expenditure of £27,325. Additional provision of £12,490 has to be made in respect of salaries and of this £6,750 will be necessary to meet the cost entailed by the payment of substitutes engaged during the special time-off for the District Medical Officers; the balance of the increase is in respect of the application of the 12th Round of 7 per cent. The cost of Medicines used in the Dispensary and Domiciliary Service is estimated at £48,815, which is £11,935 more than was allowed last year. It should here be mentioned that an estimate of £44,880 was submitted last year for Medicines but it was reduced to £36,880. Experience in the present year has shown that the latter sum was not adequate. The estimate for 1970/71 of £48,815 includes provision not only for those who receive medicines free of charge through the Dispensary Service but also covers the cost of the scheme for Diabetic patients and "Hardship Cases." There has been a tendency for the cost of medicines to rise rapidly each year but it has been submitted that the advent of new—even if very costly—drugs has led to satisfactory results in treatment.

Last year £4,950 was allowed for Dispensary and Clinic Expenses; the estimate for the coming year is £7,850—an increase of £2,900. The additional outlay is intended to meet a cost of £2,000 for improvements sought at Bray Clinic, and repairs to a number of Dispensary residences are estimated to cost £900.

Institutional Services—County Institutions:

Under this heading the provision required is estimated at £156,005, an increase of £19,350. The three Institutions maintained by the Council are the District Hospital, Wicklow (up by £6,075); District Hospital, Baltinglass (which shows a rise of £4,475); and St. Colman's Hospital for Aged and Infirm at Rathdrum (which shows an increase of £8,800). The increases in costs in the case of these three Institutions are due to revision of salaries and wages and additional outlay on medicines and drugs.

Some time ago the Council approved of special heating installations in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The work of installing this temporary heating has been completed and has made for a marked improvement in living conditions. These installations are a temporary measure pending the erection of new structures at Rathdrum. The out-the-plans for the new buildings have been completed by the Consultant Architect. The estimated cost of the new structures which would provide for 148 beds is £270,000, of which it is expected that at least 50 per

cent. will be met by State Grant. The Council also approved of a scheme for the provision of extensions to the Hospital at Baltinglass which would provide accommodation for thirty old and infirm persons and the estimated capital cost in this instance is £60,000. As it is expected that some time will elapse before work can start on these new buildings only a limited provision by way of Loan Charges has been made in the Estimates now submitted.

Extern Institutions:

The total outlay here is estimated at £415,155, which is £44,955 more than the provision for the present year. The increase in this instance is in the main due to an expected rise of 10 per cent. in the daily charges for treatment in the General, Maternity and other Hospitals and Homes in the metropolitan area. These Institutions are being affected by the general increases in salaries and wages and the reduction in working hours which entails the employment of additional staff. In addition further provision has to be made for the cost of medicines and drugs and new specialties. Furthermore, there is continuing evidence of a greater resort to hospital treatment so that allowance must be made for a higher number of inpatient days. It is notable that the number of patients being admitted to Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc., continues to rise each year and the capitation charges are nowadays much higher than a few years ago. At the present time 87 patients are being maintained in these Homes and the average cost per patient runs from £8 to £15 per week.

The Approved charges to Health Authorities for cost of maintenance in the General Hospitals in Dublin nowadays is £3 18. 0. per day or £27 6. 0d. per week. In Maternity Hospitals the present approved rate of charge is £4 5. 0d. per day or £29 15. 0d. per week. It is found that the number of admissions to Extern Institutions continues to rise but that whilst the number of in-patient days also shows an increase it is not in the same proportion as the number of admissions. This would go to show that whilst there is increasing resort to hospital treatment the stay in hospital on average is shorter. Information as to admissions to the General Hospitals and Maternity Hospitals in recent years is set out below:—

Year	No. of Admissions	No. of In-Patient Days
1965/66	3,489	70,713
1966/67	3,895	76,245
1967/68	4,234	77,865
1968/69	4,348	78,590

The number of admissions to Maternity Hospitals tends to show a rise in the present year whereas there had been a slight reduction in 1967/68 and 1968/69.

Mental Hospitals:

The cost of treatment in Mental Hospitals is shown under two headings in the Estimates: (a) the Council's own Psychiatric Hospital at Newcastle; and (b) the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The total gross cost in the coming year is estimated at £278,703, which is £34,210 more than that allowed for the year 1969/70. For the Mental Hospital at Newcastle the provision now included is £142,203 and this is £22,977 more than the sum allowed last year. In the case of the Dublin Mental Hospitals the estimate is £136,500 and is £11,233 in excess of this year's estimate. In both Institutions costs are affected

by increases in the remuneration of all the staffs employed in them. Alterations in working conditions also have resulted in further costs and the outlay on medicines and drugs has shown a sharp rise in the case of Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The number of patients in Mental Hospitals continues to fall and but for the marked decline in numbers which have been such a satisfactory feature of the treatment afforded in the past few years the costs of mental treatment would be very much greater nowadays. At the present time there are 137 patients in the Dublin Mental Hospitals and 73 are undergoing treatment in Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital. The total number of patients at present undergoing treatment in the two Institutions comes to 210 whereas five years ago the number was 338, and all these latter patients were receiving treatment in the Dublin Mental Hospitals. It will be noted that the reduction in numbers in the Dublin Mental Hospitals in this period of five years has now passed the 200 mark. In the Hospital at Newcastle there is concentration on short-stay treatments with the use of the most modern aids, and the results, as will be evident, are encouraging. This Hospital not only provides intern treatment but also makes available a domiciliary and clinic service throughout the County. The average number of day patients treated by the Newcastle Hospital staff is about 25. The number of mental hospital patients per 1,000 population in Co. Wicklow is nowadays 3.47 and is generally much lower than that found in other parts of the country. But the cost of Psychiatric treatment continues to rise and this tends to offset the saving to be expected from a reduction in numbers. Moreover discharged patients, even though they return to the community, may still require special care involving conveyance to Clinics, domiciliary visiting, and other services from the medical and nursing staff in Newcastle Hospital.

Maternity and Child Health Services.

These services are estimated to cost £43,685 which is £1,360 more than in the present year. The outlay makes provision for fees to Medical Practitioners who provide medical care for mothers and infants; the midwifery and nursing services provided by the District Nurses; Obstetrical Requisites; Milk for Mothers and Children; Maternity Cash Grants; the Child Welfare Service, and the School Health Service.

Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases.

The estimate here at £13,525 is £985 more than that for 1969/'70.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

At a total cost of £20,875 these services will cost £5,475 more than the sum allowed for them last year. The Dental Service is one which is expanding and it is necessary to provide for the extra cost of special Dental Clinics which are being provided for school children by dentists in private practice (who will be paid on a fee per session basis), in their own surgeries. Provision is also included for two dental attendants who will be required to maintain a somewhat expanded service at a satisfactory standard.

A large number of patients from County Wicklow attend Out-Patient Clinics attached to the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin and are paid for at a fixed charge per attendance. Arrangements for X-Ray and other examinations are also made with these Hospitals. The total cost for the coming year is estimated at £15,225, which is £1,225 more than in 1969/'70.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The Council approved some months ago of an increase in the Maintenance Allowances paid to persons suffering from chronic disabilities. This will involve additional cost in the coming year. Moreover, there are more persons now receiving Disability Allowances — the number at present is 362. A number of persons are also undergoing training at Rehabilitation Centres. The estimate for next year is £69,205, which is £14,175 more than the sum allowed for 1969/'70. Five years ago the estimate adopted for this purpose was £22,000.

Boarding-Out, etc. of Children:

At present the number of children boarded out by the Council is 38, and the number in Approved Schools is 22. There has been an increase in capitation rates for maintenance in Approved Schools. The total required for these two purposes is £11,380, which is £755 more than last year.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:

Every year the number of admissions to hospitals and the number of persons attending Out-Patient Clinics shows a rise and this will be reflected in the costs of their transport. Like all other services the cost is also affected by increases in the remuneration of employees. The Council nowadays maintain their own ambulances at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass and have made special arrangements for the hire of ambulances with Dublin Health Authority (Loughlinstown Hospital) and with firms in Arklow and South County Dublin. The cost of this service for the coming year is estimated at £31,150, which is £3,760 more than in 1969/'70. The estimate approved for this service five years ago was £13,250.

Supervision of Food and Drink:

Under this heading is shown the cost of the Health Inspectorate Service, the estimate for the coming year being £6,620.

Fluoridation of Water Supplies:

The provision for this purpose shows no change at £1,000.

Contributions to Societies:

The only local District Nursing Society now remaining is Grey-stones, for which a contribution of £1,250 is included. Provision is made for a contribution of £350 to the Irish Heart Foundation. The sum of £2,000 for Community Services for the Aged will be recouped in full from State Grant.

General Administration:

The total cost under this heading is £2,540 more than last year. It is made up of £18,680 for salaries and £6,850 for other expenses — stationery, printing, postage, etc.

Retiring Allowances and Gratuities:

The cost under this heading at £18,225 is £5,755 more than in the present year, due mainly to the provision to be made for retirements in the hospital nursing staffs.

Loan Charges:

The charge of £1,385 shows no change and includes only limited provision for the loans arising on new buildings at St. Colman's Hospital and Baltinglass Hospital.

The cost of treatment and maintenance in Hospitals and Homes comes to £905,113 out of a total estimated outlay of £1,292,065. It represents 70 per cent of the total cost of the Health Services, and is an item of cost which is very much affected by the continuous rise in rates of remuneration and changes in working conditions.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

For Public Assistance the amount to be levied on Rates is £37,365, which is £4,194 more than in the present year.

During the year it was decided to revise Home Assistance Allowances, so as to bring them into line with adjustments made in Social Welfare Allowances, and this involves an additional cost of £3,000. Provision has been made for 7 per cent. increase in remuneration of the Assistance Officers. It should be mentioned that a great part of their time is now occupied in Health duties but the entire cost of remuneration is charged under Public Assistance. It is held by the Department of Health that this is not unreasonable seeing that Officers charged completely to Health, such as the Chief Medical Officer and Health Inspectors, perform duties in relation to Housing and Sanitation.

The rate required for Public Assistance would be 2/2d.; it was 1/11.48d. in the present year.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total expenditure on Sanitary Services is estimated at £112,250 and after deducting Receipts of £22,035 the net requirement is £90,215. Last year the corresponding figures were: total expenditure £94,184; Receipts £18,085; net outlay £76,099. It will be seen that the increase in net outlay is £14,116 which would require a rate of 1/0.68d. in the £.

Water Supplies and Sewerage—Maintenance:

In the coming year £1,000 extra will be required for the maintenance of Sewerage undertakings and Public Sanitary Conveniences. This rise in costs is almost completely due to a higher outlay on wages.

The Maintenance of Water Supplies shows a steep rise at £21,000 as compared with £17,000 in 1969/'70. The costs are affected by rising wages, and in addition provision has to be made for caretaking the new supplies at Laragh/Annemoe and Blessington.

Water Supplies and Sewerage—Capital Works and Loan Charges:

Provision has to be made in the coming year for the County Council's share of the loan charges on the Joint Sewerage Scheme to serve Bray and the adjoining area. In addition it is necessary to provide for charges on Ashford Sewerage, Kilcoole Sewerage and Improvements to Greystones Sewerage, and sewerage at Churchlands, Tinahely. There is also included provision for new Public Sanitary Conveniences at Greystones, and Extensions to those at Glendalough. The amount for the Loan Charges is £9,226, an increase of £5,196 over that made last year (£4,030); of this increase fifty per cent. will be met from State subsidies.

For the loan charges arising from capital outlay on Water Supplies £29,195 is included and this is £1,995 more than was allowed last year. The additional loan charges almost altogether arise from the capital costs of water supply extensions and improvements. During the present year, apart from a number of minor works, the following

schemes were completed: Merrymeeting and Knockrobin (Wicklow) watermain extension; Relaying watermain at Whitshed Road, Greystones; new watermain from Newcastle to Blackditch; new main at Coolmoney; Enniskerry to Carrigoona watermain; improvements to water supply at Windgates.

The State Subsidy towards loan charges on new works is provided for in the Receipts so that the net increase which has to be found from rates is £3,791.

Domestic Scavenging:

For this service £7,500 is again included. There is a continuous demand for Refuse Collection which at present is being provided for Greystones/Delgany; Rathnew; Blessington; Avoca; Balinglass; Newtownmountkennedy; Enniskerry; Kilcoole; Rathdrum; Carnew; Tinahely; Avondale Park (Bray); Ballywaltrim (Bray); Boghall (Bray); Dargle Valley (Bray). The estimate now submitted makes provision for a service for Dunlavin, Ashford and Glenealy—provided that Dumping Grounds can be found for these districts.

The estimate for Dumping Grounds to cover maintenance and rents is £2,100 which is £600 more than allowed last year. There is great difficulty in finding sites for Refuse Dumps nowadays, and whilst there may be an insistent demand for a refuse collection service for a district local interest and support is found to be lacking when the essential site to be used as a refuse tip is sought.

Public Lighting:

Here the estimate is £5,100 which is £350 up on the figure for 1969-'70. Extensions to existing lighting systems throughout the County are being continuously sought and provided.

Open Spaces:

The estimate of £1,500 (£500 more than in 1969/'70) is intended to meet maintenance costs at Greystones seafront, Glendalough and Avoca.

Water Safety:

In former years only £50 was provided and this was a contribution to the Water Safety Organisation run by the Irish Red Cross Society. Representations were received as to the desirability of providing a Lifeguard at Greystones and £250 is included for this purpose in the estimate of £300.

Burial Grounds:

The estimate is £6,100 which is £1,000 more than was allowed for the current year. The cost of caretaking and maintenance will be higher in the coming year and in addition the Council has been asked to find new burial grounds at Tomacork and Dunlavin.

HOUSING

To meet Housing charges the amount required from Rates is £99,702. This is £5,252 more than the levy in the present year. The gross expenditure on Housing is estimated at £213,559 and the Receipts almost altogether derived from State Subsidies, Rates and Repayments of Loans come to £113,857 leaving the net requirement for the coming year at £99,702.

The additional requirement for Housing would represent a rate of 4.35d. in the £. The main items which involve additional outlay are:

(1) the provision to be made for loan charges arising from Council Grants to persons improving houses and to persons with limited means building new houses; (2) the remuneration of Engineering Staff; (3) provision for fire insurance on Council houses.

Repairs:

The provision for Repairs at £15,000 is the same amount as was allowed by the Council last year. The money is spent to a large extent on the repair of houses of which tenants are seeking to acquire ownership under the Purchase Scheme.

Up to the present date 3,409 houses have been built by the Council and of these 2,718 are now vested in the tenants.

Erection of New Houses for Letting:

In the present year the capital outlay on new houses for letting will be about £30,000. The number of houses completed or expected to be completed, within the year, is 30. At present 21 houses are being built at Blessington. Tenders have been received for 20 houses in Greystones area.

The Council decided at the beginning of the year to engage Consultant Architects for the design of new Schemes. Approval to their engagement for Schemes at Ashford, Boghall (South of Bray), Carnew, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Tinahely, has been received. The new arrangement for this type of service will add to the capital cost of the new housing.

Fire Insurance:

It is necessary because of the steep rise in building costs to rise the insurance cover for Council houses and this will require additional premium charges of £1,000 (from £2,000 to £3,000).

Loan Charges:

The loan charges come under three headings: (1) Houses erected by the Council; (2) Grants to persons improving their dwellings or building new houses; (3) Loans to persons building or improving their own houses.

Loan Charges—Houses erected by Council:

The loan charges for houses erected by the Council are estimated at £85,700 for the coming year and show a reduction of £3,446 on the present year when the provision was £89,146. Whilst new loan charges will have to be met in 1970/71 on new houses being built by the Council the outlay is however offset by the liquidation of some loans borrowed in the early 1930's when the repayment period was 37 years—35 years for repayment of principal and two additional years when interest only was payable, so as to allow for period during which houses would be under construction. But the reduction in loan charges is not fully effective as State Subsidy of 60 per cent. had all along helped to reduce their impact. Possible reductions in loan charges are also affected by the reduction in income when houses are vested in tenants under the Cottage Purchase Scheme and rents are replaced by purchase annuities which usually are much below the level of rents—the Council however being relieved of a liability for Repairs in the future.

Loan Charges—Erection of Private Dwellings.

The provision required under this heading is £22,003. The number of loans made so far by the County Council to persons erecting their

own houses is 193 and the capital outlay involved is £296,000. In addition the Council has made 8 loans to enable persons to carry out improvements to their houses, the capital sum being £4,000.

The loan charges are met in full by the repayments by the borrowers and do not involve any charge on the rates.

Supplementary Grants for Private Dwellings:

In the past ten years or so the Council has given much assistance to private housing by making Grants to persons improving their dwellings in instances in which State Grants also have been paid. These grants from central and local sources have ensured that older buildings will have a longer life, have ensured better living conditions for many families, and have resulted in improved facilities such as sanitary installations and more living space. In particular the grants have been availed of by people in rural districts for the installation of water and sewerage.

The Council in addition has been paying special Grants, equivalent to the State Grants, to persons with limited incomes, who have built houses for their own occupation. In many such instances these persons have also been assisted by loans from the Council.

Up to the end of 1969 the Council had made 150 Grants towards the building of new houses, had made 1,463 Grants for the reconstruction, repair and improvement of dwellings, and had also made 1,015 Grants towards the installation of water and sewerage in dwellings.

The loan charges arising from these Grants are estimated at £27,642 in the coming year which would be equivalent to a rate of 2/1.68 in the £.

Remuneration of Staff:

The cost under these headings show an increase, the additional provision required in respect of Engineering Staff being £2,686. The whole-time Architect formerly employed by the Council was assigned work in relation to services other than Housing and his remuneration was accordingly charged in part against such services; he has been replaced by a Chief Assistant who is engaged whole-time on Housing and almost altogether on supervisory duties—all design work is now being entrusted to Consultant Architects. The costs of design will now be part of the capital outlay on housing. The Council agreed some time ago to engage an engineer to exercise a measure of supervision over private building so as to ensure that work would be carried out to reasonable standards and in accordance with planning permissions. Provision for the remuneration of such an officer has been included; up to the present however it has not been possible to arrange for the employment of such an officer. In addition provision (£1,000) is being included to cover cost of a temporary officer who would be employed to complete the work of preparing maps for the vesting of Council houses under the Purchase Scheme.

Income from Rents and Rates Charges:

The increase in Rates on Council houses is offset by a corresponding increase in the income from Rents. The income from Council houses is expected to be made up of £24,666 from Rents and Purchase Annuities and £32,316 from Rates collected with Rents and Annuities.

The expenditure on Housing, as shown in the Estimates, if the outlay on Housing Loans and Grants be excluded, is almost altogether on

the Council's own houses, and would be £131,598. The proportion of this outlay met by Rents and Purchase Annuities (£24,666) is almost 19 per cent. As mentioned earlier the income in this instance is reduced when rents are replaced by purchase annuities, but, the potential liability of the Council in respect of repairs is also reduced.

The rate for Housing in 1970/'71 would be 7/8.64; that adopted for the present year was 7/4.29.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Under this heading provision has to be made for many items such as Scholarships, Public Library, Committee of Agriculture Demand, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Preparation of Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners Diseases of Animals and Court-houses.

The net charges after deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-Large (i.e., inclusive of the Urban Districts): £45,388; chargeable to County Health District: £124,891. The corresponding charges for the present year are £38,715 and £108,557.

The Estimates for General Purposes would require a rate of 12/3.62d. which would be higher by 11.64d. than in the present year when it was 11/3.98d.

The items mainly accounting for the increase in the rate for this part of the Estimates are the Committee of Agriculture Demand, the Fire Brigades, and additional provision for Irrecoverable Rates, Salaries and cost of Rate Collection and Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

Committee of Agriculture.

The Demand at £23,520 is £4,045 more than in the present year and it is understood to be mainly due to the outlay on new office accommodation.

Fire Brigades:

The cost is estimated at £26,081 as compared with £22,638 allowed for the present year. The remuneration of fire brigade personnel, in common with all other employees, has been adjusted recently. The number of fires attended in 1969 was 483.

Salaries:

Here provision has to be made for recent arbitration awards and the additional cost would be £4,082—£680 County-at-Large and £3,402 chargeable to County area exclusive of urban districts.

Cost of Rate Collection:

The cost is estimated at £23,827 as compared with £19,374 in the present year. In addition to adjustments in remuneration it was agreed recently as a result of an Arbitration decision to allow travelling expenses to Rate Collectors.

Irrecoverable Rates:

The scheme adopted last year on the instructions of the Local Government Department for the writing off of Rates in certain cases will require additional provision of £3,500 (£1,500 in 1969/'70).

Public Libraries:

The amount included of £12,841 is £1,261 more than last year and is mainly due to the provision being made for a special Library Service for the schools.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools:

There is a substantial rise in cost here — from £2,080 to £5,200. Maintenance Charges were recently revised and there has been an increase in numbers.

Courthouses:

The outlay on Courthouses has been a contentious item of late. The Council has felt that it is unreasonable that local rates should have to bear any part of the cost of courts in which they have no part and that this should be a central authority charge. Members also have noted that whereas the central authority responsible for the administration of the courts has made new office accommodation available in Dublin for their headquarters staff nothing has been done about the courthouses throughout the country.

SEPARATE CHARGES

Vocational Education:

The cost of Vocational Education is met through a Separate Charge on the County exclusive of Bray Urban District which has its own vocational school.

The gross cost for the coming year of Vocational Education is £48,727; the outlay for the present year was £47,515. The Receipts are estimated at £10,488 (£9,405 in the present year) and this gives a net charge of £38,239 which is almost the same as that for 1969/'70. The rate for next year will be 2/5.40d.

Malicious Injuries:

This cost shows a reduction from last year — £1,160 as compared with £6,385 for 1969/'70. But it is a charge which could possibly show a sharp rise in the following year 1971/'72 to judge by the number of claims received of late and not yet determined by the Courts. The rate required for next year is 0.52d.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

The cost of maintaining the Cemetery at Merrymount, near Wicklow is levied on the Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District. The amount required from the County Council is £515 which is £26 more than that for the current year. The rate required is 1.03d.

The Higher Costs of Public Services:

The rise in Rates required by these Estimates can be regarded as unavoidable having regard to happenings in the past year. All sections of the community continue to seek higher incomes, and when these are achieved, the costs of every Service for which the Council is responsible is bound to be affected. The Council cannot discharge their public responsibilities and arrange services for the community and yet remain immune from the inevitable impact of higher wages and salaries.

The rate required by the Estimates now submitted for your consideration, if Separate Charges be omitted, would be 80/10½d. Two years ago in February, 1968, the rate determined for the following year was

62/4d. The increase on this for 1970/'71 would be about 30 per cent. In the coming year however it is necessary to provide for increases in remuneration secured in the past two years which in some instances much exceed this percentage. Since 1st April, 1968, road workers have secured increases of about 40 per cent. (and this excludes service pay); in the case of nursing staffs the percentage increase has been 30 per cent. together with reductions in working hours and other improvements in conditions of employment; the increases for non-nursing staff wardsmaids, etc.) have been well over 40 per cent.; the district medical officers' increase has been about 24 per cent., together with new arrangements for time off at week-ends which arrangements will involve further costs, as mentioned in the comments on the Health Services. Increases in remuneration and altered conditions of work generally have been allowed after, in some cases, very lengthy and time-consuming negotiations, hearings before the Labour Court, Conciliation Conferences and Arbitration Proceedings involving oral hearings and lengthy documentation. Even as these Estimates were being prepared new claims were being received; the process of claim submission is nowadays a continuous one and moreover one which seems to be accelerating in pace.

The continued inflationary trends can pose problems for the public authorities apart from having to find revenue for current services. The cost of capital works is rising at a remarkably rapid rate. A Council house which a few years ago could be erected for somewhere around £2,000 nowadays will cost well over £3,000. This rapid rise in the costs of house building can present serious difficulty in the finding of capital, especially as there is ample evidence from the trend of the national balance of payments that higher incomes are, to quite an extent, being applied in the purchase of imported commodities, and there seems to be an absence of evidence of greater savings which could be used in helping towards the financing of capital programmes such as housing. It is notable that not very long ago persons seeking the assistance of the local authorities in financing house building could meet their requirements with loans of £1,500 to £2,000 but nowadays they may have to seek loans of £2,500 or more and even then will possibly have to resort to some type of what is euphemistically called "bridging finance." If one is to judge by the capital costs of to-day it seems that in house building the higher level of wages has scarcely been offset by higher productivity which would help to some extent to keep down the cost of the finished item. The present very high cost of house building is influenced also by the prices sought for land; local authorities with their limited resources find it difficult to compete with the prices for land paid in the case of private ventures.

As mentioned on previous occasions local authorities are not "trend setters" in the matter of increases in rates of remuneration. The claims submitted to them are always determined subsequent to decisions in relation to other employments and such claims moreover are usually based on what has already been allowed elsewhere. This lateness in decision taking is understandable as quite obviously the local authorities could not reasonably take action which would have repercussions in local industries producing for export. It should be mentioned however that many of the claims received are based on and related to rates of remuneration in the state sponsored bodies, and other organisations such as the Banks. It is found that in the case of the health services claims are sometimes related to what is paid in neighbouring countries, but this type of submission seems to overlook the consideration that we have not the same level of resources, are are not likely to reach

such a level if a disproportionate part of national resources have to be applied towards social services of the standard which applies elsewhere.

The rate for Health would have been higher by 3/3d. if it had not been for the additional Health Grant made available and details of which were given in a special circular to the Council members and at the Council meeting on 16th February, 1970. The advent of this additional Grant has resulted in the additional rate levy for Health being kept at 2/0d. in the £.

There is ample evidence nowadays of the extent to which the public resort to and rely on the Services provided by the Council. The improvement in the standard of public roads in the past fifteen years or so has been quite remarkable and is a tribute to the engineering skills available. Whilst motor roads of the type found abroad are not available—in any event distances to be travelled in Ireland are comparatively short—the standard of maintenance of almost all the abnormal—abnormal compared with other countries—mileage of rural roads is very high, and having regard to the population to be served is remarkably so. It might indeed be even asked if there should not be more concentration on the provision of both urban and rural amenities rather than on attempting to cope with the insatiable demands of the motor vehicle. More provision for public parks and recreation areas and playing pitches especially in the rapidly expanding urban centres could lead to better living standards and possibly to some relaxation of some of the social problems which communities nowadays have to grapple with. Is the heavy week-end traffic which some rural roads are expected to accommodate due in part to an absence of amenities in urban centres? Local authorities could apply more of their resources to development of the amenity type if they were to be relieved, for example, of the entire cost of main roads, and the costs were to be defrayed from motor taxation. More local resources would then be available for sanitary, housing, and all the other facilities which lead to better living standards.

It is noted that there is now a proposal that the construction of the national routes (principal roads) will be taken over by the central authority. It is open to question however if this will lead to an economy in costs. It is only to be expected that the planning and execution of works will cost more if the arrangements have to be made from a headquarters situated at a considerable distance from the scene of operations. It is quite evident that the housing of central departments and state sponsored bodies costs much more if it be arranged in the capital rather than in county towns. Staffs, especially executives, may be drained away from provincial centres to the capital. There will be loss of time through the necessity to visit works situated at a distance from the capital and having to reach them by travelling along the congested roads in the metropolitan area. This could lead not only to delay but to additional costs. Again it is notable that the rates of remuneration in central and state sponsored bodies are invariably quoted when claims are being made to the local authorities. Taken all round it is not unreasonable to express doubt if the proposal to take away from the local authorities the construction of "national routes" can result in either economy or efficiency.

In the Estimates provision, as already mentioned, is being made for new works and expanding services. Additional provision is included for Refuse Collection and Public Lighting. The repayment of

loans on the capital costs of new schemes such as the Joint Sewerage Scheme in the Bray area and many extensions and improvements to existing water supplies and sewerage are provided for as is the Council's share of the cost of alleviating flooding from the Dargle River at Bray. In the Housing Estimates additional provision is made for loans and Council grants to persons building or improving their own dwellings. Earlier it was pointed out that in the past ten years, 1,463 grants have been made to persons improving their dwellings and 1,015 households have been assisted in the provision of sanitation. There continues to be an upward trend in the number of admissions for hospital treatment. The improvement in mental health will be evident from the details given in relation to the mental hospitals.

It has now become customary to give some indication when submitting the Estimates of the manner in which rising rates affect agricultural land and the relief which is afforded by the Agricultural Grant. In the present year the Council are receiving £386,014. 18. 7. towards the relief of rates on agricultural land. As is well known farmers with a valuation under £20 nowadays are not liable for rates. Whilst undoubtedly the valuations of land in excess of £20 will be affected by an increase in rates the impact is not to the same extent as in the case of householders and owners of business premises. A few actual examples from the Council's Rate Books showing the rate levy on farm holdings in recent years are given below:

Valuation of Holding	Year	Gross Rates	Agricultural Grant	Net Rates
£25. 0. 0.	1955-56	£39 19 1	£27 3 1	£12 16 9
(with one employee)	1968-69	£31 7 9	£31 7 9	NIL
£33. 0. 0.	1969-70	£96 16 0	£34 1 9	£2 14 3
(with one employee)	1955-56	£52 14 9	£36 3 2	£16 11 6
£53. 10. 0.	1968-69	£107 8 7	£81 19 10	£25 8 9
(with one employee)	1969-70	£127 15 6	£94 1 9	£33 13 9
£53. 10. 0.	1955-56	£85 10 0	£36 3 3	£49 6 9
(with one employee)	1968-69	£174 3 4	£101 13 0	£72 10 4
	1969-70	£207 2 11	£117 8 2	£89 14 9

All accounting details required for these Estimates have been carefully compiled by the Council's staff. It is felt that in particular the application and attention given to financial details of the Services provided by the Council by Mr. Brangan, County Secretary, Mr. Gavin, County Accountant, and Mr. Duggan, Mr. Heraty and Mr. Desmond Staff Officers, are deserving of special mention.

The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 2nd March, 1970, and any further information required in relation to them can then readily be supplied.

In presenting these Estimates the opportunity is taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance and guidance throughout the year in administering the Council's many services.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1971.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and Reconstruction	149,501	149,501	154,738	154,738
do. Winter Employment Schemes	4,000	4,000	4,400	4,400
Snow Clearance	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
County Roads—Special Programme for Improvements			2,985	2,985
Loan Charges	2,948	2,948	1,776	1,776
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	85,400	85,400	34,092	34,092
Other Purposes:				
Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	6,751	6,751	11,694	11,694
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	1,303	1,303	3,156	3,156
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			4,948	4,948
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	2,374	2,374
do. Servants	8,514	8,514	8,742	8,742
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	1,400	1,400
Postage and Telephone	370	370	350	350
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
School Warden Service	100	100		
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£263,405	£263,405	£238,855	£238,855

ROADS: Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	£ 76,750	£ 76,750	£	£
do. Snow Clearance	1,000	1,000		
do. Special Grant	85,400	85,400	34,092	34,092
Other Receipts: Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	3,375	3,375	7,360	7,360
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	2,000	2,000	2,750	2,750
	£169,065	£169,065	£50,502	£50,502

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HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:	£	£
Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder	62,535	62,535
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	48,815	48,815
Medical and surgical appliances	2,800	2,800
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	7,850	7,850
Insurances, etc.	875	875
Loan Charges	1,100 (£124,075)	1,100 (£124,075)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	33,975	33,975
District Hospital, Baltinglass	47,345	47,345
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	74,685 ((£156,005)	74,685 (£156,005)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	298,200	298,200
Maternity Hospitals	48,200	48,200
Tuberculosis	11,000	11,000
Fever Hospitals	11,550	11,550
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	37,320	37,320
Homes for other persons	8,885 (£415,155)	8,885 (£415,155)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	142,203	142,203
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	136,500 (£278,703)	136,500 (£278,703)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	11,500	11,500
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Midwifery and nursing services	10,850	10,850
Obstetrical requisites	2,015	2,015
Milk for Mothers and children	3,990	3,990
Maternity Cash Grants	2,650	2,650
Child Welfare Service	6,900	6,900
School Health Service	5,680 (£43,695)	5,680 (£43,695)
C/fwd.	1,017,623	1,017,623

To which Urban Areas Contribute

HEALTH—Contd.	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
B/fwd.	1,017,623	1,017,623
TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	4,730	4,730
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	300	300
Mass Radiography Service	2,270	2,270
B.C.G. Service	1,700	1,700
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	425	425
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of clothing & bedding (inc. Polio-myelitis Vaccination)	1,000	1,000
Notification and prevention of disease	100	100
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,950	1,950
	(£13,525)	(£13,525)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	11,150	11,150
Fees for professional services	4,750	4,750
Dental, optical and aural appliances	2,525	2,525
Extern Institutions—Out-Patients' Services	1,250	1,250
Furniture and equipment	1,000	1,000
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	200	200
	(£20,875)	(£20,875)
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens	15,225	15,225
	(£15,225)	(£15,225)
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	69,205	69,205
	(£69,205)	(£69,205)
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	7,050	7,050
Approved Schools	4,330	4,330
	(£11,380)	(£11,380)
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS		
	31,150	31,150
	(£31,150)	(£31,150)
C/fwd.	£1,178,983	£1,178,983

To which Urban Areas Contribute

HEALTH—Contd.	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
B/fwd.	1,178,983	1,178,983
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	6,620	6,620
	(£6,620)	(£6,620)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCS. (Dist. Nursing Associations)	1,250	1,250
Community Services for the Aged	2,000	2,000
Irish Heart Foundation	350	350
	(£3,600)	(£3,600)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	7,810	7,810
do. General Office Staff	10,870	10,870
Travelling Expenses	950	950
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,875	1,875
Postage & Telephone Charges	2,650	2,650
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	1,175	1,175
Insurances	200	200
	(£25,530)	(£25,530)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30	30
	(£30)	(£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	18,255	18,255
	(£18,255)	(£18,255)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses:		
Mental Treatment Act		
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,412	1,412
	(£1,412)	(£1,412)
Analyst	1,385	1,385
	(£1,385)	(£1,385)
LOAN CHARGES		
	1,236,815	1,236,815
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£1,236,815	£1,236,815

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
Nature of Income:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant	£	£
	673,025	673,025
" Diabetes Scheme	900	900
" Services for the Aged	2,000	2,000
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services, etc.		
Council Institutions	12,335	12,335
Extern Institutions	1,650	1,650
Mental Hospital	11,510	11,510
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	650	650
Sale of Farm Produce	1,200	1,200
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Ins. refunds, etc.	400	400
Officers' emoluments	3,870	3,870
Contribs. to Superannuation	4,220	4,220
Miscellaneous	500	500
TOTAL:	£712,310	£712,310

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	21,500	21,500
Footwear Scheme	1,900	1,900
Cost of Burials	910	910
Registration Expenses	775	775
Salaries	11,025	11,025
Retiring Allowances	800	800
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	2,200	2,200
TOTAL:	£39,110	£39,110

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	950	950
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	300	300
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	185	185
TOTAL:	£1,745	£1,745

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	11,000	11,000
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	21,000	21,000
Domestic Scavenging	7,500	7,500
Dumping Grounds	2,100	2,100
Burial Grounds	6,100	6,100
Public Lighting	5,100	5,100
Maintenance of Open Spaces	1,500	1,500
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Contribution to Water Safety	300	300
Other Expenses	700	700
Salaries—Office Staff	3,506	3,506
Engineering Staff—Proportion of salaries & travelling expenses	10,731	10,731
Analyst—Proportion of salary	125	125
Superannuation	597	597
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	9,226	9,226
Water Supplies	29,195	29,195
Swimming Pool, Blessington	1,000	1,000
Flood Prevention at Bray	1,970	1,970
TOTAL:	£112,250	£112,250

SANITARY:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to		
Loan Charges	15,885	15,885
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	4,200	4,200
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	600	600
Contributions to Superannuation	250	250
TOTAL:	£22,035	£22,035

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ending 31st March, 1971.

HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	6,100	6,100
Retiring Allowances	1,186	1,186
Superannuation—Employees	120	120
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	11,070	11,070
Rent Collectors' Poundage	7,722	7,722
Repairs to Council Houses	15,000	15,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	85,700	85,700
Insurances	3,000	3,000
Rates on Council Houses	32,316	32,316
Other Council Housing Ex- penses	1,000	1,000
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising, etc.	700	700
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants)		
Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	22,003	22,003
Housing Grants for Improve- ment and Erection of Private Dwellings	27,642	27,642
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£213,559	£213,559

HOUSING: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	56,982	56,982
Housing Subsidy—State	34,497	34,497
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants)		
Acts—Loan Repayments	22,003	22,003
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	300	300
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£113,857	£113,857

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Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending 31st March, 1971.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Committee of Agriculture				
Public Libraries			23,520	23,520
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			12,841	12,841
Tourist Development	1,000	1,000	10,090	10,090
Scholarships and Higher Edu- cation Grants: Secondary:	3,440	3,440		
University	13,420	13,420		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Ex- penses	8,830	8,830	20,269	20,269
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission and Assess- ment			23,827	23,827
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			1,940	1,940
Irrecoverable Rates, Dis- counts and Remissions			5,000	3,000
Tramway Employees' Pen- sions			300	300
Pensions: Late Union Officers	25	25		
Co. Officers and Servants	1,375	1,375	4,718	4,718
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,340	3,340		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses	750	750	200	200
Coroners and Inquests	900	900	1,600	1,600
Postage and Telephones				
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising	100	100	1,700	1,700
Elections				
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employ- ees) Act	800	800		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	630	630		
O/twd	£34,785	£34,785	£106,005	£104,005

GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£	£	£
B/fwd.	34,785	34,785	106,005	104,005
Fire Brigades			26,081	26,081
Drainage of Land	650	650		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	5,200	5,200		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	900	900		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	50	50		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			957	957
Road Fund Expenses	7,750	7,750		
Blind Persons Acts	1,400	1,400		
Civil Defence	8,358	8,358		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,210	1,210		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	7,480	7,480		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	600	600	900	900
Rents and Expenses	800	800	1,500	1,500
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	300	300	1,500	1,500
Loan Charges	135	135	2,100	2,100
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	3,800	3,800		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			12,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	76,270	76,270	152,918	148,918
Materials Expenses	45,000	45,000		
Machinery Expenses	100,000	100,000		
TOTAL:	£221,270	£221,270	£152,918	£148,918

GENERAL PURPOSES— Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
State Grant—Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968	12,119	12,119		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	15	15	190	190
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	10	10		
Public Libraries			240	240
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	50	50		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	1,830	1,830		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,618	5,618		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban Dist. Councils			6,270	6,270
Do. Other Receipts			200	200
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Motor Registration Recoupment	7,750	7,750		
Valuation Certificates			5	5
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	250	250		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates	140	140	18,348	18,348
Rents from County Property			120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Super-annuation	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Miscellaneous	100	100	600	600
	30,882	30,882	28,027	28,027
Materials Expenses	45,000	45,000		
Machinery Expenses	100,000	100,000		
TOTAL:	£175,882	£175,882	£28,027	£28,027

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1970

SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education Committee:	£	£	£	£
Demand	30,850	30,850		
Repayment of Loans	12,364	12,364		
Retiring Allowances	5,513	5,513		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			515	515
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	1,160	1,616		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£49,887	£50,343	£515	£515

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	6,182	6,182		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	2,756	2,756		
Superannuation contributions	1,550	1,550		
TOTAL:	£10,488	£10,488		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of Estimates for Financial Year ending
31st March, 1970

SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	30,450	30,450		
Repayment of Loans	12,364	12,364		
Residing Allowances	8,313	8,313		
Bathrooms and Wicklow Joint				
Baths Board			516	
Criminal Injuries:				
County-at-Large	1,160	1,160		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£40,877	£50,287	£516	£516

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Repayment from Dept. of Education - One-half Repayment of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	8,142	8,142		
Repayment proportion of Pensions	2,700	2,700		
Superannuation contributions	1,500	1,500		
TOTAL:	£12,342	£12,342		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) IN FAVOUR OF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE OFF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	263,405	238,855	169,065	50,502	94,340	188,353	4,234	16,350	3,096	259,013		15,000	274,013	21/2-59
HEALTH ..	1,236,815		712,310		524,505		23,540	90,902	17,214	392,849			392,849	30/5
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	39,110		1,745		37,365		1,677	6,475	1,227	27,986			27,986	2/2
SANITARY ..		112,250		22,035		90,215				90,215			90,215	6/11-82
HOUSING ..		213,559		113,857		99,702				99,702			99,702	7/8-64
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	221,270	148,918	175,882	28,027	45,388	120,891	2,038	7,867	1,488	154,886		55	154,941	11/11-95
	£1,760,600	£713,582	£1,059,002	£214,421	£701,598	£499,161	£31,489	£121,594	£23,025	£1,024,651		£15,055	£1,039,706	80/6-00

Total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £258,314. 15. 0.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd March, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, 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, James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and C. White.

The County Secretary, County Engineer and the Staff Officers for General Purposes and Housing Sections attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:-
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Asintinny."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:-
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:-
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Eileen Chapman, Johnstown, Kilpedder, for the provision of 50 dwellings at Kilpedder."
2. To receive Deputation from Newtown Tenants' Association.
3. Applications for receptions of Deputations.
- 3 (a). Minutes of Meetings held on 15th December, 1969, 7th January and 12th January, 1970.
- 3 (b). Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th June, 1970.
4. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellings.
5. Applications for Loans towards the cost of erection of new Dwellings.
6. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the Financial Year other than those included in the Rate Account		Estimated Gross of the County on each Service for the Financial Year		SERVICES
Applicable to the County Health District	Applicable to the County	Chargeable to the County Health District	Chargeable to the County	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
50,502	102,062	238,322	202,402	ROADS
	172,210		122,812	FIRE
	1742		39,110	PLANNING
22,022		112,320		SECRETARY
112,327		212,320		HOUSING
28,027		142,312	21,210	GENERAL
231,422	21,022,022	221,322	21,022,022	

Total rateable value of hereditaments on the County Health District is

7. Authorisation of Loan to defray cost of erection of Public Conveniences at Greystones.
8. Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee — To fill two vacancies on Sub-Committee.
9. Library Advisory Committee — To fill two vacancies on Committee.
10. Draft Regulations on Health Boards — Letter of 16th March, 1970, from Department of Health forwarding Draft of Regulations on the Establishment of Health Boards. (Copy circulated).
11. Proposed Establishment of Special School for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Children — Letter from Department of Education.
12. Staffing of Accounts Section.
13. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for erection of Houses at Greystones.
14. Reports of County Engineer on Tenders for Rural Cottages.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council will carry out the necessary repairs to Mr. Green's cottage, Ballard, as this cottage is only two years built."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That extra efforts be made to buy land for house building in Avoca, Aughrim and Ballinacash, as there is an urgent need for houses in these areas."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the Council build a house for Mr. Byrne at Blackberry Lane, Stylebawn, Delgany, on his own lands."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, as he is living in conditions which are a danger to his family."
19. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- (a) "That the Council erect extra lights on the road Dargle leading from corner known as Blind Lane corner to Kilcrouney." (b) "That proper footpaths be laid from the Dargle Laundry to end of place known as 'The Slang'."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council remove a dangerous bend on the main road from Shillelagh to Tinahely at Ballyrahan (at Kavanagh's cottage)."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:- "That the watermain be extended to Mount Alto, Ashford, as the 2" main is no longer private since two houses being built in the area are being connected."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council buy land from Mr. Art Sullivan, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, in order to provide a roundabout at this cul-de-sac."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will take over Old Kilbride Graveyard."
24. Cottages repaired during month of February, 1970, and Cottages to be repaired during month of March, 1970.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outlying Planning Permission under the L.G. (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred by the Council pending the submission by the applicant of a lay-out plan of the development showing the proposed location of the bungalows, septic tanks, well and road lay-out. The lay-out plan had been received on the 16th February, 1970, and the following Report of the County Medical Officer had been submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

20th March, 1970.

Mr. T. Donovan,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

Re: Planning Application Ref.: 29/11/69 (Outline).

Erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga, John A. Tierney.

A Chara,

I have inspected these sites with the Health Inspector. The ground in the hollow, through which the stream flows is marshy and water logged, and would be unsuitable for septic tank drainage.

- Site 7 — Septic tank position is too close to site of proposed well.
- Site 6 — Septic tank site too close to boundary and stream.
- Site 5 — Septic tank is uphill of the dwelling according to contours of map.
- Site 4 — Septic tank site too close to boundary.
- Site 2 — Septic tank is too close to boundary.
- Site 1 — Site of septic tank is totally unsuitable as it is situated in a swamp.

I would not recommend proposed site of well — too close to stream and liable to surface flooding.

The whole lay out of the plan does not conform to accepted standards and I would not recommend it.

Mise, le meas,

Dr. C. F. Warde,

Chief Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of the application on the following grounds:-

The site is located in a coastal area of scenic importance and recreational utility, remote from larger centres of population and is unserved. In the interests of protecting amenity values and of ensuring appropriately sited and economic development, it is essential that there be restriction of sporadic residential development in such areas. The proposed development would be inappropriate and would erode seriously scenic and recreational values

in the area and the public revenue from it would not suffice to provide services (road improvements, public lighting, scavenging, etc) which in time would be demanded. The implementation of the proposal would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the above amenity area.

In reply to inquiries from Members as to why the County Engineer had not consulted with the Engineer for the applicant on the matter of a sewage disposal system other than septic tanks the County Engineer pointed out that the scheme as submitted provided for septic tanks and he could only deal with the application on the basis of the proposals submitted.

It was agreed by the Council that the application be deferred to enable consultation to take place between the County Engineer and County Medical Officer with the applicant's professional advisers with a view to seeing if the difficulties in regard to sewage disposal could be overcome.

- (b) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a Bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary gave particulars of the proposal and stated that a similar application had been refused by Order of 3rd January, 1970. The County Engineer recommended that permission for the present application be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal taken in conjunction with existing houses in the vicinity of the site and others recently approved would give rise to an undesirable urban type ribbon development along a public road in the rural area.
2. The proposal would result in a density of development inappropriate to a rural area.
3. The proposal is contrary to proper planning and development because the site is in a rural area lacking services and the public revenue from such development would not suffice to provide services (water supply, sewerage facilities, public lighting, road widening, and scavenging) which in time would be demanded.
4. There are a number of entrances from houses on to the public road in the vicinity of the site and further entrances would seriously reduce the traffic carrying capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard.
5. The proposed septic tank would give rise to a proliferation of septic tanks in an area where the soil is unsuitable for the treatment of effluent from septic tanks.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had asked that a trial hole be opened for inspection where it was proposed to site the septic tank and that this would be necessary before he would be in a position to make a recommendation on the application. The applicant had indicated in letter received on the 20th March, 1970, that the trial hole for the septic tank was now ready for inspection. The County Council agreed to defer consideration of the application to the meeting to be held on the 6th April, 1970, to enable the County Medical Officer to inspect the trial hole and submit his recommendation on the application.

- (c) In the names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Eileen Chapman, Johnstown, Kilpedder, for the provision of 50 Dwellings at Kilpedder."

The County Secretary stated that the proposal was for a development of fifty houses at Kilpedder for Miss Chapman. The County Engineer had reported that the existing sewerage works occupied approximately .6 of an acre of the site of the proposal and the Dublin Corporation 33" watermain, which crossed the site, would sterilise a strip 60' wide and as Dublin Corporation's right of access and maintenance allows them to restrict development within these limits another 1.5 acres of the site would be sterilised. Presumably the addition to the sewerage works proposed would occupy another half acre which also would be sterilised. No residential development should be permitted within the immediate vicinity of the sewerage treatment works to avoid serious injury to the residential amenity of the occupants. A lay-out map taking these points into consideration should be submitted by the applicant. The County Medical Officer did not consider that the existing sewerage treatment works were adequate but the applicant was willing to enlarge these if necessary. The County Engineer recommended that notice be served on the applicant requesting the following information:-

1. Scaled site lay-out map showing positions and curtilages of the proposed houses taking cognisance of the following:- (a) no houses to be sited (1) within 60 feet of Dublin Corporation's 33-inch watermain; (2) a distance of 100 feet from the boundary of the enlarged sewerage treatment works proposed by applicant; (3) provision to be made for public open space.
2. Details for proposals for enlargement of sewerage works.
3. Consulting Engineer's Report on availability of adequate and potable water supply.

The following Report of the County Medical Officer had been submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill
Wicklow.

19th March, 1970.

Mr. T. Donovan,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

Re: Planning Application Ref: 3188/70 Outline Housing development 50 houses at Kilpedder — E. Chapman.

A Chara,

I refer you to previous report No. 2242/69 dated 8/2/69. I have really nothing to add to that report. Proof of an adequate and potable water supply from deep bored wells from a Consultant Engineer would be required. No connections are being granted by Dublin Corporation to the water main in the area. I would not recommend connection to existing sewerage works as this construction would be inadequate to deal with effluent from a further 50 houses.

I do not recommend the proposal.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,

Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Gregory stated that the area of the proposal contained 17½ acres and he saw no reason why the application should be refused. He expressed the view that the present sewerage treatment plant was adequate to take the effluent from this development. The applicant had agreed that if necessary she would extend the sewerage treatment plant so as to cater for effluent from the scheme. The Co. Engineer pointed out that he would need to be assured that the sewerage treatment plant was capable of taking the effluent and have details of any proposed extensions which might be needed. He would also require evidence that a satisfactory water supply would be available. In reply to inquiries from Members as to why additional information was now proposed to be sought from the applicant the County Engineer pointed out that this was a new application and it had now been ascertained that the Dublin Corporation 33" main passed across the site and this was shown on the plan submitted. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Consulting Engineer acting for the applicant, Miss Chapman, was present in the Council Chamber and suggested that he be heard. The Council having agreed to allow the Consulting Engineer to address the Council he stated that his client intended to enlarge the present sewerage works and to provide a satisfactory effluent which would be capable of discharge into the river to the north of the site or if necessary to provide a new system of sewerage disposal. In regard to water supply he stated that the water would be taken from the 33" main where there was at present one connection supplemented by deep bore wells which had been drilled. He stated that an adequate supply of water could be obtained to serve 500 houses if necessary. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Phelan the Consultant stated that the tapping from the Corporation main at present available was a ½" one. He added that a copy of the lay-out plan showing the proposal had been sent to the Corporation of Dublin and that the plan showed that there would be no interference with the line of the Corporation watermain and that the Corporation was satisfied with the proposal. He stated also that the land on which the sewage works were located was owned by Miss Chapman. The Consultant also stated that the Corporation had indicated that they would raise no objection to a 4" main being taken from the Corporation supply for fire fighting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Eileen Chapman, Johnstown, Kilpedder, for the provision of 50 dwellings at Kilpedder, subject to an adequate and potable water supply being available to serve the development, and sewage disposal arrangements being made to the satisfaction of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—To Receive Deputation from Newtown Tenants' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from Newtown Tenants' Association. A representative of the Association addressed the Council and complained of undue delay in solving the housing problem. He also referred to a cottage at Moneycarroll which was occupied by a single man who was not the tenant and claimed

that the tenant of this cottage had been living in England for many years. He referred also to a cottage of Mrs. O'Reilly which had not been occupied for two years and criticised the Council's failure to take action to recover possession of these cottages. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the tenancy of the cottage at Moneycarroll referred to by the representative of the Association was in the name of Mr. Thomas Healy who had been living in England for a number of years past. His wife, Mrs. Mary Healy, had been living in the cottage and she died on the 26th December, 1969. Reports had been received from the Council's Rent Collector and Health Inspector to the effect that a son of Mrs. Healy named Denis Burke had moved into the cottage in November, 1969. Mr. Burke was single and was employed as a tractor driver. Legal proceedings were being taken by the Council to recover possession of the cottage. In regard to the cottage of Mrs. O'Reilly legal proceedings had been instituted for the recovery of the cottage and it was expected that the case would be heard at the next Court in April, 1970. At the suggestion of Councillor Temple the Members of the Council agreed that the representatives of the Association be received by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Area at a local meeting where all matters concerning the area could be considered.

Item No. 3—Applications for Reception of Deputations.

The County Secretary stated that there were two applications for the reception of Deputations by the Council, one being from Mr. Edward Dickenson, Keatingstown House, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, and the other from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood. It was stated in Mr. Dickenson's application that the proposed Deputation wished to put the point of view of residents of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballinabarney, before the Council in connection with the suggestion of Wicklow Urban Council concerning the provision of a site for itinerants in that area. The application from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood, was stated to be concerned with some urgent local matters. On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Gregory, it was agreed that the Deputation from the residents' Committee of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballinabarney, be received at 4.00 p.m. at the meeting to be held on the 6th April, 1970, and on the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was agreed that the Deputation from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood, be received at 4.30 p.m. at the meeting to be held on 6th April, 1970.

Item No 3 (a)—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 15th December, 1969, 7th January and 12th January, 1970. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 (b)—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

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 amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1970, shall not exceed £250,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications for submission to the Council.

Item No. 5—Applications for Loans Towards the Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

The Council considered the application of Mr. James Clarke, Broughall's Hill, Hollywood, for a Loan of £2,200 in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Johnstown, Hollywood. The County Secretary stated that the market value of the house was estimated by the County Engineer at £2,840 and Mr. Clarke appeared eligible for a Loan of £2,100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,100 to James Clarke, Broughall's Hill, Hollywood, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Johnstown, Hollywood, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

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

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Ellen Kelly to who was a male nurse at Newcastle Hospital. Mr. Anderson was sell her interest in Vested Cottage No. 88/6 to Mr. Peter Anderson, single but had indicated that he was getting married on the 4th April, 1970. Mrs. Kelly was going to reside with her married daughter as she was in ill health. The proposed purchase price of the cottage was £1,000 and the market value had been estimated by the County Engineer at £800. Following discussion in regard to the application, in the course of which Members queried the eligibility of the applicant as not being married and that another person in the area with a family had been interested in this house, the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting to be held on 6th April, 1970.

Item No. 7—Authorisation of Loan to Defray Cost of Erection of Public Conveniences at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already approved of the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 to defray the cost of the erection of a public convenience at Greystones but it was now found that the Loan could not be obtained from the Local Loans Fund and a new Resolution for obtaining the Loan from and Insurance Company was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £5,000 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of erection of public sanitary conveniences at South Beach, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Wicklow O.A.P. SubCommittee—To Fill Two Vacancies on Sub-Committee.

The County Secreary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had reported that there were two vacancies on the Sub-Committee due to the transfer of Rev. Louis O'Sullivan, C.C., and the death of Very Rev. John Kingston, P.P. The Committee recommended that Rev. Anthony Crinnion, P.P., and Rev. James O'Sullivan, C.C., Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancies. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that there were nine members on the Sub-Committee of which five were Clergymen, two were members of the County Council, and two were members of Wicklow Urban District Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill vacancies on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee:—

Rev. A. Crinnion, P.P., Wicklow.

Rev. J. O'Sullivan, C.C., Wicklow.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That the matter be adjourned and that the Society of Vincent de Paul Confraternity at Wicklow be asked if they wished to make any recommendation.

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

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

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

The amendment was declared defeated by fourteen votes against to five in favour and the original Resolution was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 9—Library Advisory Committee—To Fill Two Vacancies On Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the County Librarian had reported that at the Library Advisory Meeting on 27th January, 1970, it was agreed that that the County Council be requested to

fill the vacancies on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. J. J. McCrea and Very Rev. J. Kingston, P.P. It was recommended by the Committee that Councillor Miss N. O'Neill be requested to act on the Library Committee. The Council decided to defer the matter for details of the present membership of the Committee.

Item No. 10—Draft Regulations on Health Boards—Letter of 16th March, 1970, from Department of Health Forwarding Draft of Regulations on the Establishment of Health Boards. (Copy Circulated).

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

Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.
19th March, 1970.

Chairman and Members of County Council,

re: Draft Regulations on Health Boards.

Dear Councillor,

I enclose herewith copy of the draft Regulations on Health Boards received from the Department of Health with covering letter of 16th March, 1970, copy of which is also attached. The matter will be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday next, 23rd instant. It will be noted that the Minister for Health requests the views of the Council on the attached draft of Regulations.

The Minister expresses appreciation of the fact that the local authorities in the Eastern area met and reached an agreement between themselves on the numbers of their representatives on the Board but regrets that he did not find it possible to accept their recommendations in full for the reasons indicated. The draft Regulations provide that the total number of members of the Eastern Regional Health Board will be 34, of which 18 will be representatives of local authorities. The number of representatives from Dublin Corporation is increased by one to seven, and the representatives of Dun Laoghaire Corporation is also increased by one to two. The representation from Wicklow County Council remains the same as that originally proposed, i.e., three members.

The Department's letter also indicates the membership of the local Health Committee, which in Co. Wicklow will comprise three Councillors from each of the four Electoral Areas plus an additional three Councillors making a total of fifteen Councillors and twelve other members as listed in the letter making a total of twenty-seven members in all.

It is stated in the Department's letter that the Minister wishes to be in a position to submit the draft of the Regulations in the Dail and Seanad in May next and requests that any views the Council may wish to express on the draft should be forwarded to the Department by the 27th April next.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary

Dept. of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin, 1.

16th March 1970

Draft Regulations on Health Boards

A Chara,

1. The Minister for Health in pursuance of section 4(4) of the Health Act, 1970, requests the views of your Council on the attached draft of Regulations on the establishment of health boards.

2. In drawing up the proposals contained in this draft on the Eastern Health Board, the Minister has had careful regard to the views expressed at his meeting with representatives of the local authorities concerned on 20th October, 1969 (a report of which was sent to you), to the subsequent representations which he has received and, particularly, to the recommendations from the joint meeting of the local authorities held on 16th January, 1970. He has, in preparing the present draft, endeavoured to reconcile these recommendations with his wish to keep the size of the health board reasonable. He has also, of course, had regard to the requirement in the Act that the local authority representatives on the board be in a majority.

3. The Minister is appreciative of the fact that the local authorities in the Eastern area met and reached an agreement between themselves on the numbers of their representatives on the board. He regrets, however, that he did not find it possible to accept their recommendations in full, because even if there were no compensating increase in the number of other members of the board, the total of 23 local authority representatives would result in a Board which, in the Minister's view, would be too big. However, it will be noted that the Minister has added two to the total number of local authority representatives as shown in his original tentative proposal, by increasing the Dublin Corporation representation to 7 and the Dun Laoghaire Corporation representation to 2. He also considered whether, having regard to the population it serves, the Dublin County Council should have an additional representative. On balance he decided against this. Even though the population of the Dublin County Health District is considerably greater than that of Kildare or Wicklow, the area served is relatively compact and, furthermore, the Minister did not wish that the representation from the Dublin area as a whole should too much outweigh that of Kildare and Wicklow. In the Eastern area especially, it is difficult to balance the different points of view as respects representation. The Minister hopes that your Council will accept that his present proposal represents a reasonable compromise.

4. Detailed proposals for regulations under section 7 of the Act establishing local committees will be sent to your Council for views later. At this stage, however, the Minister thinks it desirable that they should be aware that he now proposes that the membership of each of these committees should be as follows:—

- (i) three councillors from each electoral area. (In those local authorities where there are only four electoral areas, the Council would appoint three further councillors to ensure a local authority majority).
- (ii) the County Manager
- (iii) the county medical officer (or his equivalent),
- (iv) the resident medical superintendent of the district mental hospital,
- (v) a consultant from a general hospital,
- (vi) two other doctors elected by the profession,
- (vii) the superintendent assistance officer (or his equivalent),
- (viii) a psychiatric nurse,
- (ix) a public health nurse,
- (x) a dentist,

- (xi) a pharmacist,
- (xii) two persons, not being councillors and other than above, who are associated with voluntary organisations in the sphere of social services.

5. A copy of the Health Act, 1970, is attached for reference. The Council should note that, in addition to the requirement that local authority members be in a majority on the health board, amendments were also introduced during the passage of the Health Bill which provide that each board will elect its own chairman and vice-chairman and also that the allocation of the local share of the expenses of a health board instead of being determined by regulations made by the Minister for Local Government, will be fixed by agreement between the local authorities concerned or, if they fail to agree, will be determined by a person appointed by the Minister for Health, who will take into account such considerations as the Minister specified (section 32 of the Act).

6. The regulations setting up health boards must be submitted for approval in draft form to each House of the Oireachtas before being made. It will be noted that the Minister proposes that the boards should be set up in October. Accordingly, it will be necessary for each House of the Oireachtas to consider the draft of the regulations before the Summer Recess. To allow reasonable time for this, the Minister would wish to be in a position to submit the drafts to the Dail and Seanad in May next. Accordingly, I am to request that any views your Council may wish to express on the draft should be forwarded to this Department by 27th April next.

7. The Minister has considered whether he should again meet representatives of local authorities to discuss the present drafts. However, as the issues involved are now clear and well known, he decided that this was not necessary and that it would be more appropriate for each authority to let him have their views in writing. He will, of course, fully consider any further suggestions that are now made.

8. In view of the formal nature of this statutory consultation, it would be appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and enclosures.

Mise, le meas,

B. Hensey.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Copy of the Draft Regulations on Health Boards had also been circulated to the Members. The Council noted that the representation of Wicklow County Council on the Eastern Health Board remained at three Members and that the Minister had not accepted the recommendation made at the joint meeting of the Health Authorities forming the Eastern Health Region. Members of the Council pointed out the special circumstances of Wicklow due to the geographical features of the County and the consequent difficulty of communication and the Council agreed that the Minister be informed that it was the view of the Members of the Council that the Wicklow representation on the Eastern Health Board should be increased to four members and that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision in the matter. Members of the Council also expressed the view that the setting up of the Regional Health Boards removed a degree of democracy from local areas.

Item No. 11—Proposed Establishment of Special School for Motorably Mentally-Handicapped Children—Letter from Department of Education.

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

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

Dept. of Education,
Primary Branch
Marlborough Street,
Dublin.

13th March, 1970.

A Chara,

I am to refer to your letter of 21st January, 1970, regarding the question of the establishment of a special school for moderately mentally-handicapped children in Co. Wicklow. The question of the provision of special educational facilities for the children of the county has been under consideration for some time. Two considerations of basic importance in examining applications of this kind are:

- (1) that there should be at least 20 children suitable and available for enrolment in a school if established. This is the figure recommended in the Report of the Commission on Mental Handicap (par. 96) and the Department is satisfied that it is a minimum to ensure effective education.
- (2) that the distances which pupils might have to be transported would not be excessive. Apart from the factor of cost, very long journeys each day can significantly affect a handicapped child's ability to benefit from school work. (See par. 90 of Commission's Report).

In regard to the application for a school in Co. Wicklow, it was proposed by officials of the Department at a meeting held with representatives of the Wicklow Association for Mentally Handicapped Children on 27th May, 1969, that the educational needs of Co. Wicklow children with moderate mental handicap could be met in the following way:—

- (a) children in the West of the county, through the availability of residential places in St. Patrick's, Kilkenny, and
- (b) children in the East of the county, through a special transport service from Wicklow to Dunmore House, Glenageary.

The Association, however, were in favour of the establishment of a special school which, they claimed, could be sited at Rathdrum. They were asked to forward a list of the children who would definitely attend this school if it were sanctioned, together with their proposals regarding transport routes. A list of names was submitted and the whole question of establishing a school was considered by the Department in the light of the following factors:—

- (a) the suitability of the children for special education for the moderately handicapped;

- (b) the ages of the children at both the lower (about 6 years) and upper limits (about 16 years);
- (c) the special transport arrangements which would be required.

It was apparent from the list furnished that only 16 children would definitely attend the school. With regard to the provision of daily transport it was found that a number of routes with journeys of up to 32 miles would be involved. From considerations of distance, travelling time and cost per pupil these routes would not prove satisfactory. Having considered all these factors the Department could not agree to recognise a special school for the moderately mentally handicapped at Rathdrum.

It was felt, however, that the Department's original suggestions could still be implemented. Accordingly, a special transport service from Wicklow town to Dunmore House Special School has been authorised. This service will cater for the children from Bray who attend the school and the moderately handicapped children of Wicklow town may also avail of it.

A number of vacancies occurred at St. Patrick's Special School, Kilkenny, and the places were offered to the Co. Wicklow children. Three places were accepted but the school authorities could not hold the remainder indefinitely and they were eventually given to other children. If the parents agree to residential accommodation then the Department will make every effort to ensure that places are again made available.

There is a total number of 5 children who are under six years of age. It is felt that 3 of these could eventually avail of the Wicklow/Dunmore House bus and the remaining 2 could be catered for in St. Patrick's, Kilkenny.

We regret that the circumstances are not such as would allow of sanctioning a special school in Co. Wicklow but we expect that alternative arrangements on the lines indicated above will soon be made for all the children concerned.

Mise, le meas,

J. O'Jiblin.

The following Report of the County Medical Officer was also submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill
Wicklow.

20th March, 1970

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary

re: Special School for Moderately Handicapped Children.

A Chara,

I am very disappointed that the Department of Education could not agree to recognise a Special School for the moderately mentally handicapped at Rathdrum.

In my letter of the 9th January, 1970, I pointed out that there were 22 moderately mentally handicapped children in south east Wicklow, eight of whom were in institutions.

The Department states that 20 children are necessary to establish a school. If those in institutions were brought home, the necessary number exists in the area for the establishment of a school.

On the question of transport, the Department mentions a journey of up to 32 miles per day, and considers this to be unsatisfactory. The transport from Wicklow to Dunmore House involves a round journey of about 50 miles per day which in my opinion will be very tiring for the children.

What is to happen to children from other areas? Would not would not their maintenance be less costly to the County Council? these children be better off at home rather than in institutions and would not their maintenance be less costly to the County Council?

I shall try to implement the alternative arrangements suggested by the Department but I foresee difficulties, for example, parents unwilling to part with their children to institutions, and permitting long daily journeys to school.

May I also mention that I have grave difficulties placing severely handicapped children in institutions because of shortage of beds.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,

Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, stated that the Department had turned down the Council's Resolution on the matter on the grounds that a bus brought children from Wicklow town to Dun Laoghaire and that places were available in Kilkenny for other children. In regard to the bus from Wicklow only two or three children availed of the service owing to the distance the children had to travel—48 miles per day—and also that no hot meal was given to children who left home at 8 a.m. approximately. She considered this was a grave hardship on even a normal child. There were no vacancies in the school at Kilkenny, as could be confirmed by the County Medical Officer. All the parents of the moderately mentally handicapped children in the county had signed a declaration which was sent to the Department indicating that they wished to send their children to a day school in Co. Wicklow. The Department was flouting the rights and wishes of the parents. The World Health Organisation on mentally handicapped children in its Congress in 1968 in Stockholm recommended that moderately mentally handicapped children be sent to a day school so that they remained an integral part of the family. Institutions were not recommended. The World Health Organisation also stated that these children were educateable and had a right to it as any other child. They also stated that a hot meal should be provided for children such as these owing to their particular state of health. Councillor Miss Walsh also submitted the following letter, which had been addressed to her and to the members of the Co. Council:—

22nd March 1970

Madam Chairman and Members of Wicklow Co. Council:

As the mother of a moderately mentally handicapped child, I beg of you to continue to give our Association your valuable support in our fight for a day school in Co. Wicklow. Surely it is the right of every parent to have their children educated at home

if they wish. We are continually told by eminent psychiatrists that these children benefit by normal home life.

My daughter is now nine years old, and completely cut-off from a life enjoyed by the average child of her age. What faces her in the future I dare not think about.

Her assessment form states, "This child will benefit from education." It does not state she requires institutional care, which is the only solution offered to me by the Dept. of Education.

The sad feature of this method is the impossibility of explaining to these children that they are being sent away to be educated, and not banished from their homes indefinitely. I therefore appeal to the Chairman and members of the Council and to the County Manager and his staff to use their good offices to help our children to become useful members of the community. These children are unable to fight for their rights and it is up to every good Christian and citizen to fight for them. Let this "Plaque" be our passport to Heaven and also a lasting tribute to Wicklow County Council—"This school was built by the people of County Wicklow for their Mentally Handicapped Children."

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That Minister for Education be asked to receive a deputation from the Council on the matter of the establishment of a school for moderately mentally handicapped children.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that Members of the Wicklow Association for Mentally Handicapped Children and some parents of such children should also take part in the Deputation.

Item No. 12—Staffing of Accounts Section.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the purchase of an accounting machine and the introduction of a system of weekly payment for Roadworkers as from the beginning of May, 1970, and had noted that this arrangement would involve the creation of one additional post of Clerical Officer and one additional post of Clerk/Typist for the Accounts Section of the Council. A formal resolution for the creation of the posts was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of one additional post of Clerical Officer and one additional post of Clerk/Typist for the Accounts Section of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Erection of Houses at Greystones.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

23rd March, 1970

County Secretary.

Re: Tenders for the Erection of 20 Council Houses and 9 Purchase Houses at Greystones.

A Chara,

With reference to above.

There was a discrepancy in the analysis and the lump sum tender submitted with the lowest tender received, that of Messrs. P. & T. Marrinan, Builders & Contractors, Sweet Briar Lane, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin. The price shown for each type of houses in the Analysis Form attached to the Tender, when added, came to £80,660, while the figure shown in the lump sum Tender Form was £82,010.

The Contractors were written to requesting them to indicate if they wished to amend it by their lump sum tender (£82,010), or if they wished to amend it on the basis shown on the Analysis Form attached to the tender which came to £80,660. The Contractors have replied stating that they wished to abide by their lump sum tender of £82,010, and forwarded revised analysis form. Letter and revised analysis form is attached.

I have carried out investigations of the work which Messrs. P. & T. Marrinan, Contractors, have carried out and made enquiries from the Architects and Engineers under whom they carried out such work. I am satisfied from these investigations that with careful supervision, Messrs. P. & T. Marrinan are capable of carrying out the Scheme.

I recommend, therefore, that the tender of Messrs. P. & T. Marrinan, Builders & Contractors, Sweet Briar Lane, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin, be accepted at their Tender Price of £82,010, for the erection of 20 Council Houses and 9 Purchase Type Houses at Kindlestown, Greystones.

Tender Form, Analysis Sheet and Schedule of Rates submitted by Messrs. Marrinan, and also the following Tenders are returned herewith:—

O'Toole Bros.; M. J. Conboy; T. J. Tracey & Sons Ltd.; Belcourt Housing, Ltd.; S. Gavigan & S. O'Connor and Sons.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Donovan,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Tender included for five Council houses, one storey, at £2,445 each and 15 Council houses, two storey, at £2,847 each, and included also for 5 purchase type houses, single storey, at £2,825 each, and 4 purchase type houses, two storey, at £3,240 each. The Council noted that a meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would be held on the 31st March, 1970, and agreed that the Report of the County Engineer be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at that meeting. In reply to Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that particulars of the rents and purchase annuities based on the Tender recommended would be circulated to the Members prior to their meeting on the 31st March.

Item No. 14—Reports of County Engineer on Tenders for Rural Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that in regard to the proposed erection of a cottage at Ballydowling, Glenealy, for Michael Dempsey, only one Tender had been received, that of Arklow Homes Ltd., and the County Engineer did not consider that the type of house would be suitable for the site. The amount of the Tender was £3,500. Councillor Hynes stated that he agreed with the County Engineer's recommendation and on the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that Tenders be invited again for the erection of the cottage.

For the erection of a potentially serviced house at Kilbride, two Tenders had been received, these being from Arklow Homes Ltd. in the sum of £3,300 and from Mr. Timothy Weadick, Arklow, in the sum of £3,595. The County Engineer considered both Tenders excessive. The Council agreed that Tenders be invited again for the erection of these houses. Members of the Council having expressed doubt whether lower Tenders would be received the Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be asked to state the maximum figure that would be considered acceptable for a serviced rural house.

For the erection of two cottages at Tinahely three Tenders had been received and the County Engineer recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender, being that of William Pollard, Main Street, Tinahely, in the sum of £5,740. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council approved of the acceptance of the Tender as recommended by the County Engineer.

Members of the Council asked that when Tenders were being invited again for the cottages at Ballydowling, Glenealy, and at Kilbride that Tenders also be sought for other rural cottages which had been approved.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregoray—"That This Council Carry Out the Necessary Repairs to Mr. Green's Cottage, Ballard, as this Cottage is only Two Years Built."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that letters had been sent to the Contractor and reminders to have the defective work remedied and informing him that if he did not do so the County Council would have to make arrangements to have the work carried out at his expense. It appeared that all the work required had not yet been done. The Council asked that if the Contractor failed to complete the necessary repairs the Council arrange to have them done and charge the cost to the Contractor.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That Extra Efforts Be Made to Buy Land for House Building in Avoca, Aughrim and Ballinacash, as There is an Urgent Need for Houses in These Areas."

In regard to Avoca the County Secretary stated that the Appeal to the High Court against the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council had been withdrawn and Notice of Entry had been served on the owner and entry could

be made within the next two weeks. The County Engineer had been asked to report in regard to the appointment of a Consultant to design a Scheme for the site. The County Engineer had examined a site on lands owned by Mr. Merrigan at Kilmagig Upper which contained 3 acres, 3 roods, 38 perches. The site, however, was considered expensive to develop and was not as suitable from an economic or proper development point of view at sites previously recommended. The County Engineer had pointed out that Miss Galvin's site and premises were for sale and he again recommended that the Council endeavour to obtain the site in view of the changed circumstances. Councillor Keenan pointed out that the Council had agreed that this site, which was very prominent in view from the adjoining roads and which immediately adjoined the river, was not regarded by the Council as a suitable site for development for housing. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was a site owned by Mr. Macken containing 4.67 acres situated west of Avoca Bridge which would be suitable for building, but effluent from the scheme, if this site were developed, would have to be pumped to the proposed sewerage treatment works. The County Engineer was preparing maps of the site. The County Engineer pointed out, however, that he understood the local Development Association were interested in this site for a recreation centre.

In regard to Ballinacash the County Secretary stated the Council had reached agreement for the acquisition of a site from Mr. Phelan containing 3 acres, 3 roods, 18 perches and a lay-out plan had been prepared and the Department's approval to the lay-out was awaited.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh expressed the view that the main problem in regard to Housing was the obtaining of suitable sites and for this the Council would appreciate assistance at local level. In regard to Avoca she suggested that the members of the Avoca Development Association could be of great help in obtaining suitable sites. The Council deferred consideration of the report regarding housing in Aughrim to the next meeting.

Progress Reports.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., referred again to the Council's request that a Progress Report on Housing be submitted each month to the Council and asked that such a Report be available for the Housing Meeting to be held in April.

Land for Sale at Kilcoole and Kilmurray.

Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to advertisements in the newspapers of land for sale at Kilcoole and Kilmurray and suggested that the County Engineer investigate and report if any part of these lands were required by the Council for housing purposes.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the next meeting.

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 and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to

Mr. Edward Meed, Meadowcourt, New Road, Greystones, for the erection of his new house."

In the names of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That houses be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan, and Patrick O'Brien, Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will build a house for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, T. J. Keenan, John Sweeney and Mary Walsh:—"That the Council in future receive all deputation at 4.30 p.m."

In the names of Councillors Mark Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That water be provided for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

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, 6th April, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, 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 John Sweeney, William Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st December, 1969, 5th January and 14th January, 1970.
3. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellingshouses.
4. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new Dwellingshouses.
5. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
6. Tenders for erection of Houses at Grattan Park, Greystones—Recommendations of Bray Electoral Area Committee on Report of County Engineer.
7. Leasing of Lands for Housing at Blessington.
8. Progress Report on Housing.
9. Request of Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association to be supplied with copies of Minutes of Council Meetings.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the Council build a house for Mr. Byrne at Blackberry Lane, Stylebawn, Delgany, on his own lands."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That this Council build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, as he is living in conditions which are a danger to his family."
12. To receive Deputation from Residents' Committee of Ballyner-rin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballina-barney.
13. To receive Deputation from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood.
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney and Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council in future receive all Deputation at 4.30 p.m."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and

Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to Mr. Edward Meade, Meadow Court, New Road, Grey-stones, for the erection of his new house."

16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That houses be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan, and Patrick O'Brien, Raheen, Balt-inglass."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will build a house for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knock-fn, Glendalough."
18. Cottages repaired during month of March, 1970, and Cottages to be repaired during month of April, 1970.

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 John Sweeney, William Cleary, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, G. Timmins and Mary Walsh:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for Planning Permission had been refused by Order of 3rd January, 1970, and the County Engineer recommended refusal for the present application on the same grounds. Having regard to the exist-ing houses in the vicinity of the site and others recently approved the proposal would give rise to an undesirable urban type ribbon development along a public road in the rural area which would result in a density of development inappropriate to such area. The site lacked services and the revenue to be derived from the develop-ment would not be sufficient to provide the services which would be sought. The number of entrances from houses on to the public road in vicinity of the site and further entrances would reduce traffic carry-ing capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard. The proposed septic tank would give rise to a proliferation of septic tanks in an area where the soil was unsuitable for the treatment of effluent. The County Secretary stated that the matter had been deferred from a previous meeting to enable the County Medical Officer to inspect a trial hole which had been provided on the site at his request. The County Medical Officer had reported that the inspection of the trial hole showed that a little water had lodged in the hole but the subsoil was of a wet clay nature and would only have from fair to poor soakage qualities. There would be no objection to the proposal provided that a large soakpit plus land drains were used to disperse the septic tank effluent. The County Medical Officer also stated that further ribbon development would need to be controlled in the area to prevent a proliferation of septic tanks on soil which had only poor soakage qualities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Terence Crosbie, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bal-linaheese, Arklow, subject to the provision of a large soakpit plus land drains to disperse septic tank effluent.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st December, 1969, 5th January and 14th January, 1970.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications to submit to the meeting.

Item No. 4—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Loans to the following applicants for the purpose of erecting dwellinghouses:—

Name and Address	Amount of Loan
Sean O'Brien, Clara Vale, Rath-	£2,200 Erection of House at Bless- ington;
Michael McEvoy, c/o P. McEvoy,	£2,200 Erection of House at Bless- Ballyknockan, Blessington.
subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.	
Passed unanimously.	

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £800 to Mr. Patrick Swan, Newcastle Middle, for the reconstruction of his vested cottage at Newcastle Middle, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that consideration of the applica-tion of Mrs. Ellen Kelly to dispose of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 88/6 at Kilmullen to Mr. Peter Anderson had been deferred from the previous meeting. Mr. Peter Anderson was a male nurse in Newcastle Mental Hospital and it was understood that he was now married and the proposed purchase price was £1,000. If the Council were agreeing to consent being given to the sale it would be necessary to provide that the condition requiring that the occu-pier be a "qualified person" be suspended during the period of occupation of the cottage by Mr. Anderson.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the

sale by Mrs. Ellen Kelly of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 88/6 at Kilmullen to Peter Anderson, for the sum of £1,000, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £333 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage, except the condition requiring that the occupier be a "qualified person" during the period of occupation of the cottage by Mr. Anderson; the annuities shall continue to be payable in respect of the cottage.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Tenders for Erection of Houses at Grattan Park, Greystones—Recommendations of Bray Electoral Area Committee on Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the County Engineer on Tenders received for the erection of 20 Council houses and 9 purchase-type houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their meeting on the 31st March and the Committee recommended approval of the County Engineer's recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs P. & T. Marrinan, Sweetbriar Lane, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £82,010, this being the lowest Tender received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 23rd March, 1970, and recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs P. and T. Marrinan, Builders and Contractors, Sweetbriar Lane, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £82,010 for the erection of 20 Council Houses and 9 purchase-type houses at Kindlestown, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Leasing of Lands for Housing at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to lease two sites on the Council's lands at Main Street, Blessington, to Mr. Sean O'Brien, Clara Vale, Rathdrum, and Mr. Michael McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington, for a period of 150 years at a ground rent of £10 per annum for the purpose of erecting dwellinghouses for their own occupation. The Leases would include the following conditions:—

- (a) A wall 6' high in concrete blocks plastered to match houses to be erected to satisfaction of County Engineer.
- (b) The trees within the curtilage of the sites not to be interfered with in any way without the permission of the Council.

Members of the Council expressed the view that the conditions regarding the erection of a wall should not be imposed and it was agreed that this matter be considered further by the County Engineer with Councillor J. Miley, Blessington, with a view to removal of this condition.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the leasing for a period of 150 years of the lands described hereunder and which are not required for the purposes of the powers and duties of the Council:—

"Two sites described as Site 'C' and 'D' being part of the lands acquired by the Council for Housing purposes and situated on

western side of Main Street, Blessington, being part of lands acquired under the Blessington Compulsory Purchase Order, 1952, No. 1."

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Progress Report on Housing.

A Housing Progress Report covering the year to 31st March, 1970, had been circulated by the County Engineer to each Member of the Council. The Council noted that 25 houses had been completed since the 1st April, 1969, and that 56 houses were at present in course of construction. A further 20 houses which had been completed were still under maintenance.

Aughrim—Councillor Keenan stated that Dr. Phelan should be contacted directly in regard to the proposal that a site owned by him at Aughrim be acquired. He urged also that the Council proceed as soon as possible with the erection of houses on the site acquired from C.I.E.

Dunlavin—The County Engineer stated that defects in the house at Dunlavin had to be remedied by the Contractor and he had found difficulty in getting the Contractor to remedy the defects and had served a six days' notice on him to do so. He stated that he was informed that the Contractor had started work on the houses that day and it was expected that the houses could be ready for occupation within about a week. The Council asked that the County Engineer report further on the matter for the next meeting.

House at Arklow for Mr. Dillon—Councillor Cleary referred to the difficulties experienced in arranging for the erection of the house for Mr. Dillon at Arklow and stated that in view of the high Tender received for the erection of the house the applicant was prepared to give £500 to the Council towards the cost if the Council would proceed on the basis of the last Tender. The Council noted that this proposal could not be accepted and asked the County Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of the erection of the house by direct labour. The County Secretary stated that Tenders were being invited during the following week for the erection of houses at Kilbride, Ballinabarney, Tullowclay, Ballydowling and Ballinacash. Members of the Council asked that tenders be invited also for any other rural cottages for which the necessary documents were available. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that he expected that it would be possible to invite tenders for houses at Ashford and Tinahely during the coming Summer.

Glenealy—Councillor Phelan suggested that the Council should acquire a site on Mr. Philips' land adjoining the existing housing scheme at Glenealy and if necessary these lands be acquired by compulsory purchase. It was agreed that Mr. Philips be approached first with a view to seeing if the site could be acquired by agreement. Councillor Hynes suggested that a suitable site was available between the Church and the village on lands of Mr. McCall. The County Engineer agreed that a site on Mr. Philips' land suggested was a suitable one and following a discussion on the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That officials and Councillors for area meet applicants for houses in Glenealy and consult them regarding site for housing at Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Councillor Temple inquired when the road works at the entrance to Grattan Park would be completed and stated that the present position was dangerous to users of the road. The County Engineer stated that the Council had had difficulty in obtaining some of the land required to carry out the scheme of road improvement.

Item No. 12—To Receive Deputation from Residents' Committee of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballinabarney.

The Council received the Deputation which was represented by Mr. A. J. Delahunt, Mr. Martin Carr and Mr. E. Dickenson. Mr. Delahunt stated that the Deputation wished to object to any proposal to provide a site for itinerants in the area represented by the Committee. He stated that Mr. Carr and Mr. Dickenson could give particulars of the difficulties experienced with itinerants who had camped in the area and had caused trespass and damage to property. He also pointed out that there were no sanitary facilities available where the itinerants were encamped. Mr. Carr gave particulars of damage which had been caused to his aunt's property and which he stated had been caused by itinerants and referred to hedges having been set on fire, gates and fencing damaged, out-houses damaged and materials removed. Mr. Dickenson stated that he had rented land for tillage in the area and had found 22 horses on the lands on two occasions at night time. He stated that he could be at a very substantial loss by reason of the trespass and damage caused to the land. The members of the Deputation also referred to litter having been thrown around in the area along the sides of roads and expressed the view that any camping site for itinerants should be provided within the urban district where sanitary services could be made available and not in a rural area lacking services. The Deputation complained that the Urban District Council had proposed that a camping site for itinerants be provided in that area and pointed out that suitable land was available to the Urban District Council within the urban area where services would be available. They also pointed out that the itinerant camp was within half a mile of the dumping ground and complained that the Council had not been adhering to the conditions under which the site for the dumping ground had been made available. Councillor Costello proposed that the Council call a meeting of representatives of the residents, the itinerants, the County Council, Wicklow Urban District Council and the Gardai, to consider the matter. Councillor Miss M. Walsh pointed out that the Council had determined a procedure for dealing with Deputations which provided that the Council hear the Deputation and have the matters raised by the Deputation considered at the next meeting when any necessary reports of Council's officers were available. Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Whelan, proposed that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the calling of a meeting of representatives of the residents, itinerants, County Council, Wicklow Urban District Council and the Gardai, but it was pointed out that a Notice of Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders would be required. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the County Council had not any proposal to provide a camping site for itinerants in the area and that the matter was not one in which the Council could take any action. The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, had indicated that at a previous meeting of the Urban District Council a discussion took place on the possibility of providing camping amenities for itinerants and that it was suggested by members that the Town Surveyor in-

spect the site known as the "Bushy Lane", Wicklow. The Town Surveyor had reported that to provide a serviced site in the area it would be necessary to acquire a plot of land of minimum area a quarter of an acre and that he gathered from the reaction of the residents of the area that there would be opposition to acquiring a plot of land for that purpose. The Council decided that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council and that the views of the Urban District Council on the matter be obtained.

The Secretary stated that the following Memorial had been submitted:—

RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

Ballynerrin Lower,
Keatingstown,
Ashtown,
Broomhall,
Ballinabarney.

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

We, the people of the above townlands, strongly object to the proposed Itinerants' site being erected in Kerwin Lane, Ballynerrin, referred to as Bushy Lane in the Urban Council. This is private property owned by three Landowners and is a right of way to their land.

Our reason for objection is breaking down of fences and the trespassing of Horses on crops. The refuse and dirt thrown on the road.

The dump is already sited in this area and the roads are in a terrible state.

Mise, le meas,

The Memorial was signed by fifty persons.

Item No. 13—To Receive Deputation from Muintir Na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood.

The Deputation was represented by Mr. Francis Duffy, Hon. Secretary, Mr. William McKenna and Mr. Frank Byrne. The members of the Deputation addressed the Council in regard to the following matters:—

1. **Tomdarragh Lane** — It was stated that the lane in question, which was referred to as a "public lane", was in a very bad state, having sunk at either side and that it had been in bad condition for the past ten years. They asked that the lane be put in proper condition with a tarred surface as soon as possible.
2. **Togherbeg**—The Deputation referred to the green and link roads at Togherbeg on the northern side of Roundwood and stressed the need for tarring the service roads at this place. The Deputation stated that they had been promised that the roads in question would be tarred during the past year but that this had not been done.
3. The Deputation asked that a Refuse Disposal System be provided for the village of Roundwood. They stated that they had made efforts to obtain a suitable site for the dump during the past year but had been unable to obtain any site.
4. The Deputation also urged that a resident Doctor be provided for the Roundwood area.
5. The Deputation asked also that the speed limit area at Roundwood be extended.

5. The Deputation asked also that the speed limit area at Roundwood be extended northwards past the group of houses at Togherbeg and stated that this was necessary because of the number of children living in these houses.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that the Deputation meet the members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area in regard to the matters raised by them. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and family of the late Denis McCarthy, Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council. The Council also passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the widow and family of Garda Richard Fallon who had been killed in the discharge of his duties.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:— "That I or someone for me will move Resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, directing the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the erection of a house."

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, S. Costello and C. White:— "That we, the Members of the Northern Area, do hereby ask the County Manager to hold an inquiry into the administration of the Dispensary at Bray, particularly with reference to the issuing of medicine, etc., in view of the numerous complaints received by the local Councillors."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "That this Council build a house for Mr. James Doyle, Kilcassell, Avoca, on his own site."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That this Council provide a site for a house for John Grey, Shillelagh, on the land which the Council owns at Shillelagh."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Rathnew in order to provide a playing field for the children of the area."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council provide an alternative site for a septic tank for seven houses at Croneyhorn Upper, Carnew, as the site previously submitted had been turned down."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will re-build Munny Bridge, Coolkenno."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will repair all defects and dampness in a number of the houses in the recently completed scheme at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

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

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

AGENDA

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

- (b) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and J. Sweeney:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

- (c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"That I or someone for me will move Resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, directing the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the erection of a house."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th February, 16th February and 23rd February, 1970.
3. Application for consent to Closing of Road on Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on Saturday, 16th May, 1970, for the purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
4. Application for consent to Closing of Roads at Rathdrum on Saturday, 26th September, 1970, for purposes of Motor Races.
5. Application for Permit for use of Public Address System between June 13th and June 21st, 1970.
6. Library Advisory Committee—To fill two vacancies on Committee.
7. To authorise raising of Loan to defray cost of erection of houses at Grattan Park, Greystones.

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8. Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow—To authorise borrowing to defray Council's share of cost of works.
9. Application from Kilgarron Housing Action Committee for reception of Delegation at next Council Meeting.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council in future receive all Deputations at 4.30 p.m."
11. Estimate of County Engineer for works at Courthouse, Wicklow.
12. Revision of Salary Scales for posts at Newcastle Hospital.
13. Scheme for Waiver of Rates for 1970/71.
14. Application from Windgates Residents' Association for Public Lighting and Refuse Collection Service—Report of County Engineer.
15. Request of Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association to be supplied with copies of Minutes of Council Meetings.
16. Report on matters raised by Deputation from Residents' Committee of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballinabarney, Wicklow.
17. Report on matters raised by Deputation from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood.
18. Notices of Motion in name of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—
(a) "That the Council erect extra lights on the road Dargle leading from corner known as Blind Lane corner to Kilcorney."
(b) "That proper footpaths be laid from the Dargle Laundry to end of place known as 'The Slang'."
19. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—"That this Council remove a dangerous bend on the main road from Shillelagh to Tinahely at Ballyrahan (at Kavanagh's cottage)."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council buy land from Mr. Art Sullivan, Merrymount, Rathnew, in order to provide a roundabout at this cul-de-sac."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will take over Old Kilbride Graveyard."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mark Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That water be provided for houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, S. Costello and C. White:—"That we, the Members of the Northern Area, do hereby ask the County Manager to hold an inquiry into the administration of the Dispensary in Bray, particularly with reference to the issuing of medicines, etc., in view of numerous complaints received by the local Councillors."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Rathnew in order to provide a playing field for the children of the area."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—"That this Council provide an alternative site for a septic tank for seven houses at Cronyhorn Upper, Carnew, as the site previously submitted had been turned down."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will re-build Munny Bridge, Coolkenno."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That

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this Council will repair all defects and dampness in a number of the houses in the recently completed scheme at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim."

28. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
(a) "In the Names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the Erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga Beach, Ashtinny."

The County Secretary stated that consideration of this matter had been deferred from the last Meeting to enable consultation to take place between the County Medical Officer and the advisers to Mr. Tierney with a view to seeing if the difficulties in regard to septic tank drainage could be overcome or if an alternative system of sewage disposal would be acceptable could be arranged. The following Report of the County Medical Officer had been received:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

County Secretary.

Re: Proposal for 8 Bungalows at Clogga Strand, Ashtinny, Arklow—Mr. J. A. Tierney.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I had a discussion with Mr. J. A. Tierney and his Architect, Mr. Derek Ryan, on the 10th inst. concerning the above proposal. The main item discussed was drainage facilities on the site.

The difficulties as previously stated are:—

- (1) The marshy nature of the ground—poor drainage for septic tank effluent.
- (2) The danger of polluting the stream with sewage effluent from septic tanks on the site, considering the householder's further downstream use the water for domestic purposes.

Mr. Ryan stated that he would have trial holes dug to ascertain the nature of the soil and drainage and he would let the Council know when they were ready for inspection.

Yours sincerely,

C. F. Forde,

Chief Medical Officer.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting to allow of an inspection of the trial holes which the applicant had indicated he would have dug. The Council agreed that notice be served on the applicant requiring the provision of the trial holes.

(b) In the Names of Councillors B. S. O. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to Erect 48 Houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

The County Secretary stated that this application was for Outline Permission for a Motel, 47 houses, a manager's house, staff

quarters, shopping centre, swimming pool, pavilion, tennis courts, pitch and putt course and car parks on lands of Mr. Bernard White at Arinairy. The site contained 55 acres which formed part of a site of 214 acres in respect of which an Outline Permission for housing development had been refused to Mr. Peter Leon for the reasons that the application was considered premature in the absence of adequate public services, i.e., water and sewerage to serve the proposed development and that the proposed means of water and sewerage disposal were unsatisfactory for such an extensive scheme. The previous application by Mr. Leon was appealed to the Minister and Outline Permission was refused by the Minister in 1967 for the following reasons:—

1. The development would be premature by reason of the existing deficiency in the provision of a water supply and sewerage facilities and the period within which this deficiency may reasonably be expected to be made good;
2. The proposed means of water supply and sewage disposal would be inadequate for a development of the size proposed and the development would accordingly be prejudicial to public health.
3. Concentrated development of the size proposed would be detrimental to the natural unspoiled character of the hinterland of the beach which contributes to the attractiveness of the area.

The County Engineer recommended that Outline Permission for the present application by Mr. B. White be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The development would be premature by reason of the existing deficiency in the provision of a water supply and sewerage facilities and the period within which this deficiency may reasonably be expected to be made good.
2. The proposed means of water supply and sewage disposal would be inadequate for a development of the size proposed and the development would accordingly be prejudicial to public health.
3. Concentrated development of the size proposed would be detrimental to the natural unspoiled character of the hinterland of the beach which contributes to the attractiveness of the area.
4. The entrance to the development, sited on a bend on a poorly aligned and narrow road would constitute a serious traffic hazard.
5. The line of the proposed realigned County Road on the plan submitted with this application does not coincide with realignment proposed by the County Council and it is not possible to state when the proposed realignment will be carried out as finances have not as yet been allocated for this work.

In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that there had been an objector to the previous application on behalf of Mr. White but no objection had been received to the present application to date.

On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the matter be adjourned until the Members had an opportunity of inspecting the site of the proposal and the Council agreed that an inspection of the site be made at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 18th April, 1970.

(c) In the Names of Councillor J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:— "That I or Someone for Me Will Move Resolution

Under Section 5 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Directing the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the Erection of a House."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this case was not complete in accordance with the Regulations and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next meeting.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th February, 16th February and 23rd February, 1970.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Consent to Closing of Road on Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on Saturday, 16th May, 1970, for the Purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 16th May, 1970, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

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

The consent to the closing of the road is subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Motor Car Hill Climb.
2. That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or that the Council be recouped the cost of such repairs.
3. That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing of the road and the necessary diversions of traffic to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Consent to Closing of roads at Rathdrum on Saturday, 26th September, 1970, for the Purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder in the Corballis area near Rathdrum from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 26th September, 1970, and to authorise the holding of Motor Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic, subject to the Council being indemnified by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads:—

Portion of Road T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow)—0.2 miles in length

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Portion of 6.32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim)—0.3 miles in length; and Link Road joining these roads from Corballis Crossroads to its intersection with the Main Rathdrum/Ballinaclash/Aughrim Road—0.2 miles in length.

The consent to the closing of the roads is subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Motor Races.
2. That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or that the Council be recouped the cost of such repairs.
3. That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and the necessary diversions of traffic to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

Openings in Road at Bray for Purposes of Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor J. Temple complained that in the course of carrying out the Sewerage Scheme at Bray the Contractor had opened up manholes at Boghall Road and had left them open for the past ten weeks. He stated that these were dangerous and that it was unreasonable to have left the manholes open for such a long period. It was proposed by Councillor J. Temple and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge that the County Engineer be instructed to require the Contractor to fill in these manholes within one week. The County Engineer pointed out that the Contractor had been held up in completing the work for which the road had been opened due to the cement strike and that he also had been hindered by vandalism in that warning lamps placed at the manholes had been removed. In regard to a suggestion made that the Contractor should have steel plates available to cover such manholes, the County Engineer pointed out that the provision of steel plates would probably involve an extra on the Contract but agreed that he would take up the matter with the Contractor again.

Item No. 5—Application for Permit for Use of Public Address System Between June 13th and June 21st, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the granting of a Permit to the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, for use of Public Address equipment on Volkswagen Van Reg. No. XZ 613 during the period 13th June to 21st June, 1970.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Library Advisory Committee—To Fill Two Vacancies on Committee.

The County Secretary gave a list of the present members of the Library Committee, which comprised four members of the County Council, three members of Wicklow Urban District Council, 1 member of Arklow Urban District Council, two Clergymen, and one National Teacher. The County Secretary stated that the Library Advisory Committee had recommended that Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill be requested to act on the Committee to fill one of the two vacancies.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

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Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following person to fill vacancy on the Library Advisory Committee:— Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That Fr. Crinion, P.P., Wicklow, be appointed a member of the Library Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we adjourn the proposal and contact the two Vocational Schools with the largest number of students and request that the students nominate a person to act on the Committee.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor S. Costello it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

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

AGAINST: Councillor J. Bourke, C. White, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by eleven votes against to six votes in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That Councillor Hynes be appointed as a member of the Library Advisory Committee.

FOR COUNCILLOR MISS N. O'NEILL: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple—ELEVEN.

FOR VERY REV. A. CRINION, P.P.: Councillors J. Bourke, C. White, W. Cleary, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

FOR COUNCILLOR F. HYNES: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, C. White, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan—THIRTEEN.

Councillors F. Hynes and Miss N. O'Neill were declared to be selected to fill the two vacancies on the Library Advisory Committee.

Item No. 7—To Authorise Raising of Loan to Defray Cost of Erection of Houses at Grattan Park, Greystones.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £62,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over period of 50 years to defray the cost of erection of 20 Council houses at Grattan Park, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow — To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Council's Share of Cost of Works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £8,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 20 years to defray the Council's share of the cost of the Scheme under the Coast Protection Act for Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister had not as yet made the necessary Order under the Act and until this was made the Council could not seek sanction to the borrowing. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that it had not been the fault of the Council nor the Council's Officers that this scheme had not yet been started.

Bray Sea Wall.

Councillor J. Temple inquired whether any reply had been received to the Council's request for the reception of a Deputation by the Minister for Finance in regard to the repair of the Sea Wall at Bray which was regarded as most urgent. The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received. Councillor Temple protested against the failure of the Department to reply to the request for the Deputation and asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department requiring a reply within seven days as to whether or not the Minister was prepared to receive the Deputation. The Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department as suggested by Councillor Temple.

Item No. 9—Application from Kilgarron Housing Action Committee for Reception of Delegation at Next Council Meeting.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. D. M. Bashford, Secretary of the Kilgarron Housing Action Committee, asking, on behalf of the prospective purchasers of the houses at Kilgarron Park, that a delegation be received at the next Council meeting. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Temple, the Council agreed to receive the Deputation.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:— "That This Council in Future Receive All Deputations at 4.30 p.m.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That in future the Council receive all Deputation at 4.30 p.m.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved — That we determine a time for the reception of each Deputation to be received by the Council.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that a vote be taken as to whether Deputations would be received at 4.30 p.m. or at 4.00 p.m. in future and the polling resulted as follows:—

FOR 4.30 p.m.—Councillors J. Bourke, C. White, W. Cleary, M.

Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—FOURTEEN.

FOR 4.00 p.m.—Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, J. Temple, K. Ryan—FIVE.

The Council decided accordingly that in future Deputations to the Council would be received at 4.30 p.m. on the day of the Council meeting.

Item No. 11 — Estimate of County Engineer for Works at Court-house, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted estimates of the costs of carrying out the works which the Department of Justice had directed be attended to as matters of urgency, these being (a) the removal of the dock in the Criminal Court, (b) the repair of the ceiling in the Record Court and (c) the provision of suitable accommodation for prisoners and Prison Officers including adequate heating and lighting. The County Engineer had also reported on other works which were considered necessary, these being:

AT WICKLOW: Repair and decoration of Jury Room, toilet, corridor, etc., at the Criminal Court, redecoration of the main entrance hall, ceilings, wiring replacement, etc., and internal and external plastering at the Criminal Court with new gutters, downpipes and roof repairs. The total estimated cost of the works at Wicklow was £540;

AT ARKLOW: The provision of storage heaters and entrance gates at a total cost of £228 17s. 6d.;

AT BRAY: The transfer of the District Court Office to two vacant rooms at an estimated cost of £105;

The total cost of the works proposed was £1,448 17s. 6d., whereas the amount provided in the Estimates was only £600.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £900 in excess of amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of works at Wicklow, Arklow and Bray Courthouses, as recommended by the County Engineer. Passed, Councillors Bourke, Costello, Deering, Ryan, Temple and White asked to be recorded as dissenting.

Item No. 12—Revisions of Salary Scales for Posts at Newcastle Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following revised salary scales to the new Offices of (a) Chief Nursing Officer, (b) Assistant Chief Nursing Officer (male), and (c) Assistant Chief Nursing Officer (female), in the Psychiatric Nursing Service, with effect from 1st April, 1968:—

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER (open to male and female applicants):—pre 11th Round Salary Scale—£1,535 x £56—£1,815, plus marriage allowance.

ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSING OFFICER (male)—£1,325 x £44 —

£1,545 plus £25 compensation for night duty and marriage allowance where applicable.

ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSING OFFICER (female) — £1,325 x £49 — £1,475 plus £25 compensary for night duty.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Scheme for Waiver of Rates for 1970/71.

The County Secretary submitted a draft scheme for the Waiver of Rates for 1970/71 in similar terms to that which had been adopted by the Council for the year 1969/70. Councillor J. Miley, supported by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, expressed the view that the Scheme as operated during 1969/70 was not satisfactory and required amendment as some persons who were not in a position to pay the Rates had not qualified for the waiving of Rates under the Scheme. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., urged that the Scheme should allow of the waiving of Rates for all non-contributory pensioners whether or not they owned their own house. The County Manager pointed out that in such cases as had been mentioned by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Rates were carried forward as temporarily uncollectable and that this was desirable so that should another person who was in a position to pay the Rates succeed to the property the Council would be able to recover the Rates assessed. He pointed out that the Scheme had been suggested by the Department of Local Government but the full cost was met by the ratepayer and no recoupment was made by the Department. It was agreed that the matter be deferred and the draft Scheme reconsidered by the County Manager and that Members would supply to the County Secretary particulars of cases which they felt should be provided for in the Scheme.

Item No. 14 — Application from Windgates Residents' Association for Public Lighting and Refuse Collection Service—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that a Deputation from the Windgates Residents' Association had been received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and had sought the support of the Council in their request for free bus transport for children to school from the area. They had also sought that public lighting be provided at the bus stops at Windgates and that a refuse collection service also be provided for the area. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Education for the provision of the bus service for the children from Windgates to the school in Greystones and that the E.S.B. be asked for a quotation for the provision of the public lighting required and that the Contractor for the Greystones Domestic Scavenging Service be asked to quote for providing a similar service to Windgates.

Item No. 15 — Request of Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association to be Supplied with Copies of Minutes of Council Meetings.

The County Secretary stated that one of the items included on a questionnaire submitted by the Deputation from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association, which had been received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, read as follows:— "What liaison does the Council have with the press to ensure that its proceedings are adequately reported." The Deputation stated that the press did not always give sufficient coverage to discussions at Council Meetings in relation to Housing and asked if the Council would supply to the Association a copy of the Minutes of each Council Meeting so as to ensure that the Association

was kept fully informed of all matters relating to Housing. At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary submitted the following advice which had been received from the Council's Solicitor:—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

3rd April, 1970.

Our Ref.: McC/NS.

Re: Request for issue of copies of Minutes of Council Meetings.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 2nd inst and we note the request from the Deputation of the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association and that in particular they have requested the issue of copies of minutes of the Council Meeting.

It has not been the practice of the Council to supply copies of the minutes except to the members of the Council and in our opinion, apart from creating a precedence, it would not be in order for the Council to circulate copies of the minutes as requested by the Deputation.

The Council members are the elected Representatives of the People, furthermore the Local Paper reports the result of Council Meetings and no doubt the Association could get any information they require from the Local Councillor in the area and/or the paper report of the Council Meetings.

Yours faithfully,

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

Councillor Hynes pointed out that Minutes would contain confidential information and he did not consider that such information should be circulated to the public. The County Manager pointed out that it was only in comparatively recent times that Minutes were printed and circulated to Members and previously they had been read at the Council Meeting. He stated that if the copies of the Minutes were supplied to one organisation other organisations would also be entitled to receive them. Members of the Council also expressed the view that organisations could always obtain any necessary information through their local Councillors or direct from the Council. Councillor Costello stated that the wishes of the Association could be met if an additional copy of the Minutes were supplied to him and it was agreed that this be done.

Item No. 16—Report on Matters Raised by Deputation from Residents' Committee of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall and Ballinabarney, Wicklow.

The County Secretary submitted Report received from the County Medical Officer in which he stated that two families of itinerants had been camped at Ballynerrin continuously during the previous year and had frequently camped previously in that area. He agreed that one family were in need of re-housing and recommended that family for re-housing by the Council. The Health Inspector reported that the itinerants had one pony, one donkey and a number of dogs. The following letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, was submitted:—

13th April, 1970.

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

A. Chara,

Re: Itinerant Site—Kerwin's Lane, Ballynerrin.

I refer to your letter of 7th instant advising that your Council received a Deputation from the Residents' Committee of Ballynerrin Lower, Keatingstown, Ashtown, Broomhall, and Ballinabarney, in connection with the above. In this regard I am to advise that your letter was read at the Council's recent monthly meeting, and I was asked to point out that the Council at their March meeting asked the Town Surveyor to look into the possibility of providing Camping facilities in the area referred to, but no decision on the matter has been taken by the Council.

I might mention that the Town Surveyor has also been asked to report generally on the provision of such facilities in areas which he considers suitable.

Mise, le meas,

Town Clerk

The Council agreed that when the Town Surveyor had submitted his Report to the Urban District Council that a meeting be arranged between representatives of the County Council and of the Urban District Council to consider the matter further.

Item No. 17—Report on Matters Raised by Deputation from Muintir Na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that the Deputation from Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Guild, Roundwood, had been received by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area since the last meeting of the Council. The Deputation had been informed that Tomdarragh Lane was not a public road and had never been maintained by the Council and that the road would require widening and there would be difficulty in draining the land unless landowners allowed surface water into their lands. The cost of reshaping the road, and providing drainage and surface dressing was £450 and it was suggested that the users might consider applying for a Grant under the Local Improvements Scheme. In regard to the round-about at Togherbeg, gravel tracks had been provided to give access to the cottages at this junction but if these were tarred additional surface water would enter the cottage plots which were below the level of the road. The County Engineer had agreed to look into the matter further. The application of the Deputation for the extension of the speed limit on the northern side of the village had been referred again for consideration by the Technical Committee. The position in regard to the post of District Medical Officer for the Annamoe Dispensary District had also been explained to the members of the Deputation. The Council noted the Report on the matters raised.

Item No. 18 — Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— (a) "That the Council Erect Extra Lights on the Road Dargle Leading from Corner Known as Blind Lane Corner to Kilcrouney."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the provision of public lights as follows:—

1. On the existing pole adjoining entrance to Riversdale House.
2. On the existing pole adjoining entrance to La Valee.
3. On the existing pole No. 58 opposite group of bungalows.

He recommended also that the existing old type light on Pole No. 53, near Blind Lane corner be replaced by a modern type light and that estimates be sought from the E.S.B. for this work. He recommended that the provision of additional lights between Valerie

Bridge and Kilcrouney be deferred until the new road was completed. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, the Council approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer.

(b) "That Proper Footpaths Be Laid From the Dargle Laundry to End of Place Known As 'The Slang.'"

The County Engineer reported that the sum of £1,000 had been provided under Councillors' proposals in the Road Works Scheme for 1970/71 but the Council had not found it possible to make provision for this work.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That This Council Remove a Dangerous Bend on the Main Road from Shillelagh to Tinahely at Ballyrahan (at Kavanagh's Cottage)."

The County Engineer reported that the bend in question had been included for improvement in the Road Works Scheme for 1969/70 but the landowner had refused to sell the land required. Councillor Ryan agreed to approach the landowner with a view to seeing if agreement could be reached in regard to the land needed for the work.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That This Council Buy Land from Mr. Art Sullivan, Merry-meeting, Rathnew, in Order to Provide a Roundabout at This Cul-de-sac."

Councillor Hynes stated that there were two cul-de-sacs at Roundwood and suggested that it would be possible by removing a ditch to connect the ends of these cul-de-sacs so as to provide a loop road. It was agreed that the County Engineer look into this proposal and submit a report to the next meeting.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That This Council Will Take Over Old Kilbride Graveyard."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
6th March, 1970.

Secretary,

SANITARY SERVICES SECTION.

Re: Old Kilbride Burial Ground.

A. Chara,

With reference to yours of the 3rd instant (SD/LO'C)

This old graveyard is about threequarter of an acre in extent, there is one deep hollow and one big mound. Into the mound are at some vaults belonging to the Proby family and on top of the mound there is a mausoleum to the Howard family (The Earls of Wicklow), and part of the ruins of an old Church.

Some of the walls have fallen down, the railings are down, in places tomb stones have also fallen and part of the ground is impenetrable with briars, trees and scrub. It would be difficult to give an accurate estimate for the clearing up of the place, but I imagine it would cost in the region of £300.

Mise, le meas,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had never accepted responsibility for the maintenance of this cemetery and there was no record of the Council ever having spent any monies on such maintenance. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh the Council agreed that the cemetery be taken over and maintained by the

Council and that the work recommended by the County Engineer be carried out.

Councillor Miss Walsh referred to her previous application for a report in regard to the condition of graveyards in the Arklow Electoral Area and asked that this report be completed and submitted to the Council at the earliest possible date.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Mark Deering, G. Timmins, E.D., James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—“That Water Be Provided for Houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin.”

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available. The County Engineer informed the Council that a report and recommendation would be available for the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, S. Costello and C. White:—“That We, the Members of the Northern Area, Do Hereby Ask The County Manager To Hold An Inquiry Into The Administration of the Dispensary in Bray, Particularly With Reference to the Issuing of Medicines, Etc., In View of Numerous Complaints Received by the Local Councillors.”

The County Manager stated that already steps had been taken to improve the situation. The hours of attendance of the Compounder had been extended and to facilitate patients who were holders of Medical Cards in obtaining medicines with prescriptions from private practitioners and from Hospital Out-Patient Departments in Dublin arrangements had been made that the prescriptions be dispensed on the production of the Medical Card to the Compounder provided the prescription was signed or countersigned by a local practising known doctor. Alternatively, the prescription could be fulfilled by the doctor applying to the Council's office for a requisition for the drugs required. He pointed out that the County Medical Officer had reported that it would be impossible to carry a stock of every known drug and it would be unwise of the Council to do so as it would entail heavy losses as fashions varied from time to time. There was a good stock of drugs in demand available. Councillor Temple asked that the new regulations be posted up in the Dispensary.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—“That the Council Compulsorily Acquire Land in Rathnew in Order to Provide a Playing Field for the Children of the Area.”

The County Secretary stated that an up to date report on this matter was not available. Councillor Hynes pointed out that a report had been submitted in regard to a site for a playing field some while ago and asked that this be followed up. He stressed the need for providing a playing field in the area and urged that the Council acquire a site compulsorily if it would not be obtained by agreement.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—“That This Council Provide an Alternative Site for a Septic Tank for Seven Houses at Croneyhorn Upper, Carnew, as the Site Previously Submitted had been Turned Down.”

The County Secretary stated that a group sewerage scheme had been promoted for seven houses at Croneyhorn Upper where the lie of the land was not suitable for providing individual septic tanks. The site suggested for the septic tank for the group scheme

was found to be unsuitable because there was danger of the effluent polluting a spring well used by local inhabitants. The only other suitable site was not available owing to the unwillingness of the owner of the land to give permission to site it there. The matter had been reported to the Department of Local Government. The Council agreed that the Health Inspector look into the matter immediately and submit a recommendation for a suitable site for the septic tank and if this could not be acquired by agreement that arrangements be made to acquire it compulsorily.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That This Council Will Re-build Munny Bridge, Coolkenno.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that as a result of deepening of the river bed in the course of carrying out a land project scheme the foundations of the bridge had been undermined and part of the centre pier swept away. As the bridge was in danger of collapse the road had to be closed to traffic. Before the road could be re-opened the bridge would have to be repaired or replaced but owing to the high level of water at present it was not possible to have a detailed survey of the damage done assessed or to give an estimate for its repair or replacement. An approximate estimate of the cost of replacing the bridge would be in the region of £1,000. In submitting particulars of the land project scheme it had been indicated that it was not proposed to do any deepening under the bridge and in consequence the Land Project Office had been informed that the Council had no objection to the proposed work. In October, 1969, the Assistant County Engineer reported that he had been approached by Mr. James Joyce, Killinure, who acted as representative of the riparian owners for the purposes of the scheme, concerning the lowering of the bed of the river at Munny Bridge and that it was necessary for the purpose of making the work fully effective to lower the bed under the bridge by 2 feet 6 inches. This work involved the underpinning of the foundations at an estimated cost of £132. Mr. Joyce had been informed by the Council that the money would have to be paid by the farmers concerned or the Land Project Office. It appeared, however, that the riparian owners proceeded with the scheme without carrying out any work under the bridge. The Council had been advised that the riparian owners were responsible for defraying the cost of the repair of the damage to the bridge. Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that the Council were not responsible for the damage caused but stated that the Council were responsible for maintaining the bridge in proper condition. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan, it was agreed that the Council proceed with the work of repairing or replacing the bridge provided that the Council's Solicitor agreed that the Council would be in order in doing so. The Council agreed that if the bridge were repaired by the Council or replaced the Council did not accept any responsibility for meeting the cost of the work.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That This Council Will Repair All Defects and Dampness in a Number of the Houses in the Recently Completed Scheme at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.”

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer of 13th April, 1970, in regard to the matter of dampness

in certain of the new houses at Aughrim. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer and agreed that a sum of £60 be expended for the remedying of the dampness and other defects in the houses in the manner suggested by the County Engineer.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Miley, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Francis V. Connaughton, c/o Boyles, Main Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Temple-rainey, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, C. White, Roger Miley and Miss M. Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara and one bungalow at Ashford."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."

In the name of Councillor Roger Miley:— "That this Council will build ten houses on new site at Laragh purchased by Council."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, Miss M. Walsh, C. White and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council delegate to the Members of the Council for the appropriate Local Electoral Area the reception of Deputations in relation to matters concerned with such Local Electoral Area."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council carry out repairs to the entrance of the Council offices in the Court-house."

In the name of Councillor Sweeney:— "That we request the County Manager to examine the position as regards Arklow cemetery in order to see if the distinction that exists regarding the price of grave spaces can be removed and all spaces be sold at one price."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, W. Cleary, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "That we call upon the British Government to release the following Irish political prisoners from prison: G. Doherty, E. Smullen, C. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, B. Bruton, J. McElveen."

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, 4th May, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, 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, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and C. White.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer G. Flood, and U. McCabe, Staff Officer, were present.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

(b) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and J. Sweeney:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"That I or someone for me will move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, directing the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the erection of a house."

(d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Miley, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Francis V. Connaughton, c/o Boyles, Main Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Temple-rainey, Arklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, C. White, Roger Miley and Miss M. Walsh:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Per-

mission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara, and one bungalow at Ashford."

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6. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellinghouses.
7. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.
8. Scheme for Loans in respect of purchase of existing houses—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding proposed amendment of Scheme.
9. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
10. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Council's proposal that Vested Cottages, when available for disposal, revert to the Council for re-allocation to qualified persons.
11. Purchase-type Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
12. To receive Delegation from Kilgarron Housing Action Committee on behalf of prospective purchasers for houses at Kilgarron Park.
13. Land for Housing at Greystones.
14. Letter from Michael Dwyer Cumann, Sinn Féin, Enniskerry, seeking permission from Council for use of Library at Enniskerry for Lecture and Discussion on Scenic Amenities, Planning Permission, Green Belt, etc., in the Enniskerry area.
15. Application for provision of cottage at Kiltimon, Ashford.
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to Mr. Edward Meade, Meadow Court, New Road, Greystones, for the erection of his new house."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That houses be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan, and Patrick O'Brien, Raheen, Baltinglass."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will build a house for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:—"That this Council provide a site for a house for John Grey, Shillelagh, on the land which the Council owns at Shillelagh."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan:—"That this Council build a house for Mr. James Doyle, Kilcassell, Avoca, on his own site."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."

22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:—"That this Council will build ten houses on new site at Laragh purchased by Council."

23. Cottages repaired during month of April, 1970, and Cottages to be repaired during month of May, 1970.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(a) In the Names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the Erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous meeting pending a report on trial holes which the applicant had agreed to provide. The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:—

Dr. C. F. Warde,
County Medical Officer.

Public Health Dept.,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

4th May, 1970.

Staff Officer,
Planning Section.

re: Application of John Tierney, Rathdrum, for erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny, Arklow.

A Chara,

Further to your letter of the 30th ult. re above, the Health Inspector inspected the six trial holes dug at various points on the above site on the 4/5/1970. All the trial holes contained a high level of water. The levels from the surface of the water to ground level were as follows: (1) 12" to 26" (inches); (2) 0 to 9"; (3) 9" to 14"; (4) 7" to 14"; (5) 14"; (6) 14" approximately. This fact renders the site totally unsuitable for septic tank drainage, in my opinion, especially in view of the danger of pollution of the stream running through the site.

The soil is heavy marl with poor soakage capacity and this is a further factor which renders the site unsuitable for septic tank drainage.

Application, therefore, not recommended.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,

Chief Medical Officer.

The following recommendation from Bórd Fáilte was also submitted:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

2nd January, 1970.

Planning Application Reg. No. 2911/69—Erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Strand.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for referring the above application to Bórd Fáilte for comment. We request that permission for this development be refused

on the grounds that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. We are particularly concerned in view of the commitments which your Planning Authority and Bórd Fáilte have in relation to a permission granted in July, 1969, to Land Development (Clogga), Ltd., for the erection of a motel on adjoining lands. Bórd Fáilte has agreed to give financial aid for the motel development, and it is essential that this public investment is adequately safeguarded. Stringent conditions were attached to the grant permission to Land Development (Clogga), Ltd., regulating layout and type of development, securing that the development would take place in an orderly manner, safeguarding public health and traffic safety, and preventing nuisance. Indiscriminate development of unserviced land in the area would seriously prejudice the validity of the conditions attached to the permission for the motel development, and the proper development of the Clogga Beach asset for the benefit of the people of the locality (including Arklow) and visitors generally, would be prevented.

Yours faithfully,

J. O'DONNELL,

Technical Department.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council as to whether the difficulties in relation to sewage disposal could be overcome if a sewage treatment works were provided, the County Secretary pointed out that no proposal had been submitted by the applicant for the provision of separate sewage treatment works and the application could be dealt with only on the basis of the documents submitted.

The Council decided not to proceed with the proposed Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and that the applicant be informed that if he wished he could submit a new proposal which should, however, make provision for a satisfactory sewage disposal system as the lands were not suitable for septic tank drainage. The Council noted that the present application would be refused.

(b) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

The County Secretary stated that this matter, which had been before the Council at a previous meeting, had been deferred to enable the Members of the Council to inspect the site of the proposal. The County Engineer had reported that the site had an approximate area of 55 acres and that the road realignment shown on the submitted lay-out did not correspond with the road realignment envisaged by the Council and for which no finances had been allocated. The road was at present poorly aligned along the site frontage and the traffic generated by the proposal would give rise to a serious traffic hazard. There were no public services available to serve the proposal and the proposals for water supply and sewerage services made by the applicant were not adequate. Development at the density proposed would be out of character with the area and would be seriously injurious to the amenity of the area. It was recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The development would be premature by reason of the existing deficiency in the provision of a water supply and sewerage

facilities and the period within which this deficiency may reasonably be expected to be made good.

2. The proposed means of water supply and sewage disposal would be inadequate for a development of the size proposed and the development would accordingly be prejudicial to public health.
3. Concentrated development of the site proposed would be detrimental to the natural unspoiled character of the hinterland of the beach which contributes to the attractiveness of the area.
4. The entrance to the development, sited on a bend on a poorly aligned and narrow road would constitute a serious traffic hazard.
5. The line of the proposed realigned County Road on the plan submitted with this application does not coincide with realignment proposed by the County Council and it is not possible to state when the proposed realignment will be carried out as finances have not as yet been allocated for this work.

The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:—

Mr. A. Hughes,
Staff Officer.

4th May, 1970.

Re: Planning Application ref.: 3175/70 (Outline)—Proposed development of lands at Ardinary, Brittas Bay, for Motel, Playfields, Dwellinghouses, Swimming Pool.—Bernard White.

A Chara,

I have seen copy of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne's letter of 1st May re above development. I have also seen map on which he has marked 5 points with red at which it is proposed to bore wells.

- (1) **Water Supply.**—Provided that an adequate supply of water is available from these points, and provided that it is potable, I would see no objection from a Public Health point of view.
- (2) **Re Sewage Purification.**—Provided that the sewage is treated in a sewage purification plant and that the effluent complies with Royal Commission standards and is properly disposed of to a safe outfall, and provided that the sewage purification plant is properly maintained, I would see no objection from a Public Health point of view.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,

Chief Medical Officer.

The following observations received from Bórd Fáilte Eireann were also submitted:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

30th April, 1970.

Re: Proposed development of lands at Ardinary, Brittas Bay,
by Mr. Bernard White.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for referring the above application to Bórd Fáilte for comment. In our view the development proposed is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. Amenity values at Brittas Bay are dependent on the setting of the area in unspoiled countryside. Extensive sprawling suburban chalet or caravan development would radically alter the character of the area and seriously injure amenity values. The

proper planning and development of the area requires the conservation of amenity values deriving from the rural character of the setting. In addition, the development proposed is situated on relatively high ground and would be conspicuous over a wide area, thereby resulting in a serious reduction in amenity values in the area generally.

Yours faithfully,

J. O'DONNELL,
Technical Department.

The proposal that the County Manager be directed to grant Planning Permission was made by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan and seconded by Councillor C. White. In making the proposal Councillor Phelan expressed the view that the development would add to the amenities of the Brittas Bay area and would result in the provision of new dwellinghouses which would add to the rateable value of the area and assist in its development. He stated that the applicant had also undertaken to grant to the Council a right-of-way for the public to the beach and to grant to the Council also the area to the East of the public road for use as a public car park. The County Manager drew attention to the number of houses which the applicant proposed to erect for which it would seem that a population of about 500 people was envisaged, and pointed out that for such a population the provision of water supply and sewerage services would be costly, and he drew attention to the estimated cost of the provision of a new sewerage system in the case of Kilcoole and Ashford, which the Council proposed to provide for these areas. The County Manager also pointed out that no indication had been given by the applicant when applying for Planning Permission that he intended to make available a right-of-way to the beach or grant the land to the East of the public road to the Council for the purposes of a public car park. Councillor Phelan suggested that conditions be added to the proposed resolution to provide that the developer grant the right-of-way for the public to the beach and also grant to the Council the area to the East of the public road for the purpose of a public car park.

The County Manager pointed out that plans which had been submitted to the Council at the meeting that day on behalf of the applicant differed from the plans submitted originally by the applicant with his application for Planning Permission and that no evidence was available that the applicant was in fact the owner of the lands which he proposed to grant to the Council.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal and asked that the applicant be required to confirm that he was prepared to grant to the Council the right-of-way for the public to the beach and to grant also the area to the East of the public road to the Council for the purposes of a public car park, and to submit evidence of his ownership of these lands together with a map indicating clearly the boundaries of the area which he proposed to grant to the Council.

- (c) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—"That I or Someone for Me Will Move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Directing the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the Erection of a House."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. Kinsella for Planning Permission for the erection of a house at Shelton, Arklow, had been refused on the grounds that the site was much less than a half-acre, which was the minimum area required in the interests of public health where drainage was by means of septic tank. Councillor Sweeney stated that the site was on lands owned by applicant's father and adjoined his father's house and that the applicant

intended to marry shortly and could not afford to buy a site. Although the site was less than a half-acre in area the applicant had obtained permission from the Department of Lands for the placing of the septic tank on the Department's lands and that consequently there was no possibility of any public health nuisance arising.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Thomas M. Kinsella, Shelton, Arklow, for the erection of a house.
Passed unanimously.

- (d) In the Names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Miley, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to Francis V. Connaughton, c/o Boyles, Main Street, Arklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Templeraíne, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the application which was the subject of the Notice was similar to a previous application which had been refused by the Council for the following reasons:—

1. The proposal taken in conjunction with existing development in the vicinity of the site would give rise to an urban type ribbon development along a main approach road to Arklow and could be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposal is contrary to proper planning and development because the site is in a rural area lacking services, and the public revenue from such development would not suffice to provide services (water supply, sewerage facilities, public lighting, scavenging, etc.) which in time would be demanded.

The County Medical Officer had reported that a trial hole which had been provided on the site had been inspected and found satisfactory. He had requested scaled drawings showing (1) the position and size of house, (2) the proposed location of well and septic tank, and (3) the boundaries of the site, but numbers (1) and (2) had not been shown on the map submitted. Councillor Sweeney stated that the site was not on the main road leading to Arklow but on a County Road and that he did not agree that the proposal was in conflict with the proper planning and development of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Francis V. Connaughton, c/o Boyles, Main Street, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Templeraíne, Arklow.
Passed unanimously.

- (e) In the Names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, C. White, Roger Miley and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the Erection of

Five Bungalows at Ballymacahara, and One Bungalow at Ashford.

The County Secretary having stated that no application had been received from Mr. Patrick Silke, Ashford, the Council deferred consideration of the proposal.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February, 1970.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill Pumped Storage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that Bórd Fáilte Éireann had submitted a letter making a formal objection to the proposed development by the E.S.B. and had set out the grounds of the objection in a statement, copies of which had been circulated to the Members of the Council that day. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting to be held on the 11th May to give the members an opportunity of studying terms of the objection. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was also submitting a report on the matter which would be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 4—Proceedings Under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Law Agent had reported that consequent on a ruling by the Circuit Court Judge (Judge Deale), with which he did not agree, a Resolution of the Council would be required in cases where the Council was taking proceedings by way of prosecution or enforcement notices in respect of development carried out without Planning Permission having been obtained from the Council. It was proposed to take proceedings in three instances, one in relation to the caravan park at New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, the second in regard to development on lands adjoining the main road at Kilcorney and a third in regard to development on a site adjoining the main road north of Rathnew. In all three cases development had taken place without permission having been obtained from the Council. The County Secretary submitted a draft Resolution to authorise the County Manager to take such proceedings whether by way of prosecution or enforcement notices as he might be advised by the Council's Law Agent in any cases where development had taken place without a Planning Permission having first been obtained. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and separate Resolutions drafted in respect of each instance where it was proposed to take proceedings under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Item No. 5—To Receive Tenders for (a) Erection of Five Rural Cottages, (b) Cottage Repairs, and (c) Domestic Scavenging, Rathnew.**(a) Erection of Five Rural Cottages.**

One tender which had been received in response to public advertisement was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tender received was from Arklow Homes, Ltd., Ferrybank, Arklow, in respect of the erection of a cottage at Kilbride, Arklow, in the sum of £2,860. The County Secretary stated that the tender was for the erection of a cottage in accordance with a plan and specification submitted by Arklow Homes, Ltd., and not on the basis of a plan and specification submitted to tenderers. The Council agreed that the

tender be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

(b) Cottage Repairs.

Two tenders received in response to public advertisement for the carrying out of repairs to cottages were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Area Tendered For	Amount of Tender
Molloy & Flynn & Co., Ltd., 10, Sea Road, Kilcoole.	Bray	Standard Rates + 25%.
T. J. Keenan, Auhgrim,	South East District No. 4	Standard Rates + 50%

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

Councillor F. Hynes complained that there were over fifty houses in the Rathdrum area which were in very bad condition and had not been repaired. He claimed that there was undue delay in carrying out repairs in this area and that such delay gave rise to additional cost to the Council. Councillor Hynes proposed that the repairs in the Rathdrum area be carried out by direct labour and this was seconded by Councillor R. Miley. The County Engineer explained the difficulties that he experienced in getting suitable tradesmen to work on cottage repairs.

(c) Domestic Scavenging, Rathnew.

The following four tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name & Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender	Period Covered
Harry Snell, 33, The Bank, Rathnew.	£1,950	Five years
William Patrick Gammell, 9, New Road, Kilcoole.	£400	One year.
Patrick Duffy, Quarry, Rathnew.	£8 per week	Five years
Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cot- tage, Kilmacanogue, Bray.	£500 £1,600	One year. Three years.

The Council referred the Tenders to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Item No. 6—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants as follows:—

Applicant	Location of House	Amount of Grant
St. Patrick's Missionary, Society, Kiltegan.	House at High Park, Kiltegan, for Mr. Patk. Goggins, Farm Steward.	£300
John Philip Butler, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue.	Kilmurray.	£300
John W. Snell, Ballintombay Lower, Rathdrum.	Ballintombay Lower.	£350
Garrett C. King, Carrigoona, East, Kilmacanogue.	Carrigoona East.	£300
Seán Murphy, Ballyvolan, Manor Kilbride.	Ballyvolan.	£300

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Loans to applicants towards the cost of construction of private dwellinghouses as follows, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme:—

Applicant	Location of House	Amount of Loan
Patrick Cosgrave, 5, Seaview Ave., Ferrybank, Arklow.	Kilbride, Arklow.	£2,500
Anthony Clancy, Emily Lodge, Trafalgar Rd., Greystones.	Rathdown Upper, Greystones.	£2,000
Anthony Killeen, 55, Lower Windgates, Greystones.	Rathdown Upper, Greystones.	£2,500
George V. Prestage, Bayview Farm, Carracole, Arklow.	Coolboy, Arklow.	£1,000
John M. Scanlon, 29, Drumarton Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14.	Dowery, Manor Kilbride.	£2,500

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £450 to Mr. James Dunne, 29, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, towards the cost of purchasing Vested Cottage No. 254/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Payment of Supplementary New House and Reconstruction Grants to Applicants in Arklow and Wicklow Urban Areas.

The County Secretary stated that the Housing Bill, 1970, which had not yet been enacted, provided for the payment by the Council of Supplementary Grants in respect of new houses and reconstruction of existing houses in the Urban Areas of Arklow and Wicklow. It was proposed to pay the Supplementary Grants for new houses and for reconstruction of houses to applicants in the Urban Areas of Arklow and Wicklow in respect of work commenced on or after the 1st April, 1970, in anticipation of the enactment of Section 7 of the Housing Bill, 1970, and the approval of the Council to this arrangement was requested.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants for new houses and for reconstruction of houses to applicants in the Urban Areas of Arklow and Wicklow in respect of work commenced on or after 1st April, 1970, subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and in anticipation of the enactment of Section 7 of the Housing Bill, 1970.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it was estimated that the cost of the Supplementary Grants for the Urban Areas for the year 1970/'71 would be about £20,000.

Item No. 9—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Mr. Patrick Kinsella for the sale of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 254/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to Mr. James Dunne, Ballygannon, Rathdrum,

for the sum of £700, subject to payment of the contribution to the Council of £233 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 R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. James Finn of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 237/6 at Ballydonareagh, Kilcoole, to Mr. Peter McKenna, Ashtown, Roundwood, for the sum of £650, subject to the payment to the Council of a contribution of £216 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.

Item No. 13—Land for Housing at Greystones.

Councillor Costello asked that this item be taken as one of urgency. He suggested that the matter be dealt with in Committee. Following a discussion as to whether or not the Council should go into committee it was decided not to do so, but to ask the reporter to exercise his discretion in the matter.

The following letter from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association was submitted:—

GREYSTONES/KILCOOLE HOUSING ACTION ASSOCIATION

The Secretary,

Mr. Brannigan,

The Wicklow Co. Council,

Wicklow.

To Be Read to the Wicklow Co. Councillors, April 27, 1970.

Meeting to be Held at 2.30 p.m.

Dear Sir,

We have been approached by Mrs. Burnaby with the information that she has adequate land to build 100 houses which she is prepared to sell the Wicklow County Council at a reasonable price.

All services are available on the site.

Mrs. Burnaby is prepared to negotiate through the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association Committee along with the County Council for the sale of this land.

We will appreciate the co-operation of the County Council and request the County Council executive to arrange a meeting with us and Mrs. Burnaby at the earliest possible convenience.

Yours faithfully,

PHYLLIS KELLEHER,

(Acting in the absence of Mrs. K. Kelly)

(Hon. Secretary).

Councillor Costello stated that following discussions between representatives of the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association and Mrs. Burnaby, Greystones, it had been indicated by Mrs. Burnaby that she was prepared to sell to the Council an area of land containing 9 acres of which about one-half would be suitable for housing. Mrs. Burnaby was also prepared to consider giving a further area of five to six acres free to the Council for housing purposes if Planning Permission were granted by the Council for a proposed development on the field known as "Burnaby Park." Alternatively a fair price could be negotiated. He asked that the Planning Application referred to be brought to the notice of the Council. Councillor Costello suggested that a meeting be convened between the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, Mrs. Burnaby and two representatives of the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Committee with a view to arranging for the acquisition of lands at Greystones for

housing. At the request of the Council the County Engineer stated that an examination was being made of sites in the Greystones area suitable for housing and a number of sites had been examined. The County Engineer pointed out that a new Sewerage Scheme for the area was being prepared and it was necessary to ensure that any lands being acquired for housing were capable of being served by the Scheme. The Council agreed that the meeting be held on Thursday, 14th May, at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. and that the County Engineer report to the meeting in regard to his examination of the housing sites in the area.

Use of Public Address System at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley asked that permission be granted for the use of a public address system on a motor vehicle at Blessington for the purpose of advertising a function in aid of Parish funds. The Council agreed that the permit be issued.

Item No. 12—To Receive Delegation from Kilgarron Housing Action Committee on behalf of Prospective Purchasers for Houses at Kilgarron Park.

The Council received a delegation of five persons from the Kilgarron Housing Action Committee who addressed the Council. The members of the deputation demanded that answers be given to a number of questions they asked in regard to the Scheme for the erection of purchase type houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. Questions asked related to the Contract for the erection of the houses, the matter of an Insurance Bond, the defects in the building of the houses and the delay in their completion. They asked whether any person who had been supervising the erection of the houses while the Contractor was at work on the site was still responsible for supervision. They referred to the increase in the cost of the houses, which they stated had risen from £2,250 in March, 1969, to £3,350 in March, 1970, and contended that the proposed purchasers should not have to meet any part of the increase in the cost of houses. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, drew attention to the Resolution passed by the Council in relation to the reception of Deputations which provided that the Council not enter into any discussions with members of deputations. Councillor Costello contended that Standing Orders could be suspended for the purpose of replying to the questions raised by the Deputation, but the proposal was not seconded. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, pointed out that many of the matters raised by the deputation were *sub judice* and that the Council was advised that such matters should not be discussed. As members of the deputation continued to speak, the Chairman ruled that the meeting had terminated.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, Roger Miley and Kevin Ryan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. George Plant for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyvolan Lower."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will build a residence for a permanent resident Medical Officer in Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build a new Dispensary in Wicklow town."

In the name of Councillor Roger Miley:—"That this Council will remove the fence at Glendalough Cemetery for space for one line of graves for extension to cemetery as there are no spaces left."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council pipe an open drain outside Dan Doyle's gate of Deepark, Shillelagh."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th May, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Burke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and J. Sweeney:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."
2. Higher Education Grants' Scheme, 1970.
3. Application for closing of roads for purposes of annual motor trial of Motor Enthusiasts Club, Ltd.
4. Acquisition of Lands for road improvement between Glen of the Downs and Kilpedder—to make Compulsory Purchase Order.
5. Replacement of bridges damaged by flooding—letter from the Department of Local Government.
6. Planning—Regional Development—to consider Draft Constitution for Eastern Regional Development Organisation.
7. Proceedings under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
8. Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill Pumped Storage Scheme.
9. County Development Plan—to arrange date for Meeting to consider objections and representations received.
10. Scheme for waiving of rate in certain cases.
11. Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow — Order of Minister for Finance.
12. Repairs to Sea Wall at Bray—Letter from Commissioners of Public Works.
13. Erosion of Beach at Arklow—Report of County Engineer.
14. Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for revised salary scales for posts of Storekeeper and Assistant Clerk at Newcastle Hospital.
15. Sites for halting places for itinerants—Reports of County Engineer.

- 16 Draft Regulations for Health Boards—letter from Kildare County Council.
17. Post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan—Letter from Local Appointments Commission stating that vacancy will be re-advertised.
18. Application of Michael Dwyer Cumann, Sinn Fein, Enniskerry, for permission for use of Library at Enniskerry for lecture and discussion on scenic amenities, etc.
19. Damage to Bridge at Munny—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
20. Water and Sewerage extensions to School Height, Carnew—Report of County Engineer.
21. Tombrean Group Water Supply Scheme.
22. Coolboy Water Supply—Extension to Hillsbrook.
23. Public Lighting at Aughrim, Kilpedder, Carnew and Shillelagh.
24. Provision of Dumping Ground at Ashford.
25. Dumping Ground at Roundwood.
26. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Knockenreagh, Baltinglass.
27. Cul-de-Sac at Rathnew—Report of County Engineer.
28. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Water Main be extended to Mount Alto, Ashford, as the 2" Main is no longer private since two houses being built in the area are being connected."
29. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council carry out repairs to the entrance of the Council Offices and the Courthouse."
30. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, Miss M. Walsh and T. J. Keenan:— "That the Council delegate to Members of the Council for the appropriate electoral area the reception of deputations in relation to matters concerned with such Local Electoral Area."
31. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Sweeney:— "That we request the County Manager to examine the position as regards Arklow Cemetery in order to see if the distinction that exists regarding the price of grave space can be removed and all spaces be sold at one price."
32. Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, W. Cleary, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple E. E. Byrne, C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "That we call upon the British Government to release the following Irish political prisoners from prison: G. Doherty, E. Smullen, C. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, B. Bruton, J. McElveen."
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council build a residence for a permanent Resident Medical Officer in Tinahely."
34. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build a new Dispensary in Wicklow Town."
35. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That this Council will remove the fence at Gendalough Cemetery for space for one row of graves for extension of cemetery as there are no spaces left."

36. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Dan Doyle's gate at Deerpark, Shillelagh."
37. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— "In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, C. White, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering, W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss. N. O'Neill, J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been adjourned from the previous meeting of the Council to obtain confirmation of an offer stated to have been made by the applicant that he would grant to the Council the area of land to the East of the public road for the purposes of a public car park and also grant a right-of-way for the public to the beach at this point. The applicant had also been asked to forward confirmation of his ownership of the land and submit a map showing the boundaries of the area proposed to be granted to the Council. The following letter received from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., on behalf of the applicant was submitted.

"Carrighawn," Wicklow
8th May, 1970

(By hand—1.45 p.m.).

Re: Development of Lands at Ardinary (Mr. Bernard White)

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter dated 6th inst. re application for Outline Planning Permission herein.

In reply to this:—

1. I am directed by Mr. Bernard White to inform you that he is the Registered Owner of those lands: Deeds of the property are at present in the Bank but owing to the existing conditions they cannot be obtained at present.
2. Re right-of-way to Beach and the position and portion of those lands which Mr. White is prepared to grant to the Council for use as a Public Car Park, I am directed by him to confirm this, and to enclose a map showing the boundaries of this portion which is marked with outline coloured blue.

I trust that all outstanding items are now to your satisfaction, and that as a result outline permission will be forthcoming with the least possible delay.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer in his first Report on the application had recommended refusal of the proposal on the following grounds:—

1. Water Supply—I feel that a public water supply should be provided for a development of this size with suitable storage capacity. The supply from bored wells would probably be inadequate to meet demand (motel, swimming pool, 48 houses, etc.). Proof would be necessary from a Consultant Engineer that the supply would be adequate and potable.

2. A septic tank would be inadequate and unsuitable to deal with the sewage and waste water from such a big development. A sewage disposal works with adequate and proper maintenance would be necessary.

Disposal of treated effluent into marshy ground should not be permitted. Drainage is very poor in the marsh.

Following the submission of a map on which the sites for bored wells had been indicated the County Medical Officer submitted the following Report:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow
4th May, 1970.

Mr. A. Hughes,
Staff Officer.

Re: Planning Application ref: 3175/70. (Outline) Proposed development of lands at Ardinary, Brittas Bay for Motel, Playfields, Dwelling Houses, Swimming Pool—Bernard White

A Chara,

I have seen copy of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne's letter of 1st May re above development. I have also seen map on which he has marked 5 points with red at which it is proposed to bore wells.

- (1) Water Supply. Provided that an adequate supply of water is available from these points and provided that it is potable I would see no objection from a Public Health point of view.
- (2) Re Sewage Purification. Provided that the sewage is treated in a sewage purification plant and that the effluent complies with Royal Commission standards and is properly disposed of to a safe outfall and provided that the sewage purification plant is properly maintained I would see no objection from a Public Health point of view.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,
Chief Medical Officer

The County Secretary stated that an objection received from Bord Fáilte Éireann had been submitted to the previous meeting of the Council and also the recommendation of the County Engineer that the application be refused.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. B. White of Cornagower to erect 48 houses and a Motel at Ardinary, subject to the following conditions:—

1. That an adequate supply of water is available from the points indicated on map submitted by the applicant and provided that such water supply is potable.
2. Provided that the sewage is treated in a sewage purification plant and that the effluent complies with Royal Commission standards

and is properly disposed of to a safe outfall and provided that the sewage purification plant is properly maintained.

3. That the applicant grant to the Council a right-of-way to the beach for the public at point indicated on map submitted, and
4. That the applicant grant to the Council the area of land to the East of the public road as defined on map submitted by the applicant for use as a public car park.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1970.

The County Secretary submitted the draft Scheme for Higher Education Grants for the year 1970 which embodied the recommendations made in the letter of 19th February, 1970, from the Department of Education but otherwise was similar to that adopted in the previous year. The following letter from the Department of Education of 19th Feb., 1970, was submitted:—

Department of Education,
Secondary Branch,
Hawkin's House,
Dublin 2
19th February, 1970.

To the Secretary of the Local
Authority named in the address.

Higher Education Grants Schemes, 1970

A Chara,

The Minister for Education desires to inform local authorities that their schemes under the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968, for the year 1970 should be on the same lines as the schemes approved for the year 1969 subject to the following amendments:

Clause 5 (e): (Grant-holder not entitled to continue to hold grant should he take paid employment or transfer to part-time or evening lectures). Add: "where a grant has been discontinued under this sub-clause it shall not be restored save in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the local authority and with the approval of the Minister."

Clause 5 (k): Amend to read as follows:

"Where a student is following a course of studies which could be approved of under the scheme and where such student had not qualified for the award of a grant, solely on the ground of means, a grant may be awarded with effect from the beginning of the first academic year following the production of evidence that the means requirements of the scheme would now be fulfilled in this case."

Clause 8: (Application for grant): Specify 31st August, 1970, as the latest date for receipt of completed applications. Experience has shown that fixing early closing dates has led to many applications for leave to accept late applications. These were sanctioned in 1968 and 1969—the first two years of the schemes—but the concession cannot be extended to cover late applications this year or in future years. Where, due to a check of results, a candidate was not aware that he was eligible for grant until after the closing date, an exception might be made to allow his application to be accepted late.

With regard to Clause 3 (a)—value of grants—the Minister wishes to impress on local authorities that the question whether a candidate's normal family residence is in or adjacent to a university town should be decided for each successful candidate in the light of distance and

local public transport services. The lower scale of grants should be applied in the case of very candidate who could reasonably be expected to travel daily between his home and college. No scheme may contain any provision which conflicts with this principle.

It would be appreciated if all local authorities would be so good as to submit their schemes for the year 1970 before the 30th June, 1970.

Mise, le meas,

LIAM S. DAIBHIS.

In reply to inquiries from Members as to the candidates who would be qualified for the award of Grants at the higher rate the County Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Education:

Oifig An Aire Oideachais,
Baile Atha Cliath 1

4 Márta, 1970.

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

A Chara,

I have given careful consideration to the points put before me on 11th February, 1970, by the deputation from your Council, in support of the proposal that all students from Co. Wicklow in receipt of grants under the Higher Education Grants Scheme be regarded as students whose normal family residence is in or adjacent to a university town. While I appreciate that ideally it might be preferable for students whose homes are in such areas as Bray, Greystones and Delgany to stay in lodgings in the immediate vicinity of the college they attend in Dublin, I am satisfied that they would not have to do so in order to follow higher education courses, and that consequently it would not be in accordance with the principles of the grants scheme to pay them grants on the higher scale. The Council will have to decide in the case of each individual grantee whether he could reasonably be expected to travel daily between his home and the College or Institute, and apply the appropriate grants scale.

Where, however, grants at the higher rate have actually been paid under the 1968 scheme to students living in areas within reasonable distance of Dublin, arising out of a misinterpretation of my Department's letter of 28th March, 1969, I am prepared to approve exceptionally of the payments made to such students in respect of the academic year 1968/69, but the amounts of their grants must be calculated on the lower scale for subsequent years (This exceptional sanction does not cover any grants awarded under the 1969 scheme).

I have had all local authorities advised that the scale of grant applicable to every successful applicant must be determined on the lines set out in the first paragraph of this letter.

Le fíor-mheas,

PADRAIG O FACHTNA.

The Council approved of the draft Scheme as submitted which embodied the recommendations made in the letter of 19th February,

1970, from the Department of Education. The Council asked that particulars of the proposed Grants to successful candidates be submitted to the Council before notification to applicants in order that the Council might be in a position to make representations in any instance where they considered that payment of the higher rate of Grant to a particular candidate was justified.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads for Purposes of Annual Motor Trial of Motor Enthusiasts Club Ltd.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for the closing of the following roads for the purposes of a Motor Trial between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 27th June, 1970:—

1. County Road No. 74 from Ballardbeg Y junction to junction at Knockaphrumpa.
2. County Road No. 59 from T junction at Oldbridge to Laragh East three roads.
3. County Road No. 86 from three roads, Derrybawn to crossroads in the townland of Clara More.
4. County Road No. 115 from three roads Drumdangan to three roads at Sleanaglogh.

The Council approved of public notice being given of intention to close the roads.

Item No. 4—Acquisition of Lands for Road Improvement between Glen of the Downs and Kilpedder—to make Compulsory Purchase Order.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in his Report of 24th March, 1970, had indicated efforts made to reach agreement with owners of land between the Glen of the Downs and Kilpedder, which land was required for the purposes of the improvement of the Main Arterial Road. While agreement had been reached in a number of cases it had not been possible to reach agreement in others and the County Engineer recommended that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made for the acquisition of the lands. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor Gregory referred to the possible effect of the new road alignment on the business of Mr. Robert Devereux of Willow Grove and suggested that the matter be deferred until objections of landowners had been satisfied.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Engineer of 24th March, 1970, and 23rd April, 1970, we hereby approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of lands required for the purpose of the Road Improvement Scheme on the Main (Arterial) Road being part of the National Primary Route between Kilpedder and the Glen of the Downs and approve of the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order and relevant maps.

Passed, Councillor J. Gregory dissenting.

The Seal of the Council was affixed to the Compulsory Purchase Orders and the relevant maps in the presence of the Members of the Council.

Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

Councillor Phelan referred to representatives of applicants for purchase type houses at Kilgarron who were present in the public

gallery and stated that due to a misunderstanding they had attended at the meeting that day as they had understood that a report on matters raised by a delegation from the Enniskerry Housing Action Committee at the previous week's meeting would be on the Agenda. Councillor Phelan stated that he had explained that the report on the matter had been referred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council which would be held on the 8th June. He asked if the report could be available at an earlier date. Councillor Temple stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would be holding a meeting at Bray on the following Thursday and asked if the report could be made available for that meeting. The County Manager pointed out that there were a number of issues arising in the information sought and these included technical information, financial information, the date for completion of the houses and matters relating to the Contracts. He pointed out that the matters relating to the Contracts were sub judice and the Contractor was claiming payment much in excess of the sums certified by the County Engineer. It was the viewpoint of the Council's Solicitor that any matters bearing on the dispute should not be discussed at public meetings. The County Manager stated it would be doubtful if the information sought could be available for the following Thursday. Councillor Temple suggested that a meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area might be arranged for the following Monday night at Bray at which the delegation could attend and ask that a financial report and progress report giving the necessary relevant information be available for the Members of the Council for the Bray area at that meeting. The County Secretary pointed out that a list of the queries raised by the delegation had not been handed in at the previous meeting when the delegation attended. The members of the group present in the public gallery were asked if the suggested meeting on the following Monday night was acceptable and also asked if they would hand in a list of the queries to which they sought replies. The group in the public gallery then withdrew to consider the suggestion that a meeting be held in Bray on the following Monday night. A list of the queries which they wished to have answered was handed in. The Council then proceeded with the items on the Agenda.

Item No. 5—Replacement of Bridges Damaged by Flooding—Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

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

4 Bealtaine, 1970.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 11th March concerning the replacement of bridges damaged by flooding and to state that there are no funds at his disposal from which a special grant could be made towards the works. As indicated at a conference on the matter in this Department on 17th October, 1966, the cost of repairing damage to county roads (including bridges thereon) falls to be met from the Council's annual county road improvement grant. To the extent that that grant was inadequate the Department would be prepared to consider proposals to meet the ex-

cess cost from the Council's annual Main Road improvement grant. The work of replacement could be carried out in stages over a period of years.

It is also open to the Council to apply towards the work such sums as they consider appropriate from the saving to their funds afforded by the introduction this year of a 100 per cent. grant for the upkeep of National Primary Roads. Insofar as the foregoing sources are inadequate the Minister would be prepared to give favourable consideration to an application for a loan to finance the works.

As there are no funds available out of which the Minister could allocate a special grant for the works, it will be appreciated that no useful purpose could be served by the reception of the proposed deputation.

Mise, le meas,

The Council noted that it would not be possible to meet from Co. Road Improvement Grant or Main Road Improvement Grant the amount necessary to defray the cost of the erection of the five bridges and agreed that sanction be sought to the raising of a Loan towards the cost of the work but asked that the Department be requested to make available a Grant of 75 per cent. of the cost, this being the percentage of Grant generally made available for works on Main Road Bridges.

Item No. 6—Planning—Regional Development — To Consider Draft Constitution for Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

The following Report of the County Manager had been circulated to the Members of the Council together with the copy of the Draft Constitution for the Eastern Regional Development Organisation:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow,
4th May, 1970.

Chairman and Members of County Council. Regional Development.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

It will be recollected that in 1969 a Report described as "Regional Studies in Ireland" was published. This Report, commissioned by the Government, was prepared by United Nations Consultants in association with An Foras Forbartha. The Report, now known familiarly as the "Buchanan Report" was compiled as a result of special studies as to how industrial and other development might be assisted throughout the country. It had been submitted that to endeavour to expand every small town and village in the country would not be a realistic approach to development under present-day circumstances. There had been much criticism of the drift from rural areas to the towns and cities, even though this is a trend to be found in every other country. It also had been submitted that industrial and other development tended unduly to be centred at a few towns in the country especially in the Eastern area.

The Buchanan Report recommended that a Development-Centre Programme should be followed and listed a number of larger and secondary centres in which development might be centred. It was felt that in this way industry and other activities might be expanded and that in particular centres of this type would be in a position to attract new industry.

It may be remembered that subsequent to the publication of the Buchanan Report, which received much publicity in the public press, the Government stated that it was proposed that regional co-ordinating

groups, which would assist development and industrial promotion, should be set up for nine physical/planning regions in the country. One of these regions in the East was determined as follows:

Dublin Metropolitan Area (Dublin City and Dublin County); Meath County; Kildare County and Wicklow County.

It was proposed that a regional co-ordinating body would be established in the nine regions into which the country was being divided. It was intended that these co-ordinating bodies could assist in the provision of new industrial and service employment so that people might find work in convenient locations. In the regions the local authorities could assist Industrialists in relation to sites and the provision of services. It was also indicated by the Government in 1969 that the Industrial Development Authority would establish a unit in each of the nine regions to promote industrial development and that the Authority would work in close co-operation with the regional co-ordinating body.

There has been correspondence and discussions with the Department of Local Government and the other authorities in the Eastern Region with a view to establishing the type of organisation which was contemplated by the Government in the Statement issued in 1969. The stage has now been reached when a Draft of the Constitution, which might be used for the type of co-ordinating body which is required, has been prepared.

A copy of the Draft Constitution is now enclosed so that it may be examined by the Members of the County Council and be given special consideration at the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 11th May, 1970.

I would mention that the Draft Constitution is also being circulated to the other local authorities in Eastern Region, viz. those of Dublin, Kildare and Meath.

It will be noted that the co-ordinating body, which it is proposed to set up, will be known as the "Eastern Regional Development Organisation" and that its affairs would be managed and controlled by a Board, the membership of which is set out on page 2 of the Draft Constitution.

The Board, as proposed in the Draft Constitution, would have a total membership of 37, of whom 18 would be from the elected representatives of the local authorities associated with it and which would be contributing towards its cost. The Board also would include Managers for the areas involved and the senior Engineer for each area. In addition it is proposed that there would be representatives from the following organisations:

Industrial Development Authority; Dublin Regional Tourism Organisation; Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation; Dublin Port and Docks Board; Coras Iompair Éireann; Department of Local Government.

The chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the Board would be elected only by the elected representatives from amongst their own number.

The Board would decide all general policy matters.

It is intended that there would also be a "Technical Committee" which would examine matters in detail and make recommendations on them so that decisions could be taken by the Board. This Technical Committee would be drawn from the staffs of the local authorities and the other bodies included in the Regional Development Association.

It is proposed that the constituent bodies would meet the expenses of the organisation. In the case of Wicklow, Kildare and Dublin Co.

Councils expenses to be borne by them would be on the basis of the produce of 1d. in the £ and be levied as a County at Large charge, on the net effective valuation. The other consultant bodies, viz. Industrial Development Authority, Tourism Organisation, Port and Docks Board, C.I.E. and the Department of Local Government, would make such annual contribution as the Board or the organisation might determine.

If the Draft Constitution now submitted be accepted by the Members of Wicklow County Council and the other local authorities involved, then it is intended that a preliminary meeting for the purpose of establishing the organisation would be held in the Dublin County Council Offices, 11, Parnell Square, Dublin, on Friday, 19th June, 1970, at 3 p.m. In the first instance, however, it is necessary that the Draft Constitution, which is now put forward as a result of a series of discussions on the subject and which is considered acceptable by the Department of Local Government, should be examined by the local authorities.

At the present time a special survey is being carried out in this County in relation to future development and potentialities in County Wicklow and the material collected will be available for the new co-ordinating body, for the Government Departments, Industrial Development Authority and other groups associated with Regional Development.

Mise, le meas mor,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

The Council approved of the Draft Constitution as submitted to the meeting and appointed the following Members to represent the Council at the preliminary meeting for the purpose of establishing the Organisation to be held on Friday, 19th June, 1970, at the offices of Dublin County Council at 11, Parnell Square, Dublin:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman; Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman; Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

The Council also appointed Councillor Miss N. O'Neill to act as substitute should any of the Members appointed be unable to attend meetings.

Item No. 7—Proceedings under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the previous Meeting and the Council had asked that separate resolutions be drafted in relation to each individual case where it was proposed to take proceedings either by way of prosecution or enforcement notice in relation to development which had been carried out without Planning Permission. The County Secretary stated it was proposed to institute proceedings in relation to the following matters:—

1. Development at New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, by William and/or Joanne Fenelon, for which Planning Permission had not been granted.
2. Change of use of premises at Rockshale, Kilcrouney, Bray, by permitting or leaving or dumping of numbers of cars on the site by Mr. William Supple for which Planning Permission had not been granted.

3. The parking of caravans, trailers and fairground equipment and opening of entrance to lands on the Main Road at Rosanna, Rathnew, for which Planning Permission had not been granted.

Councillor E. Byrne, supported by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, urged that some compromise be reached with Mr. William Supple, who he stated had been using a workshop on this site for a considerable number of years. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the development at the New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, and stated that another entrance to the caravan park had been opened up and prepared for surfacing and that this matter needed urgent attention.

At this stage a large group of persons, who had been in the public gallery, entered the Council Chamber by both the main door and the door to the public gallery and interrupted the proceedings of the Council. A spokesman for the group told the Council that they insisted on addressing the Council for half an hour and would not permit the Members of the Council to leave until they had heard them. Another member of the group then proceeded to address the Council and as it was not possible to proceed with the business of the meeting Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, adjourned the meeting and the Members of the Council and officials left their seats. The group continued to refuse to allow the Members or officials to leave the Council Chamber and did not do so until members of the Gardai, who had been summoned, arrived.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurray South, Co. Wicklow."

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

In the names of Councillor James Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That a range be installed in William Quayle's prefabricated house at Drummin, Ballinglen, without repayments."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That the dangerous corner at Ardinaire be dealt with (ditches levelled as preliminary) now that land has been given, having regard to the dangerous nature of this road through lack of visibility of oncoming traffic."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of making the Rate for the year 1970/71 was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th May, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. Following the termination of the Special Meeting an ordinary meeting of the Council was held to consider Items adjourned from the Meeting held on the 11th May, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. Sweeney. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman having indicated that she would have to leave the Meeting early, Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair. The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR YEAR 1970/71

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1971, as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Allowance of Rates in the Rate Books and to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1971.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1971, as follows:—

ARKLOW	..	..	..	..	£35,647
BRAY	..	..	..	..	£125,905
WICKLOW	..	..	..	..	£23,774

Passed unanimously.

The Council then considered the items adjourned from the Meeting of the Council held on the 11th May, 1970, as follows:—

AGENDA

7. Proceedings under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
8. Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill Pumped Storage Scheme.
9. County Development Plan—To arrange date for meeting to consider objections and representations received.
10. Scheme for Waiving of Rates in certain cases.

11. Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow—Order of Minister for Finance.
12. Repairs to Sea Wall at Bray—Letter from Commissioners of Public Works.
13. Erosion of Beach at Arklow—Report of County Engineer.
14. Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for revised salary scales for posts of Storekeeper and Assistant Clerk at Newcastle Hospital.
15. Sites for Halting Places for Itinerants—Report of County Engineer.
16. Draft Regulations for Health Boards—Letter from Kildare County Council.
17. Post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan—Letter from Local Appointments Commission stating that vacancy will be re-advertised.
18. Application of Michael Dwyer Cumann, Sinn Féin, Enniskerry, for permission for use of Library at Enniskerry for Lecture and Discussion on Scenic Amenities, etc.
19. Damage to Bridge at Munny—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
20. Water and Sewerage extensions to School Height, Carnew—Report of County Engineer.
21. Tombrean Group Water Supply Scheme.
22. Coolboy Water Supply—Extension to Hillsbrook.
23. Public Lighting at Aghrim, Kilpedder, Carnew and Shillelagh.
24. Provision of Dumping Ground at Ashford.
25. Dumping Ground at Roundwood.
26. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Knockenreagh, Baltinglass.
27. Cul-de-sac at Rathnew—Report of County Engineer.
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Water Main be extended to Mount Alto, Ashford, as the 2" Main is no longer private since two houses being built in the area are being connected."
29. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council carry out repairs to the entrance of the Council Offices at the Courthouse."
30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, Miss M. Walsh and T. J. Keenan: "That the Council delegate to the Members of the Council for the appropriate electoral area the reception of deputations in relation to matters concerned with such Local Electoral Area."
31. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Sweeney: "That we request the County Manager to examine the position as regards Arklow Cemetery in order to see if the distinction that exists regarding the price of grave spaces can be removed and all spaces be sold at one price."
32. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, W. Cleary, M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, E. Byrne, C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley and J. Gregory: "That we call upon the British Government to release the following Irish

- political prisoners from prison: G. Doherty, E. Smullen, C. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, B. Bruton, J. McElveen."
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That this Council build a residence for a permanent Resident Medical Officer in Tinahely."
 34. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council build a new Dispensary in Wicklow Town."
 35. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley: "That this Council will remove the fence at Glendalough Cemetery for space for one row of graves for extension of cemetery as there are no spaces left."
 36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan: "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Dan Doyle's gate of Deerpark, Shillelagh."
 37. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

INTERRUPTION OF MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY, 1970

Councillor J. Miley referred to the interruption of the Council meeting on the 11th May, 1970, in consequence of which the Meeting had to be adjourned, and pointed out that if such interruptions were allowed to continue the business of the Council could not be done. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—Because of the interruptions caused to the business of the Council by members of the public attending at Meetings of the Council, we consider that in order to discharge such business it is necessary that members of the public be debarred from attending at Meetings. We hereby resolve that until further notice the public is debarred from attendance at Meetings of Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that it would be wrong to debar the attendance of the members of the public entirely, but agreed that numbers of persons attending on Deputations be limited to three to be named in advance and issued with Admission Tickets. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., felt that the Council must be prepared to receive Deputations and listen to their views, but considered that the Deputation should be informed in advance of the procedure for the reception of Deputations as agreed by the Council. The Co. Manager stated that the procedure for the conduct of meetings was a matter to be determined by the Council, but pointed out that at the previous meeting Council Members and staff were prevented from carrying out their duties and from leaving the Council Chamber, and if the public were allowed to attend the meetings in future there was no assurance that this would not occur again. He pointed out that the Press were always present at the meetings of the Council and that meetings were public when the Press were in attendance. The suggestion was put forward by Councillors that members of the public admitted to meetings should

be sponsored by Members of the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh it was agreed that the matter be adjourned and that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to the procedure which might be adopted to ensure that meetings in future were not interrupted. The Council also asked that draft proposals in regard to the matter be submitted to the next meeting.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Kilgarron Housing Action Committee asking, on behalf of the prospective purchasers for houses at Kilgarron, that a delegation be received at the next Housing Meeting. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application for the reception of the delegation pending the determination by the Council of the procedure in future in regard to attendance of Deputations and members of the public at meetings.

By agreement the Council considered Items Nos. 30 to 33 on the Agenda.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, Miss M. Walsh and T. J. Keenan:—“That the Council Delegate to the Members of the Council for the Appropriate Electoral Area the Reception of Deputations in Relation to Matters Concerned with such Local Electoral Area.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That the Council delegate to the Members of the Council for the appropriate Local Electoral Area the reception of Deputations in relation to matters concerned with such Local Electoral Area.

Councillor J. Temple asked that any decisions arrived at by the Local Electoral Area Committees be placed before the general body of the Council and that this be embodied in the Resolution. The Council passed the Resolution with the addition of the words “and that reports be submitted to the Council thereon.”

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That this Council Build a Residence for a Permanent Resident Medical Officer in Tinahely.”

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the County Secretary stated that it was understood from inquiries made from the Local Appointments Commission that a recommendation for the appointment of a Medical Officer for Tinahely would be available within the next few weeks. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the Dispensary Residence in Tinahely was in a deplorable condition and not a suitable residence for a Medical Officer. She was of opinion that a Medical Officer would not be prepared to accept the Dispensary Residence and that the Council would have difficulty in obtaining a Medical Officer unless a satisfactory residence was available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That this Council will build a residence for a permanent Resident Medical Officer in Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Proceedings Under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered the proper Planning and Development of the County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban Districts therein (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof), and regard being had to the provisions which we consider will be included in the Development Plan to be made by the Council as Planning Authority for the County, exclusive of the Urban Districts therein, we decide that the County Manager be and hereby is empowered to take proceedings as he may be advised by the Law Agent whether by prosecution or Enforcement Notice in relation to the development at New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, by William and/or Joanne Fenelon for which Planning Permission has not been granted under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered the proper Planning and Development of the County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban Districts therein (including the preservation and improvement of amenities thereof), and regard being had to the provisions which we consider will be included in the Development Plan to be made by the Council as Planning Authority for the County, exclusive of the Urban Districts therein, we decide that the County Manager be and hereby is empowered to take proceedings as he may be advised by the Law Agent whether by prosecution or Enforcement Notice in relation to the use of lands at Rossanna, Rathnew, for parking of caravans, trailers and fairground equipment and opening of entrance to lands from Main Road by James McFadden for which Planning Permission has not been granted under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered a proposal that the County Manager be authorised to take proceedings in respect of development carried out without Planning Permission by Mr. E. M. Supple at Kilcrouney, the Council asked that the matter be deferred and an effort made to reach agreement with Mr. Supple in regard to the matter.

Item No. 8—Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill Pumped Storage Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 21st May, 1970, from the Electricity Supply Board in which further information sought by the Council in regard to the costs of placing sections of the transmission lines underground was given, together with the cost of re-routing lines on the northern side of the King's River Valley. The letter also gave the comments of the Board on the objections made by Bord Failte to the proposed transmission lines. It was emphasised in the letter that the Board considered that an early decision on the application was essential in view of the need to order special material having now become urgent. The County Secretary stated that from the figures submitted it appeared that the cost of putting certain sections of the transmission lines underground would be in the region of £14m. The County Secretary stated that a copy of the objections made by Bord Failte and a copy of the County Engineer's Report on the proposals had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor

B. Phelan commented on the fact that underground cables were being provided for transmission lines in Dublin City but did not appear to be suitable for Wicklow. Councillor Miley stressed the need to consider the position of the people in the King's River Valley. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., noted that the County Engineer suggested that part of the cables should be put underground and had suggested that a conference be arranged with the E.S.B. and Bord Fáilte. The County Secretary stated that Wexford County Council had agreed to the proposals in respect of Co. Wexford and that Kildare and Carlow County Councils had also reached agreement for the routes in these counties. The County Manager pointed out that the transmission lines would not have the same impact on the countryside in Carlow, Kildare or Wexford as they would have in Co. Wicklow where the lines would be very exposed and could have a serious effect on amenity values. In regard to the cost of undergrounding, the Council was in a difficulty as the County Engineer had not been able to obtain any expert advice on the matter. It was noted that the cost of laying transmission lines underground in Dublin appeared to be less than the estimated costs of putting lines underground at the Wicklow Gap, but it may be that there were technical difficulties involved in the latter case. The County Manager suggested that if a conference were being arranged that it would be desirable that representatives of the Department of Transport and Power be also asked to attend.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That a conference be arranged with representatives of the E.S.B., Department of Transport and Power, Bord Fáilte, West Wicklow Development Association and officials of the Council in relation to the proposed transmission lines from Turlough Hill Generating Station.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—County Development Plan—To Arrange Date for Meeting to Consider Objections and Representations Received.

The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on 22nd June, 1970, for the purpose of considering the County Development Plan and the objections and representations received.

Item No. 10—Scheme for Waiving of Rates in Certain Cases.

The County Secretary stated this matter had been deferred from the previous meeting for the purpose of considering representations made by Members of the Council in particular instances. The County Secretary suggested that the difficulties might be overcome if article 3 of the Scheme were amended so as not to exclude the making of applications for waiving of Rates by a person who was the owner of their dwelling.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Scheme for the Waiver of Rates in certain cases in respect of the financial year which commenced on 1st April, 1970:—

1. For the financial year which commenced on 1st April, 1970, Wicklow County Council will consider the waiving either in whole or in part of Rates due by persons who come within the terms of this Scheme.
 2. The relief from Rates will apply only to dwellings occupied for domestic purposes—other hereditaments will not qualify.
 3. Applications for waiving of Rates must in each case be made by the rated occupier.
 4. Applicants who qualify must on the 1st August, 1970, be:
 - (a) recipients of Non-Contributory Old Age or Widows' Pension or other similar form of Social Assistance, or Home Assistance;
 - (b) living alone or with another person who has no income other than under (a) above.
 5. Persons who do not qualify under 4 (a) above but who satisfy the other conditions may also apply and their applications will be considered on their merits, subject to sufficient funds being provided for this purpose by the Council.
 6. The estimated cost of this Scheme is £3,500.
- Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow—Order of Minister for Finance.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received on the 30th April, 1970, a copy of the Order made by the Minister confirming the Coast Protection Scheme for the Murrrough, Wicklow. The Order became operative if the Council had not within one month passed a Resolution deciding not to proceed with the Scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 12—Repairs to Sea Wall at Bray—Letter from Commissioners of Public Works.

The following letter from the Commissioners of Public Works was submitted:—

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

51 St. Stephen's Green,

Dublin 2

21st April, 1970.

An Runai,

Comhairle Chontae Chill Manntain,

Cille Manntain.

A Chara,

In reply to your letters of 25th March and 14th April, 1970, about repairs to the sea wall at Bray, I have to state that as you were informed on 19th Nollaig, 1969, it would not be possible to undertake the preliminary examination under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, for a considerable time, and it would be at least fifteen months after the examination before actual work could begin. The Parliamentary Secretary is, of course, prepared to receive a deputation as requested, but in all the circumstances he doubts if this could serve any useful purpose at this

stage. The matter could be dealt with more expeditiously by the Local Authority, and as already stated our Engineers would be available to give advice if required.

S. DE BARROID.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that this was a very important matter for Bray and that it was evident that the sea wall was in a dangerous condition. The Council agreed that the Parliamentary Secretary be asked to receive a Deputation at the earliest possible date and the Council appointed the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with the three Dail Deputies for the County to act on the Deputation.

Item No. 13—Erosion of Beach at Arklow—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
20th March, 1970

County Secretary.

Re: Erosion of Beach at Arklow.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith plan showing erosion which would seem to have taken place on the North and South Beach at Arklow.

The high water mark shown in the years 1907 and 1951 have been plotted and taken from old Ordnance Survey Sheets. The high water mark shown for 1971 is an approximate one which has been put on the map by Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E. As you will see from these lines considerable erosion seems to have taken place since 1907. Mr. McCabe of Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Consulting Engineers, has informed me that the present high water mark has advanced 45 feet landwards in the past 12 years, with the result that the protective sand dunes between the Pottery and the sea have been eroded away.

The erosion taking place at the South Beach seems to be more rapid at the North end than the Southern end. This is probably due to the protection afforded by the Roadstone jetty and mill.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from Arklow Pottery Ltd. and Shanks (Ireland) Ltd. in regard to the extent of the erosion at the South Beach at Arklow and the risk of damage to the factory premises by flooding.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That being satisfied that land on the foreshore at Arklow within the Urban District of Arklow is being progressively damaged by the continued encroachment of the sea and that the encroachment is liable to endanger the safety of buildings, amenities of a residential character and other valuable property, it is hereby determined that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme for the area in question is expedient and the Commissioners of Public Works are hereby asked to carry out a Preliminary Examination.

We hereby undertake that if after the carrying out by the Commissioners of a Preliminary Examination of the encroachment of the sea the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or that the Council as Promoting Authority make a Declaration under Paragraph (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 5 of the Act, the Council will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a Notice under Sub-Section (1) of Section 26 of the Act has been served.

We further direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Undertaking.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Revised Salary Scales for Posts of Storekeeper and Assistant Clerk at Newcastle Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the application of revised salary scales as determined under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers to the posts of Storekeeper, Newcastle Mental Hospital, and to the post of Assistant Clerk, Newcastle Mental Hospital, as set out hereunder with effect from 15th January, 1968:—

£1,040 x £45 — £1,130 x £50 — £1,480.

We hereby authorise expenditure of £300 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the implementation of the revised salary scale to the office of Storekeeper.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Sites for Halting Places for Itinerants—Report of County Engineer.

The Co. Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer in which recommended the following locations as halts for itinerants in

Co. Wicklow:—

NORTHERN AREA: Site at Kilmacanogue being a disused gravel pit on the East side of the Arteral Road and adjoining an existing lay-by.

SOUTH/EASTERN AREA: (1) Site at Killiniskeyduff, north of Arklow, and (2) site at Moneylittle, south of Arklow.

SOUTHERN AREA: (1) Site at Lugduff, Tinahely.
(2) Site at Rath, Tullow.

WESTERN AREA: (1) Site at Tinode near Manor Kilbride and (2) site at Barraderry near Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that the site at Kilmacanogue was owned by Mr. James Byrne of Kilmacanogue and that the other sites were in the ownership of the Council, all being lay-bys resulting from road improvements carried out by the Council. The County Secretary stated that subsidy equivalent to 100 per cent. of Loan Charges was payable by the Department of Local Government in respect of the provision of camping sites in accordance with plans approved by the Mini-

ster but for to qualify for this rate of subsidy the site must include for each family a separate residential structure with a path leading to it and incorporating individual water supply and toilet accommodation and hard standing for a trailer also was required. The provision of halting places to lesser standards would qualify for subsidy at the rate of 66½ per cent. or 50 per cent. The County Manager stated that the Minister had urged that these halting places be developed by local authorities and Arklow and Bray Urban District Councils were providing houses for itinerants at present. It was the intention that sites in urban areas be provided where itinerants might settle but in rural areas halting places should be provided. The Council approved of the County Engineer's Report and agreed that the site at Kilmacanogue be acquired and detailed estimate of cost of providing the necessary services for the halting places be submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition and development of sites

as set out hereunder and recommended by the County Engineer for the purposes of halting places for itinerants:—

NORTHERN AREA: Disused gravel pit east side of Arterial Road adjoining existing lay-by at Kilmacanogue.

SOUTH/EASTERN AREA: (1) Lay-by at Killiniskeyduff north of Arklow.

(2) Lay-by at Moneylittle south of Arklow.

SOUTHERN AREA: (1) Lay-by at Lugduff, Tinahely.

(2) Lay-by at Rath, Tullow.

WESTERN AREA: (1) Lay-by at Tinode near Manor Kilbride.

(2) Lay-by at Barraderry near Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Draft Regulations for Health Boards — Letter from Kildare County Council.

The Council noted letter of 27th April, 1970, received from Kildare County Council conveying a Resolution passed by Kildare County Council asking the Minister to reconsider his decision and approve of the representation proposed by the local authorities at their joint meeting held on 8th January, 1970, at the new Restaurant, 1, James' Street, Dublin. The Council noted that Wicklow County Council had passed a similar Resolution and that the Council's representations had been conveyed to the Minister.

Item No. 17—Post of District Medical Officer, Kiltegan — Letter from Local Appointments Commission stating that Vacancy will be Re-advertised.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from the Local Appointments Commission indicating that the post of Medical Officer for Kiltegan Dispensary District was being re-advertised.

Item No. 18—Application of Michael Dwyer Cumann, Sinn Fein, Enniskerry, for permission for use of Library at Enniskerry for Lecture and Discussion on Scenic Amenities, etc.

The following letter from Michael Dwyer Cumann, Sinn Fein, Enniskerry, was submitted:—

5 Monastery,
Enniskerry
11th April, 1970.

Michael Dwyer Cumann
Sinn Fein, Enniskerry.
A Chara,

Following upon a meeting of our members we decided to organise a lecture and discussion on the scenic amenities, planning permission, green belt, etc., in the Enniskerry area. It would be intended to invite the County Manager, a member of An Taisce, the local Councillors, T.D.'s to speak on these subjects and to enlighten the people of the area on them. In order to hold this function we ask permission from the Co. Council for the use of the local Library. This being Conservation Year we see the need to make some contribution locally to it. Enniskerry being a tourist attraction and a village of great scenic beauty we feel that a lecture of this nature would help to keep it that way.

I remain,

yours sincerely,

JOHN MURPHY,

Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that it had not been the practice of the Council to make the Library available for meetings organised by political organisations. The Council agreed unanimously that the application be refused.

Item No. 19—Damage to Bridge at Munny — Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council should take proceedings against the riparian owners for the damage caused to the bridge at Munny but that it would not be advisable to issue proceedings until the Council had carried out the work as he understood that the cost at present of so doing was merely an estimated one. The Council agreed that the repairs to the bridge be put in hands. The County Engineer stated that the Land Project Office had been in touch with him and it was possible that part of the cost of repairing the bridge might be met by that Office. The Council noted that the carrying out of repairs to the bridge by the Council would not be any acceptance of responsibility for meeting the cost of the work done by the Council.

Tenders for Erection of Six Purchase Type Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

In response to public advertisement two Tenders received were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

John O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle	£18,882—£3,147	per house
Patrick and Mullen and Sons, "St. Joseph's, 6 Florence Terrace, Bray.	£22,978—£3,829.13.4	per house

The County Secretary pointed out that the Tenders submitted were for the erection of the superstructure of the house and did not include for site development which was being carried out by the Council. The Tenders were referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Closing of Roads at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for the closing of roads at Blessington in connection with the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th July, 1970, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The road to be closed was that from Blessington Bridge to Woodend Bridge. The Council agreed that the necessary public notice be given.

Use of Car Park at Glendalough for Concerts.

The Council approved of the application of Rev. D. Hogan, C.C., The Presbytery, Roundwood, for permission to use the car park at Glendalough for open-air concerts during the Summer months.

Roads at Bray.

Councillor J. Temple complained of the condition of certain of the roads in Bray which had been opened for the purpose of laying sewers and urged that steps be taken to ensure the Contractor improved the roads in anticipation of the tourist season. The County Engineer stated that he had been in touch with the Consulting Engineer and with the Contractor and had drawn their attention to the complaints received regarding the condition of the roads. It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area meet the Consultant and Contractor at Bray on Friday, 29th May, to consider the matter.

Notices of Motion.

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

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

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. White and Miss N. O'Neill:— "That we the undersigned hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act to grant full Planning approval for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. James Bradshaw, "Westways," Davitt Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with plans lodged by the applicant."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Victor Byrne for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council take off the old roof off Mrs. Walsh's cottage at Ballykilavane, Glenealy, and put on a new tiled roof and repair cracks in walls, etc."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council provide two T.V. sets in Wicklow County Hospital, one for the nurses and one for the patients."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the lane to Kilcommon Church and School be taken over, surfaced and widened by this Council."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th June, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Kevin Ryan, John J. Bourke, 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, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and C. White.

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

A number of persons who were Members of the Kilgarron Housing Action Committee were present in the public gallery.

AGENDA

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, C. White, Roger Miley and Miss M. Walsh:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara, and one bungalow at Ashford."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, R. Miley and K. Ryan:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. George Plant for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyvolan Lower."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. Temple:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurry South, Co. Wicklow."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Vaughan to erect bungalow at

Shraughaun, Blessington."

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, E. Byrne and C. White:—
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"That we the undersigned hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act to grant full Planning approval for the building of three houses with septic tanks at Windgate, Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. James Bradshaw, "Westways," Davitt Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with plans lodged by the applicant."
- (g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and M. Deering:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Victor Byrne for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."
2. Transmission Lines from E.S.B. Generating Station at Turlough Hill.
3. Maintenance of Order at Council Meetings and Procedure in relation to Reception of Deputations.
4. Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellinghouses.
5. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.
6. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed amendment to Scheme for making Loans for purchase of existing houses.
7. Applications for consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Proposed amendment of Scheme for making Supplementary Grants for new Dwellinghouses.
9. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Council's proposal that Vested Cottages when available for disposal revert to the Council for re-allocation to qualified persons and letter from General Council of County Councils.
10. Erection of Rural Cottages — Letter from Department of Local Government regarding average Tender Price for serviced Rural Cottages.
11. Application for provision of cottage at Kiltimon, Ashford.
12. Application of Mr. Frank Shannon for provision of cottage at Oaklawn View, Newcastle.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That this Council pay the Supplementary Grant to Mr. Edward Meade, Meadow Court, New Road, Greystones, for the erection of his new house."

14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That houses be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan, and Patrick O'Brien, Raheen, Baltinglass."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will build a house for Mrs. Margaret Duffy, Knockfin, Glendalough."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan:— "That this Council provide a site for a house for John Grey, Shillelagh, on the land which the Council owns at Shillelagh."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan:— "That this Council build a house for Mr. James Doyle, Kilcassell, Avoca, on his own site."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Crampton, Johnstown, Hollywood."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:— "That this Council will build ten houses on new site at Laragh purchased by Council."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That a range be installed in Wm. Quayle's prefab house at Drummin, Ballinglen, without repayments."

Report Regarding Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

Councillor S. Costello enquired why there was no item on the Agenda in relation to the Kilgarron Housing Scheme. He stated that at the last meeting of the Council it had been agreed that a report on this matter would be submitted to the Housing Meeting of the Council in June. The County Secretary stated that at the previous County Council Meeting, the Council had considered the matter of the Maintenance of Order at Council Meetings and arrangements for the reception of Deputations, and had asked that the Law Agent's advice be obtained on the matter and suggestions put to next Meeting as to procedures which might be followed. The Council at the Meeting had also considered an application from the Kilgarron Housing Action Committee for the reception of a Deputation and had decided to defer consideration of the application until the matter of Maintenance of Order at Meetings had been settled. The County Secretary submitted a reply received from the Council's Law Agent confirming that since the Kilgarron Housing Scheme was the subject of litigation and, therefore, sub judice, the Council should not answer queries submitted by the Kilgarron Housing Action Committee. The Law Agent stated that there was no objection to supplying answers to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor White:

"That the matter of Kilgarron Housing be discussed in the presence of the persons attending and that the Press be asked not to report the discussions."

The Chairman, having drawn attention to the Law Agent's advice, stated that the Council would have to deal with the matter in committee.

21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council take off the old roof of Mrs. Walsh's cottage, Ballykilavane, Glenealy, and put on a new tiled roof and repair cracks in walls, etc."

22. Cottages repaired during month of May, 1970, and cottages to be repaired during month of June, 1970."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

"That the discussion regarding Kilgarron Housing Scheme be considered in committee."

The County Manager advised the Members of the Council that it would be altogether improper to consider the matter in public, and they would be doing so if persons, other than the Members of the Council, were allowed to be present. Following interchange between Councillor Costello and other Members of the Council, the Chairman found it necessary to inform the people in the public gallery that interference could not be allowed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

"That we adhere to the Agenda and proceed with the business of the Meeting."

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh, and J. Whelan—NINE.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, C. White, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan, Basil Phelan—NINE.

The Chairman, Councillor Miss M. Walsh, gave her casting vote in favour of the Motion.

At this stage, people in the public Gallery claimed that although they had paid deposits of £200 to the Council, their names had been removed from the Housing List, and asked why nine names had been so excluded.

The Council proceeded with the business on the Agenda.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, C. White, Roger Miley and Miss M. Walsh: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Silke, Ashford, for the erection of five bungalows at Ballymacahara, and one bungalow at Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that no application for Planning permission had been received from Mr. Patrick Silke and the proposal was accordingly deferred by the Council.

(b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory,

R. Miley and K. Ryan: "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. George Plant for the erection of a Dwellinghouse at Ballyvolan Lower."

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

1. The proposed development taken in conjunction with existing development and other proposals for the area would give rise to ribbon development along a rural road. Such development would lead to serious injury to amenity in the rural area.
2. The Council has no piped services available to serve the proposal and the revenue from isolated residential development, as proposed, would not suffice to provide services (sewerage, scavenging, public lighting, etc.) which in time would be demanded.

The County Secretary stated that there had been a number of Planning Applications for the erection of houses in the Ballyvolan and Timore Townlands bounding on a road leading from the Arterial Road to Mount John southwestwards to Ballyvolan. Permission had been granted for nine houses in this area and four other applications had been refused including one application which had been made for the erection of fifteen houses, and a subsequent application for ten houses on a 28 acre site. Two other applications in addition to the present one were under consideration. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Secretary stated that there was no objection on public health grounds to the erection of the dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

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. George Plant for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyvo'an, Lower.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple referred to a letter which had been received by him forwarding a copy of a circular letter dated 20th February, 1967, issued by the Department of Local Government in regard to the manner in which Planning Applications should be dealt with and complained that this Circular had not been brought to the notice of the Members of the Council. The Council agreed that a copy of the Circular be made available for each Member. Councillor Temple also expressed the view that the refusal of permission for the previous application made by Mr. Plant was unreasonable and asked that an invitation be sent to the Minister for Local Government to inspect the site. The Council agreed that the Minister be invited to inspect the site.

(c) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, and J. Temple: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Brian P. McDonnell for the erection of a Dwellinghouse for his own use at Kilmurry South, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the application by Mr. Brian P. McDonnell had been received on the previous Thursday and there had

not been sufficient time to obtain reports on the application. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that the site was within the Upper Liffey catchment area. Trial holes already examined at section of the site indicated that the ground would be unsuitable for septic tank drainage. A revised septic tank position shown in the plan was only 50' from the streams with direct access to Blessington Lake. The County Medical Officer suggested that the proposed septic tank position should be at least 6' deep for inspection. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal and agreed that the applicant be required to provide a trial hole at least 6' deep for inspection at a point at least 100' from the stream.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and C. White: "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 P. Butler, Killmurray, Kilmacanogue, to erect a bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that this application was incomplete and that Mr. Butler had been advised of the documents which were required to be submitted. The Council deferred consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting.

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

The County Secretary stated that this application had been received on 29th May, and as some alterations had been made in the proposed siting of the septic tanks, a report from the County Medical Officer was required. The applicant had also been asked to submit photographs of the site, together with a 6" Ordinance Survey Map for the information of the Members of the Council. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting for submission of the County Medical Officer's report.

- (g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan and M. Deering: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Victor Byrne, for the provision of seven houses at Tinnahinch, Avoca."

The County Secretary stated that this application was also incomplete and the Architects had been advised of the documents which

were required to be submitted. The County Secretary pointed out that the letter of application received requested permission for five houses and not seven houses as indicated in the Notice of Motion. The site map forwarded with the letter also showed provision for five houses. The Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal also to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2—Transmission Lines from E.S.B. Generating Station at Turlough Hill.

The County Secretary stated that as arranged at the previous Meeting of the Council, a Meeting had been held on Friday, 5th June, at the Courthouse, Wicklow, which was attended by representatives of the Electricity Supply Board and representatives of Bord Fáilte, An Taisce, West Wicklow Development Association and the Department of Transport and Power, with Officers of the Council, Bord Fáilte had made available photographic illustrations of the affects of the proposed Transmission Lines from the Generating Station at Turlough Hill, through the Wicklow Gap and the King's River Valley. The Electricity Supply Board had indicated their objections to the proposal that sections of the Transmission Lines be placed underground and pointed out that while the cost of the undergrounding was about 10 times that of overhead wires, the Board will be even more concerned with the technical difficulties which were likely to arise should sections of the line be placed underground. They pointed out that the Generating Station at Turlough Hill would form part of the national grid by which electricity was distributed to the various parts of the country, and it was essential that the power from this Station be available at all times as it was required to balance peak demands in other areas. It was stated on behalf of the E.S.B. that there was a greater risk of the breakdowns occurring at the point where lines changed from overhead to underground, or from underground to overhead, and should breaks occur, particularly at wintertime, there could be lengthy delay in finding and restoring the connections, having regard to the weather conditions likely in wintertime at the Wicklow Gap. The E.S.B. also argued that from enquiries made in seven other European Countries, they had been informed that the placing underground of transmission lines from generating stations was not regarded as a practical proposition, and would not be considered. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter in which representatives of Bord Fáilte and An Taisce stressed the effect of high tension lines on amenity, it was agreed that the Electricity Supply Board would inform the Council in a letter of the details of the technical difficulties arising in respect of undergrounding of transmission lines, together with particulars of the practice and experience in other countries, and the Department of Transport and Power was also requested to supply any information on these points which might be available. The County Secretary stated that it was expected that the information requested would be received from the Electricity Supply Board within the week, and that the matter could be considered further by the Council at the Meeting to be held on 15th June, 1970. The County Manager stated that the E.S.B. had engaged a Landscape Architect, Miss Sylvia Crowe, to advise in relation to the route of the Transmission Lines. He stated that the County Engineer had had difficulty in obtaining information in regard to the technical difficulties referred to by the Electricity Supply Board. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello, as to why permission had been granted for the Generating Station at Turlough Hill in advance of the application for the Transmission Lines, the County Manager pointed out that the Board were using natural resources available in

County Wicklow. Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to amenities being provided by the E.S.B. in the development of the Generating Station at Turlough Hill. The County Manager stated that an An Taisce representative had commented on this point and had drawn attention to the possible danger to visitors who might wander in the mountains, that being the largest area of unbroken high hill land in the County. The Council noted that a report on the matter would be available for the next Meeting of the Council on 15th June.

Item No. 3—Maintenance of Order at Council Meetings and Procedure in relation to Reception of Deputations.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow

2nd June, 1970

Re: Maintenance of Order at Council Meetings.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 29th ultimo and we note what occurred at the Council meeting on the 11th ultimo as a result of which the meeting had to be adjourned and the Gardai called to allow members and officers to leave the Council chamber, and of course if this conduct was to be tolerated it would be impossible for the Council to carry out their statutory functions and the question arises as to what course should now be adopted and that the Council had in mind either debarring the public from attending meetings of the Council or having admission to the Council limited by way of invitation cards signed by a member of the Council. We are aware that it is the practice of another local authority to issue invitation cards to each member and that the cards when presented by a member of the public must be signed by the Councillor introducing him and must also bear the name and address of the person bearing the card. The latter procedure we would advise the Council to adopt.

The writer today discussed the matter with the Superintendent of the Gardai who confirmed that the Gardai would attend and remove any people from the Council chamber who had refused to leave on the demand made by any responsible official of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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

The County Secretary stated the matter of regulation of the attendance of Members of the Public at Meetings and the arrangements in respect of the reception of deputations could be dealt with by means of amendments to the Standing Orders and he submitted draft Resolutions covering these matters. The draft Resolution relating to the attendance of Members of the Public at a Meeting provided that visitors be admitted only upon orders issued by Members, and that every Councillor was entitled to issue an Order for the admission of one visitor to any meeting of the Council at which visitors were permitted to be present. A draft Resolution in regard to Deputations provided that no Deputation be received unless the Council had, at a previous Meeting, agreed to the reception of the deputation, that not more than two persons be entitled to address the Council on behalf of any deputation, that no deputation exceed five persons in number and that the maximum duration of the address would be ten minutes. Matters raised by

the deputation would not be discussed by the Council at the Meeting at which the deputation was received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Standing Orders No. 62 and 63 be and are hereby revoked, and that the following Standing Orders be, and are hereby made in substitution therefor:—

62 "Unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines, visitors and representatives of the Press may be present at meetings of the Council in the part of the Chamber from time to time allotted to their use, and they are at liberty to report and publish the proceedings of the Council.

Visitors shall be admitted only upon orders issued by Members, and every Councillor is entitled to issue orders for the admission of two visitors to any Meeting of the Council at which visitors are permitted to be present. Two such admission orders shall be transmitted to each Councillor together with the notice of each meeting."

63 "Visitors are to maintain silence and observe any direction given by the Chair or any officer in attendance on the Council. Male visitors are to bareheaded."

Councillor Gregory proposed that each Councillor be allowed to issue Orders for the admission of two visitors to any Meeting and his proposal was seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.; Councillor Costello proposed that each Councillor be allowed to issue 20 admission Orders for each Meeting, but his proposal was not seconded. Councillor J. Miley and Councillor M. J. O'Neill, having indicated their acceptance of the Amendment in the names of Councillors J. Gregory and G. Timmins, the proposal as so amended, was submitted to the Meeting, and a Vote having been called for, the County Secretary proceeded to call the Members to ascertain their votes. At this stage shouting and interruptions by persons in the public gallery intensified to such a degree that Members of the Council were unable to hear the Secretary calling their names and the Secretary was unable to ascertain how Members wished to Vote. As the uproar continued, the Chairman of the Council adjourned the Meeting and Members of the Gardai were asked to clear the Council Chamber.

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

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—

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

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Grattan Victor Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany, for the erection of 28 houses at Farrankelly, Delgany."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on (1) the number of cottages in need of repairs in Rathdrum and surrounding areas of Rathdrum, (2) the number of cottages repaired in these areas in the year 1969/'70."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council build a wall between the drop manhole and the road at Merrymeeting, Rathnew; also erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."

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

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That the watermain be extended to serve 5 houses at Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor C. White:— "That the scavenging service be extended to include houses at Glencormach, Kilmacanogue."

A Meeting of Winslow County Citizens was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Winslow, Mo Monday, June 10, 1970, at 3:30 p.m. The following Members attended:-

Contributors: John A. Bland, Charles
Cannibara, Thomas J. Cavan, Robert E. Gano, John Swearing, James Wil-
son, Mark Dearing, James M. M. J. O'Neill, G. Thomas, M. Thorne,
A. Costello, Alan M. Lawrence, John M. O'Neill, John Thomas, G.
White, John J. Thomas, Anthony, P. James, Roger Miley, Basil G. G.
Hicks.

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To confirm and sign a number of Veterinary Meetings held on 23d March, 24th March and 25th March, 1973.

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 15th June, 1970.

By Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1958, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stephen J. Ryan, Ballymurray, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymurray, Ashford.

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. G. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1958, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William O'Reilly, Dunmore Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Dunmore, Wicklow.

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, E. Byrne, J. Gregory, B. G. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1958, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. O'Connell G. Spurling, Ardara, for the erection of two bungalows at Ballymurray, Newcastle.

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That a report be brought before the July Housing Meeting on (1) the number of cottages in need of repairs in Blessington and surrounding areas of Rathfarnham, (2) the number of cottages required in these areas in the year 1969/70."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council build a wall between the drop kerbs and the road at Blessington, Rathfarnham, and erect a hand rail at the same place to enable people to walk down the steps in safety."

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th June, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Messrs G. Nichols and U. McCabe, Staff Officers, were present.

A number of persons attended in the public gallery section of the Council Chamber.

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- for one row of graves for extension of cemetery as there are no spaces left."
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Exclusion of Members of the Public from Meetings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—Because of the interruptions caused to the business of the Council by members of the public attending at Meetings of the Council we consider that in order to discharge such business it is necessary that members of the public be debarred from attending at Meetings. We hereby resolve that until further notice the public is debarred from attendance at Meetings of Wicklow County Council.

Councillor S. Costello, opposing the proposal, sought to raise that a point of order letters which he wished to hand in from Organisations in the County in regard to the proposed regulations in relation to the attendance of Members of the Public at Meetings. The Chairman ruled that the matter was not a point of order and directed that the roll be called. It was found that the Members voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, Miss M. Walsh—TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, C. White—SIX.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to six votes against.

The Chairman drew the attention of the persons in the public gallery to the Resolution passed by the Council and asked that they leave the Chamber. The County Secretary also conveyed the terms of the Resolution to the persons present and asked them to leave the Council Chamber. No response was received and these persons remained in the Council Chamber. As the Council's decision was not being complied with, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting for half an hour.

When half an hour had elapsed the Meeting was resumed, and Councillor Costello sought to propose a Resolution to rescind the Resolu-

tion which had been passed earlier in the Meeting. The Chairman pointed out that such a proposal could not be accepted and that the matter before the Council was the failure of the Members of the Public in the public gallery to comply with the direction given by the Council and she again called on the Members of the Public in the Public Gallery to leave the Council Chamber. As no response was received and the persons in the public gallery remained in the Council Chamber, the Chairman declared the Meeting adjourned.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. James Malone, 8 Strand Street, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Bollarney, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Gregory, E. Byrne, J. Bourke, F. Hynes and B. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Joyce, Ballinapark, Kilbride, Wicklow, for the erection of 15 houses on her land."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—

(a) "That this Council open up the Pedestrian right of way from the Murrough, Wicklow, to the level crossing at Killougher."

(b) Open up the Pedestrian right of way from Mrs. Byrne's cottage, The Murrough, Wicklow, across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly, along the road that leads out at the cemetery, Rathnew.

(c) Build a new footbridge where the old one was across Broad Lough at Lower Tinnakilly."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:—

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

2. That this Council tar the Chapel Lane at Shillelagh: It has already been levelled twice before for tarring.

3. That this Council rebuild the concrete wall in front of the houses on the Terrace at Carnew."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on 22nd June, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering objections received to the Draft County Development Plan and adoption of the Plan, together with the consideration of Items held over from Meeting of 15th June, 1970.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, Assistant County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officer, Planning Section, also attended.

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After discussion, it was agreed to leave over the consideration of objections received to the Draft County Development Plan and to request an extension of the period for the making of the County Development Plan.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a further extension of the period for the making of the County Development Plan to 30th September, 1970, so as to allow sufficient time for consideration by the Council, of objections and representations received.

Passed unanimously.

The Council then proceeded to deal with the items listed on the Agenda for 15th June, 1970, with the exception of Item No. 3 which was dealt with on that day.

Item No. 1—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings Held On 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Estimates Meetings held on 2nd, 9th and 16th March, 1970.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary Overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount to the quarter to 30th September, 1970, shall not exceed £300,000.
Passed.

Item No. 4: To Fix Date of Annual Meeting of Council:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That the Annual Meeting of the Council for the year 1970 be held on Monday, 6th July, 1970, at 2.30 p.m.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5: Application for Closing of Roads at (a) Blessington and (b) Laragh, Roundwood Areas.

The County Manager indicated that the required Notices had been published and that no objections had been received to the closing of the roads.

Closing of County Road No. 74, County Road No. 59, County Road No. 86 and County Road, No. 115:

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 27th June, 1970, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and authorise the holding of the Annual Motor Trial of the Motor Enthusiasts Club, Ltd., on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Co. Road 74—from Ballardbeg 'Y' Junction to Junction at Knockaphrumpa.

Co. Road 59—from 'T' Junction at Old Bridge to Laragh East—Three Roads.

Co. Road 86—from Three Roads at Derrybawn to Crossroads in Townland of Claramor.

Co. Road 115—from Three Roads Drumdangan to Three Roads at Sleanaglough.

Closing of County Road No. 371 at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic, County Road 371

from junction east of Woodend Bridge to a point 50' east of Blessington Bridge, between the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th July, 1970, for the purpose of the holding of rowing championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.

Item No. 6: Proposed Disposal of Plot of Ground at Ballard, Shillelagh, as Site for Dwellinghouse:

The County Manager indicated that the required Notices had been issued to the Members and that Mr. Gray intended to build a house for his own use, but that, as yet, no application for Planning Permission had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we hereby approved of the disposal by Lease for 150 years to John Gray, Bachelor's Walk, Shillelagh, for the sum of £100 and Ground Rent of £1 per year of the land described hereunder and which is not required for the purpose of the powers and duties of the Council.

Plot of 2 roods adjoining public road from Shillelagh to Upper Ballard.

The Plot of Land being disposed of is to be used as a site for new dwellinghouse to be occupied by Mr. John Gray for at least five years.

Exclusion of Public from Council Meetings.

Councillor Costello enquired as to who was responsible for the exclusion of the public from the Meeting of the Council.

It was indicated by the Chairman that the public had been excluded from the Meeting in pursuance of a Resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting held on 15th June, 1970.

Item No. 7: Transmission Lines from Turlough Hill Pumped Storage Scheme:

The County Manager outlined the position in regard to the difficulty experienced in determining the application for planning Permission submitted by the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the erection of Transmission Lines from the new Station at Turlough Hill to the National Grid. The Members agreed to accept the invitation issued in April last from the E.S.B. to visit the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That the Members meet at the Car Park, Glendalough, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st July, to inspect the E.S.B. Scheme with representatives from the Electricity Supply Board.

Item No. 8: Water and Sewerage Extensions to School Height, Carnew—Report of County Engineer.

The Members considered a report submitted by the County Engineer in connection with the Scheme and

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the extension of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to

School Height, Carnew, at a total cost of £2,458 and approve of submission of Plans to the Department of Local Government for approval.

We approve also of extending the Council's 9" dia. Sewers to serve the new Garda Station at Carnew at estimated cost of £273 and accept the contribution of £200 offered by the Bord of Works.
Passed.

Item No. 9: Tombrean Group Water Supply Scheme:

The County Manager indicated that the Department of Local Government had submitted Design Documents for approval by the Council in this case. The County Engineer reported that the Scheme was an extensive one with approximately nine miles of pipeline to supply 56 houses as well as to meet agricultural demands and he recommended that the scheme be approved—subject to the number of booster pumps being reduced to one near point 'C' on the Drawing submitted. The Scheme would involve the Council in the payment of Supplementary Grants and would cost in the region of £3,500 to £4,500 if all the houses avail of the supply, and if in addition to the Water Supply a Sewerage System is installed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the Tombrean Group Water Supply Scheme in accordance with the Design Documents received from the Department of Local Government subject to the number of booster pumps being reduced to one near Point 'C' on Drawing submitted. We approve also of the payment of the appropriate Supplementary Grants in respect of the provision of private water supplies to individual houses to be served by the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10: Coolboy Water Supply Scheme—Extension to Hillsbrook.

The County Manager indicated that this Scheme would provide water supply for nine houses at a total estimated cost of £2,420 and that the County Engineer had recommended that the Scheme be approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for the extension from the Coolboy Water Supply Scheme to Hillsbrook in accordance with the documents submitted by the County Engineer at an estimated cost of £2,420, and direct that the Documents be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Passed.

Item No. 11: Water Supply for Cottages at Ballybawn — Group Water Supply Scheme.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the proposal

had been approved by the County Engineer. It involves the laying of 400 lin. yards of 2" Main to serve four houses on the road towards Kilmacanogue and the laying of 630 lin. yards to serve three houses on the Togher, Roundwood Road at an estimated cost of £295 and £441 respectively. These extensions, together with the principal Scheme, would involve the Council in a total outlay of £3,521 17s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—That having considered reports of the County Engineer of 11th March, 1970, and 11th May, 1970, we approve of the Scheme for extending the watermain to serve the cottages at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue, in accordance with the plans prepared by the Co. Engineer, and approve also of the extension to serve four houses on the road towards Kilmacanogue and to serve three houses on the Togher, Roundwood Road, under a Group Water Supply Scheme. We approve also of the Council's contributing an extra cost of £150 for laying of 4" Main in lieu of 2" Main for the extension towards Kilmacanogue and agree that this Branch be laid by the Council.

We note that the total cost of the Council's part in the scheme will amount to £3,521 17s. 0d.

Passed.

Item No. 12: Public Lighting at Aughrim, Kilpedder, Carnew, Shillelagh and Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Manager informed the Members of the various Lights that it was proposed to erect and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

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

Coolattin, Carnew—Provision of Lamp on Existing pole at end of Coolattin Road—£27.

Shillelagh—Provision of five Lamps and nine new poles and network for the erection of Lamps from houses at Quarry Street to Shillelagh Village at a cost of £430.

Kilpedder—Provision of Public Light in verge at entrance to Clancy's Cottage at a cost of £97 5s. 0d.

Newtownmountkennedy—Provision of Public Light at Water Tap at Council's Cottages at Kilmacullagh, and of light on existing pole at the end of Church Road opposite Kavanagh's Cottage for the sum of £93.

Aughrim—Erection of Lamp at Back Lane, Aughrim, for the sum of £18.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Dumping Grounds at (a) Assford, (b) Roundwood, and (c) Dunlavin.

Ashford Dumping Site:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the County Engineer had reported that Mr. William Hender of Ballycurry, Ashford, was willing to sell a site to the Council on his lands at Ballinahinch, for the provision of a Dump. The site was a large

hollow in his field and is approximately one mile from Ashford. An access road to the dumping site would have to be constructed at a cost of £200. In addition, chainlink fencing around the Dump would cost £150. These amounts together with the purchase price of £100 would involve the Council in expenditure in the sum of £450. After a discussion, it was agreed that the matter be deferred to see if an alternative site could be found.

Roundwood Dumping Site:

The County Manager informed the Members that the County Engineer had reported that a Mr. Frank Byrne from Roundwood was willing to sell 1 acre of bog land for the sum of £300 at a point 2½ miles from the Village. The County Engineer did not consider the site suitable and the matter was deferred for further consideration.

Dunlavin Dumping Site:

The County Manager reported that the County Engineer had been unable to locate a suitable site for a Dump at Dunlavin, but that Mr. Thomas O'Neill had indicated that he would be prepared to allow dumping on his land at Logatryna, provided he was given the Contract for collecting the refuse. A figure of £10 per week had been indicated by Mr. O'Neill. After discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to see if more suitable arrangements could be made.

Item No. 14: Cul-De-Sac at Rathnew:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that Mr. Art O'Sullivan of Merrymeeting had agreed to sell an area of land of approximately 80 square yards for a turning point at a price of £155 including the provision of boundary walls.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby agree to the purchase of 80 square yards of land from Mr. Art O'Sullivan for £155, including the provision of boundary walls, to provide a turning point at the cul-de-sac at Rathnew.

Item No. 15: Water Safety—Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman of Council.

The following letter was read to the meeting:

5 Meitheamh 1970.

Dear Chairman,

Now that a new swimming season is starting I want to ask specially for your help and co-operation and that of the other members of the Council in doing everything possible to prevent drowning tragedies in your area and, in particular, to consider seriously whether the measures hitherto adopted there have been adequate.

I would like to stress how important it is that sanitary authorities should regularly review the adequacy of the water safety measures in operation in their area. In the ordinary course of events a check of the position will show that some warning notices need repair or replacement because of the action of the weather or as a result of vandalism. In other cases, the increased popularity of a particular bathing place may necessitate the erection of additional warning notices. All notices should be sited so as to catch the eye of people coming on to the beach or bathing

place. Attention should be given to proper location of life-saving equipment, including medical kits and resuscitation apparatus.

I suggest that it would be well to have the responsibility for regular inspection during the holiday period of warning notices and equipment to ensure that they are in proper condition placed positively on a specified employee of the local authority.

The frequency of inspection at any particular bathing place should be decided in the light of the conditions obtaining there, including the likelihood of damage to equipment, etc. The prominent display of warning notices in remoter bathing places known to be hazardous is of great importance because such locations tend to attract tourists. I hope that lifeguards will be employed at all bathing places where conditions so warrant.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would bring the contents of this letter to the notice of your colleagues at the next meeting of your council and do all you can to make a success of our collective efforts to reduce drowning tragedies this Summer.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Molloy,

Minister for Local Government.

The County Manager informed the Members that the County Engineer was arranging to nominate persons who will have responsibility for regular inspections of warning notices and equipment during the holiday season at beaches used for swimming in the County and that the County Medical Officer and Health Inspectors carry out frequent inspections of such equipment. Arrangements are also being made for the placing of lifebuoys on three private beaches, namely, Clogga, Tinker's Teach and Ennereilly Strand as the public are admitted free of charge there. A letter has been addressed to all owners of land adjoining private beaches informing them of the necessity of providing suitable life saving equipment for use in the event of bathers getting into difficulty.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the measures taken to implement the terms of the letter from the Minister for Local Government of 5th May, 1970.

Item No. 16: Proposed Acquisition of the "Bog Meadow" at Enniskerry as Public Park—Report of County Engineer.

The County Manager indicated that the property now no longer belongs to Mr. Fitzpatrick but has been transferred to a Company called Lota One, Ltd. The Company is preparing Development Plans for the area and are not agreeable to its acquisition by the County Council.

Item No. 17: Proposed Provision of Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken.

After discussion it was agreed that the County Medical Officer meet the Members of the Sheep Dipping Committee in connection with the suitable disposal of effluent from the proposed bath at Kylebeg, Lacken.

Item No. 18: Supplementary Grant for the Erection of New Dwelling-house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

of £300 to Mr. Samuel B. Murphy, Wooden, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride.
Passed.

Item No. 19: Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

Loan of £900—Liam Kelly.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £900 to Liam Kelly, 3 Cill Mantin Park, Bray, towards the cost of purchasing Vested Cottage No. 2/4 at Killincarrig, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Loan of £2,250—James McGrath, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,250 to Mr. James McGrath, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmurray, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Loan of £2,000—Niall Burton.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Niall Burton, Curtlestown, Enniskerry, towards the cost of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Curtlestown, subject to compliance with the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Loan of £2,500—Charles O'Connor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. Charles O'Connor, 7 Burgage Road, Blessington, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Humphreystown, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Loan of £2,500—Mr. P. J. Weadick.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. P. J. Weadick, 68 Lower Main Street, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Coolboy, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Loan of £2,500—Mr. Seamus O'Connor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. Seamus O'Connor, Vallemount, Blessington, towards the cost of erection of a new house at Humphreystown, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed.

Item No. 20: Amendment to Scheme for the Making of Loans for the Purchase of Existing Houses.

The County Manager indicated that the Department of Local Government, by letter dated 20th March, 1970, drew the attention of the Council to circular letter H.21/69 of 10th July, 1969, which stated, among other things, that Loans for previously occupied houses are made only to borrowers who are unable to obtain loans from commercial Agencies, and whose circumstances would otherwise necessitate their being housed by the local authority. The County Council Scheme had included, under condition (2) a limit of £1,200 which it was now proposed to increase to £2,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 20th March, 1970, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby amend condition No. 2 of the Council's Scheme for the making of Loans for the purchase of existing houses to read as follows:

2 "A loan under this Scheme shall not exceed 75 per cent. of the market value of the house to be purchased or £2,000, which ever is the lesser. Loans will not be issued for a fraction less than £50.
Passed.

**Item No. 21: Application for Sale of Vested Cottages:
Sale of Vested Cottage No. 66/4.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given by William Hempenstall to dispose of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 66/4 at the Grove, Redford, Greystones, to Patrick Hunt, Sea Road, Kilcoole, for the sum of £2,600, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £866 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed.

Sale of Vested Cottage No. 179/4.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by William Keegan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 179/4 at Millbank, Killincarrig, to Patrick J. Hanley, 15 Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole, for the sum of £2,825, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £941 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed.

In connection with the request for permission by James Martin, to sell his interest in Vested Cottage No. 2/4 it was decided to defer consideration of this item.

Item No. 22: Proposed Amendment of Scheme for Making Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Department of Local Government, by circular letter, 8/70 of 18th May, 1970, had

indicated in advising the Council of the Capital Allocation for 1970/71, that Loans and Grants made from the Capital then allocated should in general be made without reference to resident qualifications on the part of individual applicants. The Scheme operated by the Council up to this in relation to the payment of Supplementary Grants required that to qualify for a Grant, a person must be resident in County Wicklow for a continuous period of three years prior to the date of his application. It was now proposed, with the consent of the Council, to delete this qualification.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for new dwellinghouses as follows:—

"That article 3 of this Scheme which prescribed a residence qualification, be deleted and that the appropriate changes be made in numbering of the Article."

Passed.

Item No. 23: Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Council's Proposal that Vested Cottages When Available for Disposal Revert to the Council for Re-allocation to Qualified Persons and Letter from General Council of County Councils.

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter, pending the issue of a copy of the letter from the Department and the relevant sections of the circular connected therewith.

Item No. 24: Erection of Rural Cottages—Letter from the Department of Local Government Regarding Average Tender Price for Serviced Rural Cottages.

The County Manager referred to letter received from the Department of Local Government dated 5th May, 1970, ref.: N27/2/46, in connection with price levels and tenders for the erection of potentially serviced cottage at Kilbride Arklow. The Department's letter indicated that the current average tender price for serviced rural cottages was £2,300 approximately, and in certain circumstances this figure could be increased to £2,600, but this would require substantial justification. The tender submitted by the Council was in the sum of £3,595 which the Department was not prepared to sanction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Council re-advertise for fresh tenders.

Item No. 25: Application for Provision of Cottage at Kiltimon, Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the preparation of plans and the invitation of Tenders for the erection of a Cottage for Mr. John Devitt of Kiltimon, on a site offered by his uncle at Kiltimon.

Passed.

Item No. 26: Application of Mr. Frank Shannon for Provision of Cottage at Oaklawn View, Newcastle.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of preparation of plans for the erection of a cottage at Oaklawn View, Newcastle, for Mr. Frank Shannon,

and the submission to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 27: Revision of Salary Scale for Draughtsmen.

The County Manager informed the Members that the proposed scale had been agreed at a Conciliation Council held under the Scheme for Arbitration and Conciliation and that the award would be effective from 1st September, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we note recommendation received under the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for local authority officers in relation to the revised salary scale for draughtsmen, Grade II, and approve of the payment of the revised Scale as set out hereunder, with effect from 1st September, 1969, the scale to be inclusive of the 11th round phase 1 and 2. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised Salary Scale.

SCALE APPROVED FOR DRAUGHTSMEN, GRADE II £1,000 x £50 to £1,600.

Passed.

Item No. 28: Criminal Injury Claims.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that at the present time, there were Criminal Injury Claims to the total of £93,100, of this amount £562 had already been granted at the Circuit Court. The Claims lodged, but not yet brought before the Circuit Court, amounted to £89,783, and represented Claims in respect of Cars (56), Fire Damage (11), Damage to Property (120). The largest Claim for £20,000 was in respect of fire and damage to property at an Abattoir in Bray, whilst there was another Claim for £16,000 for Fire Damage to Property to a house at Knockrath, the property of the Meath Estates. A further Claim for £10,000 was in respect of a racehorse killed in Grangecon.

Item No. 29: Letter from General Council of County Councils Re Resolutions Received from Council:

It was agreed that this Item be deferred.

Item No. 30: Letters from Macra Na Feirme (Ballycoog Branch) Re Dangerous Bend on Road at Ballycoog and Provision of Barrier at Side of Entrance to Cemetery.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the County Engineer reported on work already done at this corner and that he did not see any danger in the present position. It was agreed that a copy of the County Engineer's report should be forwarded to the Chairman, Councillor Whelan and Councillor Keenan.

Item No. 31: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:

"That this Council Carry Out Repairs to the Entrance of Council Offices in the Courthouse."

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the County Engineer had made arrangements for some repairs to be carried out and that work was in progress at the moment.

Item No. 32: Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor J. Sweeney:

"That We Request the County Manager to Examine the Position as Regards Arklow Cemetery in Order to See if the Distinction that Exists Regarding the Price of Grave Spaces Can Be Removed and all Spaces Be Sold at One Price."

This item was deferred pending the receipt of a report on the income which is received from the Cemetery.

