

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 8TH JANUARY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman.
Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D.
F. Hynes, P. Deering, J. Miley, T. J. Keenan,
D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake,
J. Byrne, C.E. Keegan, M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy T.D.
A. Murphy and Miss N. O'Neill.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the people who were killed in the explosion at the Oil Refinery at Bantry Bay. All Councillors as did the County Manager on his own behalf and that of the staff associated themselves with this expression of sympathy.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Michael McInerney from Wicklow who died suddenly. Mr. McInerney was a tradesman with Wicklow County Council and had retired some time ago. All Councillors associated themselves with this expression of sympathy as did the County Manager on his own behalf and that of the staff.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 4th December, 1978 be confirmed and signed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that item 18 in relation to water supply for Lemonstown, Dunlavin, should have been on the Agenda for this meeting as it was not dealt with at the last meeting. It was agreed that it be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that all items that are not dealt with should keep appearing on the Agenda until they are dealt with.

ITEM 2 EMPLOYER-TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1978 (SECOND PHASE):

The County Secretary gave details of the second phase of the Employer-Trade Union National Agreement 1978 and stated that in the case of those categories of employees for whom the first phase of the Agreement terminates before 28th February, 1979, the Minister's sanction may be assumed for payment of the second-phase of 2% provided for under Clause 3 of the Agreement.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and agreed that this phase be implemented.

ITEM 3 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR MRS. M. HACKETT, TIMORE, NEWCASTLE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a water supply for Mrs. Mary Hackett, Timore, Newcastle, and for the other cottages on the same road."

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carried out to the above water supply but until the new Regional Scheme is completed problems will exist at Chapel Lane. Councillor K. Ryan stated that the water supply was very bad at the present time.

ITEM 9 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO MRS. DOROTHY MEEKIN, SEA ROAD, KILCOOLE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the refuse collection service to Mrs. Dorothy Meekin, who lives in a cottage at the end of the Sea Road, Kilcoole; the refuse collection cart has to drive to her cottage to turn around."

It was indicated to the Council that if Mrs. Meekin leaves her bin out it will be collected.

ITEM 10 NEW CEMETERY AT SPRINGFIELD, BRAY:

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

"That a report be given about the progress on new cemetery at Springfield, Bray."

The Council was informed that it was planned to start work on the proposed Springfield Burial Ground in February or March. It will be necessary to complete the setting out of boundaries, paths and walls first. The work involved is quite extensive. Work on the western boundary wall will commence first and also to prepare an access path through the centre of the Cemetery at the same time. Councillor J. Byrne enquired if the work would be done by the Council employees and the County Engineer indicated that as far as possible the work would be done by direct labour. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. stated that at the next area meeting he would like to see plans for the graveyard, Councillor O'Neill seconded and emphasised that a lawn cemetery should be used. Councillor Sweeney stated that the lawn cemetery is the ideal type as it is easier to maintain. In this regard a letter from the County Council's General Council was read which indicated that at a meeting of their Council a resolution was passed which stated:-

"That the Local Authorities be urged as matter of policy to retain the traditional methods for development of cemeteries as apposed to the provision of lawn cemeteries."

Councillor C. Murphy enquired if the grave space price had as yet been fixed. Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh replied that it had not, as the costings were as yet not finalised.

ITEM 11 RESTORATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO STEDMANS AND OTHERS:

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

"That this Council instruct the Engineers to sink a well immediately in order to restore the water supply to Stedmans and others who use the supply."

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to have a well bored. Members expressed the view that this work should be expedited.

ITEM 12 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE GLEN IMAAL AREA:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That a report be submitted indicating what steps are necessary to provide a proper water supply for the Glen Imaal area."

The Council was informed that until such time as the Regional Water Supply Scheme for West Wicklow, based on the Slaney and Little Slaney is undertaken problems will exist in the area due to the fact that the Army own the water

supply serving Coolmoney Camp. It was also recommended to the Council that a Consulting Engineer be appointed to design a scheme.

Councillor C. Murphy enquired if communication had broken down between the Army and the Council in this matter. Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh stated that he had written to the Army Authorities before Christmas but had not received a reply. Councillor G. Timmins advocated that the Council get in touch with the Army Authorities again in this matter. He also stated that there was plenty of water in this area but that the pumps had broken down and he requested that a thorough examination in this respect be carried out. Councillor J. Miley requested that Mr. J. Molony B.E. attend the next area meeting for West Wicklow to see what steps can be taken to try and resolve the situation and have water provided for the people in this area.

It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next area meeting and Mr. Molony should attend same.

ITEM 13 CONNECTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT TO COTTAGE OF MR. JIMMY QUINN, TURNANT, DUNLAVIN:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council make arrangements with the E.S.B. to have the electric light connected to cottage occupied by Mr. Jimmy Quinn, Turnant, Dunlavin."

It was recommended to the Council that electricity be made available for this cottage and the E.S.B. have been asked to submit a quotation. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 14 REPAIRING OF HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MR. W. NEWSOME, REDNAGH ROAD, AUGHTRIM:

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

"I wish to propose that the Council repair the house of Mr. Wm. Newsome Rednagh Road, Aughrim and erect one room and kitchen as his present house is overcrowded.

It was indicated to the Council from the County Engineer's report that this was a vested cottage and the County Council has no responsibility for repairs which are the responsibility of the Purchaser who should avail of the grants that are available for such work.

Councillor Keenan requested that the matter be investigated again as it was his information that this was not a vested cottage. He also stated that there was 11 adults living in the house and it was a small house. Mr. U. McCabe undertook to examine the situation.

ITEM 15 FRONT AND BACK DOORS TO HOUSE AT BEECHWOOD PARK, KILCOOLE:

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

"That in view of the dissatisfaction and disappointment felt by the tenants of Beechwood Park, Kilcoole by the failure of the Council to rectify the condition of their front doors and back doors, the Council take the necessary steps to have this matter rectified."

The Council was informed that for the most part the front and back doors of the 40 houses in Beechwood Park, Kilcoole are in a reasonable condition and were of satisfactory standard when fitted. It was also stated that from the records very few complaints had been received over the past twelve months. However, in four houses recently checked only two require minor repairs to front and back doors and these will be carried out as soon as possible. The house numbers are 19 and 27.

Councillor John Byrne stated that he had a number of complaints from the people living in Beechwood Park and also from the tenants association that

doors were not up to standard. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. stated a list of complaints had been submitted by the three deputies and he also stated that money for this work should come out of capital and not out of repairs. He said that one side of the estate the back doors were faulty and the hall doors on the other side were not fitting properly. The County Manager stated that money for such work would have to come out of repairs allocation because the houses had been taken over. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the matter be investigated again as there seemed to be a conflict in the information available. It was agreed that the matter would be re-investigated.

ITEM 16 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that in all future housing schemes, some basic control heating unit should be installed as it was very costly to keep houses properly heated. Councillors O'Neill and Blake supported. The County Engineer stated that this would prove very costly and in the long term would reduce the number of houses that would be built by the Council. It was agreed that the County Engineer would investigate this suggestion.

PART 2 - HOUSES IN PROGRESS: (Donard)

Councillor P. Deering enquired if there was a problem at these houses in relation to the laying of pipes. Mr. U. McCabe outlined the present situation and indicated that the Council proposed to proceed.

GREYSTONES:

In relation to the '12 house schme', Mr. U. McCabe indicated that work would commence on this site as soon as the 20 house scheme was completed. It was agreed that these housing schemes would be discussed at the area meeting.

KILBRIDE:

It was indicated to the Council that the expected date of completion was 31st March, 1979.

REDCROSS:

In reply to question from Councillor M. Cullen, it was indicated that little progress was being made on the housing scheme at Redcross. It was agreed that pressure would be put on the Contractor to have this scheme completed.

NEWCASTLE:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that corner fire places were being installed in the houses in Newcastle and she considered them very unpracticable. She then enquired if a new direct boiler would be installed. The County Engineer indicated that there was no provision for an independant boiler. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill advocated that provision for central heating be made in houses when they are being built. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. supported and proposed that the County Engineer investigate the matter with a view to determining the cost of doing this. Agreed.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that doors could be made wider because difficulties have been experienced with funerals from these houses, and he requested that this be given consideration. Agreed.

ROUNDWOOD:

It was indicated that this schme would be completed by the 30th June, 1979.

CARRIGACURRA:

It was indicated that this house would be completed by the 15th February, 1979. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the septic tank for this house be made sufficiently large to cater for the next six houses to be built in this area. Councillor P. Deering, seconded.

AUGHIRM:

It was indicated that progress was slow on this housing scheme.

BLESSINGTON:

Councillor J. Miley enquired if there was any report on the damage to these houses as publicity had been given on the papers about same and he would like a report so that the matter could be clarified. The County Engineer stated that it was the contractors responsibility should damage have occurred, and that no report was available. After further discussion, it was agreed that a report would be submitted.

RATHNEW:

It was indicated that the expected date of completion was the 30th April, 1979.

RATHDRUM:

It was indicated that the expected date of completion is the 10th December, 1979.

RATHDANGAN:

It was indicated that the expected date for completion for this housing scheme was 31st July, 1979.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

It was indicated that the expected date for completion for this housing scheme was the 30th September, 1979.

PART 3 - TENDERS ACCEPTED:

It was indicated that a tender had been accepted for a rural cottage at Redcross.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about rural cottages at Carnew. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that if Councillor Ryan called to the office he would be given the required information or that the Council would write to him in this connection.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired about dwellings for Mrs. Pierce, Bollinass. Councillor J. Miley enquired about dwelling for John Farrington. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. enquired if a demountable dwelling had been ordered for Mr. John Pollard. Councillor Hynes emphasised that this should be done as soon as possible as this man was living in poor conditions. Mr. U. McCabe agreed to look into these matters.

PART 4 - ADVERTISED FOR TENDER:

It was indicated to the Council that the following schemes had been advertised for tender:-

- Bray 75 House Scheme
- Greystones 58 House Scheme
- Avoca 16 House Scheme

PART 5 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN PREPERATION:

It was indicated to the Council that Contract Documents are in preparation for Housing Schemes at Barndarrig, Laragh, Kiltegan, Kilcoole and Shillelagh.

In reply to query from Councillor M. Cullen about scheme at Barndarrig, Mr. U. McCabe indicated that agreement had been reached with the landowner concerned in connection with sewage disposal. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he was happy to hear this as people in that area were in a great need for houses.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. enquired about the reason for the hold up in preparing Documents at Kiltegan, and advocated that the Council proceed as soon as possible.

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Mr. U. McCabe indicated that a major scheme (at least 40 houses) was planned for Kilcoole. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. enquired about the water and sewerage services and was informed that the sewerage was satisfactory and that the water would be satisfactory by the time the houses were completed.

PART 6 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS TO BE PREPARED:

It was indicated to the council that Contract Documents were to be prepared for housing schemes at Ballinaclash, Kirikee, Ashford, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Carnew. It was also indicated that documents were to be prepared for Rural cottages approved by the Council and that sites were being acquired.

In relation to preparation of documents for scheme at Ballinaclash, Councillor Keenan enquired what the hold up in doing so was. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that there was some difficulties in regard to sewerage, and that it would be two or three months before plans will be prepared. Councillor Keenan stated that there were two families in desperate need for housing. Councillor K. Ryan supported.

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Council should employ their own Architect, Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Draughtsmen should be able to draw these plans. The County Engineer stated that an Architect had been employed by the Council and it was on the suggestion of the Councillors that he was not replaced. The County Manager stated Mr. Conway, the Engineer for Housing Construction was endeavouring to make progress.

In relation to preparation of documents for scheme at Dunlavin, Councillor P. Deering emphasised that this be done as soon as possible.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that the open space at the Housing Scheme in Carnew be left as an open space and that the necessary land for the building of the next scheme be acquired. Councillors Blake and Whelan supported. It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the County Engineer investigate this suggestion and bring the plans to the area meeting.

PART 7 - DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE SITES AND PRIVATE HOUSING:

It was indicated to the Council that development of Private Sites and private housing were in progress at Greystones and Kilbride. Other proposals were Baltinglass, Carnew, Shillelagh, Newtownmountkenney and Blessington.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if any contact had been made with Coolattin Estate about land and stated that negotiations should have taken place years ago. The County Engineer stated that contact had been made and that negotiations would be continued.

PART 8 - ACQUISITION OF LAND:

Details in regard to acquisition of land were given to the members on the following locations:-

Johnstown (Kilpedder), Baltinglass, Ballyconnell/Coolkenno, Carnew, Kiltegan, Ballycoogue, Ashford, Valkeymount, Shillelagh, Glenealy, Kilmacanogue, Grangecon, Rathdrum, Tinahely, Thomastown/Johnstown, Dunlavin, Stratford, Greystones and Blessington.

In reply to query re Johnstown (Kilpedder) it was indicated that efforts were being made to have the case brought forward. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. requested that a reminder be sent to the Law Agent to have the matter expedited.

In relation to acquisition of land at Ballycoogue, it was indicated that an alternative site had been offered by the landowner. Councillor Keenan requested that this matter proceed as rapidly as possible.

In relation to acquisition of land at Tinahely, it was indicated to the Council that there was some difficulty in obtaining suitable land.

BUILDING OF HOUSES FOR OLD PEOPLE:

Councillor J. Miley advocated that the Council should consider constructing houses for old people at Blessington. Councillor P. Deering supported and stated that this system works very well in Dublin.

LAND AT COOLBOY:

In relation to acquiring land at Coolboy, Councillor K. Ryan indicated that the owner concerned was willing to sell the land if he knew the amount required. Noted.

ITEM 17 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

DISPOSAL OF PARCEL OF LAND AT AVOCA TO MR. SCOTT:

In relation to disposal of parcel of land at Avoca to Mr. Scott, it was indicated to the Council that this matter had been re-considered and it was recommended that the land should not be disposed of. It was also indicated that work on tidying and planting the area would be undertaken in the Spring.

REHABILITATION INSTITUTE:

A letter received from the Rehabilitation Institute in relation to a function in Bray on the 18th December, 1978 was read. It was indicated that this function had been postponed as Mr. C. Haughey, Minister for Health was unable to attend. A date in January will be fixed for this function and as soon as a date is fixed the Council will be informed. Noted.

PROCESSING OF HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS:

In relation to representations made by Councillors in regard to the delay by the Department in processing house improvements grants, a letter from the Department was received which stated that since the introduction of this grants' scheme in December, 1977 the unprecedented response had imposed very heavy burdens on both the administrative and technical staffs. Applications were being received at the rate of 800 to 900 each week and all the indications were that there will be no decline in these in the foreseeable future. The indoor staff had been augmented and additional inspectors have been recruited, additional inspectors were expected in the near future, and from time to time inspectors were moved from areas of less stress to areas of heavy pressure. It was expected that all these measures would lead to a progressive reduction of arrears.

DUBLIN/BRAY ROAD:

It was indicated to the Council that a letter had been received from Dublin County Council to discuss the Dublin/Bray road which indicated that the Councils letter in this regard had been listed for consideration by the Dublin County Council at their meeting on 11th December, 1978 but was not reached on the Agenda. It was stated that it would be listed for January meeting.

PLANNING PERMISSION - MR. FARRELL OF JOHNSTOWN:

Councillor F. Hynes stated that Mr. Farrell had obtained Planning Permission in 1973 but never received permission to connect to the sewerage system. Councillor Hynes further stated that despite representations he had made to the officers concerned, no permission was received. He, therefore, was placing a Section 4 Notice before the Council as he felt he had no alternative. The County Manager requested that Councillor Hynes allow him time to examine the matter personally before the implementation of Section 4. Agreed.

FOOTPATHS IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the repairs to the footpaths in Newtownmountkenedy had not been completed and he requested that this work be finished as soon as possible. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported.

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DEAD DOG - BEACH AT ARKLOW:

Councillor K. Ryan enquired what authority was responsible for beaches as he was walking on the beach in Arklow and found a dead dog lying there. The County Secretary indicated that it was a public health function. It was agreed that the details would be given to Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh.

COOLBOY SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor V. Blake requested that the Council pay the price sought by the landowner for land for Coolboy Sewerage Scheme as it was not unreasonable. He also requested that this matter be proceeded with as soon as possible.

RIGID FRAMES HOUSES AT TINAHELY:

Councillor V. Blake requested that the Council have the necessary repairs carried out to the Rigid Frame houses at Tinahely, and that a report be submitted.

PLANNING PERMISSION - DOCTOR IN TINAHELY:

Councillor V. Blake stated that a new Doctor had come to Tinahely and had applied for planning permission to build a house, but had not received same from Wicklow County Council. He requested that this application be examined immediately.

PIPE NEAR CULVERT AT FISH FARM, WOODENBRIDGE:

Councillor T. Keenan stated that two years ago it had been agreed that a larger pipe would be installed near the culvert adjacent to the Fish Farm at Woodenbridge but same had not been done. He requested that this matter be examined with a view to having same done as soon as possible.

DRAIN OPPOSITE HOUSE OF MRS. CATHY, TOMASALLAGH:

Councillor T. Keenan requested that the drain opposite the house of Mrs. Carthy, Tomasallagh, Aughrim, be piped as the house had been flooded during the last storm.

ROADS AT BRAY:

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge requested that the necessary repairs to roads at Dargle Road, and Mill Lane, Bray be carried out without any further delay.

WATER SCHEMES AT GREYSTONES:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the water supply at Greystones was very unsatisfactory. It was agreed that Dublin Corporation be contacted again in this regard.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that there had been no refuse collection in the Delgany/Kindlestown area for the past seven weeks. Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh indicated that the refuse truck had broken down and also that the stand-by truck had broken down.

WATER SUPPLY - BALLYBAWN ENNISKERRY AREA:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the people in the Ballybawn Enniskerry area have been eleven days without water and he requested that the pressure pipe supplying water to this area be rectified without delay. Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan, John Byrne and M. Ledwidge supported.

SPORT FIELD IN AVOCA:

Councillor K. Ryan stated that when the Council built houses on the Sports field in Avoca, they promised the people of that area that they would provide them with a sports field, and that this had not been done. Councillor Kinsella stated that a committee had been formed in the Avoca area to deal with the situation and emphasised that the Council should obtain the views of this

committee. After discussion on the matter, it was agreed to defer further consideration. Councillor Ryan proposed that a Compulsory Purchase Order should be placed on the original field considered as a replacement and Councillor C. Murphy T.D. outlined difficulties with this proposal.

BALLINACLARE QUARRY:

Councillor M. Cullen enquired if the Council had any plans to up-date the price for materials extracted from Ballinclare Quarry. The County Engineer stated that this price had been fixed some time ago. After discussion, it was agreed that the matter be examined.

PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM:

Councillor J. Miley stated that public lighting programme throughout different parts of West Wicklow had not been completed. It was agreed that a report would be submitted before the area meeting giving details of what had been done and what is to be done. Councillor A. Murphy proposed that the E.S.B. officers would be invited to a Council Area Meetings.

It was agreed that the E.S.B. be contacted in this connection and that a report be made available for the area meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CHAIRMAN

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 15TH JANUARY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman
Councillors John Bourke, Michael Cullen, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, James Miley, Thomas J. Keenan,
Denis Kinsella, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, Maelisa Costello, John Byrne, Charles Keegan,
Mary Ledwidge, Ciaran Murphy, T.D., Aidan Murphy and Nancy O'Neill.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 11th December, 1978 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 20th November, 1978, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 CREATION OF POST OF ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER (GRADE IV) IN THE MOTOR TAXATION DEPARTMENT

The Secretary indicated to the Council that the County Manager had investigated the working of the Motor Taxation Office and it was found necessary to have an Assistant Staff Officer (Grade IV). It was also indicated that the matter had been discussed with the Department as cost involved would be recoupable.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that the post of Assistant Staff Officer (Grade IV) in the Motor Taxation Department be created.

ITEM 3 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT VICTORIA ROAD, GREYSTONES TO GREYSTONES FOOTBALL CLUB (CIRCUS FIELD)

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. The County Secretary outlined the background to the Section 83 Notice. The Greystones Football Club proposed to lease the land for use as a Soccer Pitch at Greystones. It was recommended to the Council that they should agree to lease 1.536 acres approximately for 20 years at rent of £104 per annum.

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

ITEM 4 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT FAIRGREEN, ROUNDWOOD TO ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE DIOCESAN TRUST AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. The County Secretary outlined the background to the

Section 83 Notice. The St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust proposed to purchase the land for the erection of a new National School at Roundwood. It was recommended to the Council that they should agree to dispose of 1.87 acres approximately for the consideration of £10,000.

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

ITEM 5 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POST OF DRAUGHTSMAN GRADE II

It was indicated to the Council that it was necessary to create an additional post of Draughtsman Grade II. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this post be created.

ITEM 6 REMUNERATION OF PART-TIME FIREMEN

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from the Department dated 5th December, 1978, stating that sanction may be assumed to the implementation as from the 1st March, 1978, of the revised rates of remuneration for part-time firemen as follows:-

Inclusive Annual Allowance:

Station Officer	-	£702 per annum
Sub-Officer	-	£531 per annum
Driver Mechanic	-	
Fireman	-	£382 per annum

It was also indicated that a letter dated 5th January, 1979 had been received from the Department indicating that the revised rates of remuneration for part-time firemen with effect from 1st January, 1979 were as follows:-

Inclusive Annual allowance:

Station Officer	-	£716
Sub-Officer	-	
Driver/Mechanic	-	£542
Fireman	-	£390

Hourly Rate of attendance:

Drill	Fire				Weekend	
	DAY		Night		1st hour	Subsequent Hours
Rate per hour	1st hour	Subsequent hours	1st Hour	Subsequent hours	1st hour	Subsequent Hours
1.97	3.94	1.97	7.88	3.94	7.88	3.94

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. and agreed that these revised rates be paid.

ITEM 7 LEGISLATION AND CREDIT UNIONS

A letter and brochure received from the Irish League of Credit Unions was circulated to the members of the Council for their information. Details of the history of the Credit Union Movement, the legislation under which it

operates and the type of legislation which the Movement in Ireland feels is necessary for the continued growth of credit unions throughout the country were enclosed.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that the Council support the Credit Unions in their efforts to obtain a change in legislation. He stated that they were providing a very good service for the community. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the demands made by the Unions were reasonable and they should, therefore, be supported. Councillor F. Hynes supported.

ITEM 8 DEVELOPMENT OF ARKLOW ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, gave details of the proposed development of Arklow Entertainment Centre and indicated that the Council had provided a sum of £1,000 in this years estimates for the development of the swimming pool. Arklow Urban District Council had also provided a sum of £2,000 in their estimates. He indicated that the swimming pool needed to be roofed and that Bord Failte had also been approached in regard to these developments.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. supported and stated that the nearest swimming pool was Bray and that it was unlikely that a swimming pool would be provided in Wicklow for some years and that, therefore, the development of Arklow swimming pool would ease the problem for the people in Wicklow. Councillor J. Sweeney stated that it would be of great benefit to the people of the area if the swimming pool were covered in. Councillors Keenan and Whelan supported and stated that it would be beneficial to people in surrounding areas.

It was agreed that the Council would proceed with the negotiations for the development of the swimming pool at Arklow.

ITEM 9 BRAY BOUNDARY EXTENSION - CONFIRMING ORDER

The Council was informed that the Minister for the Environment had confirmed an Order made by Wicklow County Council extending the boundary of the urban district of Bray as from the 1st January, 1979. The area added to the Urban District amounts to about 712 acres (288 hectares) situated to the south and west of Bray. The population of the added area is about 4,000.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. proposed that a 6" map be circulated to the Councillors in the Bray area defining the boundary.

ITEM 10 REPORT ON SHEEP DIPPING

Mr. K. Roberts indicated that a site had been acquired for a sheep dipping bath at Roundwood. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if a guarantee could be given that down stream residents would not be interfered with in any way. It was indicated that the County Medical Officer was satisfied that there would be no pollution. Councillor C. Keegan proposed that the Council proceed immediately.

Mr. K. Roberts indicated that a site had not as yet been acquired at Kilballyowen but that a site belonging to Mr. Griffin appeared suitable. It has been approved by the Council's Engineer and the Department's Engineer. He also indicated that other possible sites in the area were not suitable owing to the risk of pollution. It was agreed that a report would be submitted for the Sheep Dipping Meeting in February on the proposed bath at Kilballyowen. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a report be submitted on Baltinglass for the meeting also. Agreed.

Mr. K. Roberts also indicated that repairs had been carried out to sheep dipping baths at Lugnagun, Kylebeg and Johnstown North.

Councillor T. Keenan indicated that further repairs were needed to the bath at Three Wells, Aghrim.

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Councillor J. Miley stated that he was not satisfied that the money being provided in the Estimates for sheep dipping baths was being used, and he requested to know how much money over the last three years had been spent. He stated that he would like an up-to-date report on sheep dipping.

**ITEM 11 DRAIN AT KILBRIDE CHURCH, BRAY
AREA OF ROAD BETWEEN THE DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY AND THE SHOP AT
KILCRONEY**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the drain at Kilbride Church, Bray be unblocked to take the surface water from Herbert Road. Also that the area of road between the dual-carriageway and the shop at Kilcroney be repaired because its present state is due to the incorrect flow of water due to the blocked drain at Kilbride Church. The drain has been blocked since the dual-carriageway was built."

The County Engineer indicated that the drain had been cleaned.

Councillor Aidan Murphy stated that the Council had a duty to repair this piece of road as it was in a desperate condition and also that the Council had a duty to ensure that the flooding stop as it was coming from the dual carriageway and lodging on this road. He then proposed that the Council go ahead and repair this road. Councillor John Byrne seconded. Councillor Ledwidge supported.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that a report be submitted for the area meeting and that the proposed works be carried out.

ITEM 12 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS AT KILLADREENAN

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

"That this Council erect public lights at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

It was indicated to the Council that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £6500 for the provision of the above public lights. The County Engineer indicated that the money had been provided for these lights. Councillor F. Hynes stated that money could be spent out of the National Primary Road Grant for this purpose. The Chairman stated that area was very dangerous and that public lighting was needed. It was agreed that the matter be investigated with a view to having this done. Councillor C. Murphy enquired what happened to the existing lamps in this area when the new public lighting was provided and was informed that they were Council property and would be retained.

ITEM 13 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS IN KILNAMANAGH

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

"Erect some public lights in Kilnamanagh as there are a large number of old people living in the area and need lights to visit their neighbours houses."

It was indicated to the Council that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £1200 for the provision of some seven lights at Kilnamanagh, Glenealy.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and agreed that these lights be provided.

ITEM 14 PIPING OF OPEN DRAIN AT SHILLELAGH

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

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"That this Council pipe an open drain from the R.C. Church to the Church of Ireland at Shillelagh to provide better parking."

The Council was informed that money had been included in the proposed Roadworks Scheme, 1979 for this work. Agreed.

ITEM 15 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE, BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That Mountain View Drive, Boghall Road, Bray, be taken in charge by Wicklow County Council."

Councillor A. Murphy expressed dissatisfaction at the length of time it was taking for a report to be submitted in this instance. He stated that in the planning permission given for the erection of this housing estate, a condition was imposed that the stream be left open. He now requested that this stream be fenced off and that this condition be waived, because if a child or even an adult happened to fall in, they could be drowned. He made a special plea to the County Manager to have this matter investigated with a view to having this stream fenced off as soon as possible. Councillor John Byrne supported and stated that it was necessary that this area be made safe.

ITEM 16 WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - ROAD WORK SCHEMES

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

"That this Council be told the number of water schemes, sewerage schemes, large and small. Also National Primary road schemes and other road schemes. Give a detailed number of all schemes which may not be mentioned in this notice of motion that is with the Department."

No detailed report was available. Councillor F. Hynes enquired when this would be available and it was agreed that a report would be available for the next statutory meeting.

ITEM 17 FENCING OFF OF STREAM AT VARTRY HEIGHTS, ROUNDWOOD AND CREATION OF PLAY-GROUND

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

"That Wicklow County Council fence off the stream at the houses at Vartry Heights, Roundwood and create a play-ground on the piece of land there."

The Council was informed that this stream will be piped at completion of the ten house scheme now in progress and the adjoining area will be developed as an open space suitable as a playground for children and an area of general amenity to the scheme. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired why it could not be done prior to the completion of the housing scheme and was informed that this was a bad time of the year for completion of such works.

ITEM 18 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS FOR THE PEOPLE IN KILNAMANAGH/BALLINAGRAN, GLENEALY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors F. Hynes and L. Kavanagh, T.D. was dealt with under item 13.

"That this Council erect some public lights for the people in Kilnamanagh/Ballinagran, Glenealy."

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ITEM 19 BEND ON BALLYNAMANOUE HILL

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

"That the Council do some small improvement at a bend at the lower side of Pat Walsh's house on Ballynamanogue Hill."

The Council was informed that to provide a sight line of 300 feet would cost an estimated £600. This could be added to the item regarding the widening of Knockananna road at Crossbridge in the proposed Roadworks Scheme for 1979. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 20 JUNCTION AT GEORGES CROSS AT MOYNE

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

"That something be done at a junction known as "Georges Cross" at Moyne so that a car can drive around it without having to reverse to get around it."

It was indicated to the Council that it would not be possible to improve this junction without undertaking major reconstruction of the junction which would not be justified for such lightly trafficked County roads. The difference in level of the two roads make it virtually impossible to ease this bend. A previous attempt to improve this junction had been made without any success but a sum of £300.00 could be included in the 1979 Roadworks scheme in order to attempt a slight easing of the bend. Councillor Whelan stated that he could not agree with this report and stated that work done by the Council previously had made the matter worse. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the local area meeting.

ITEM 21 PROVISION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION IN KILMACANOGUE VILLAGE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C.E. Keegan, A. Murphy and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council consider providing traffic lights at the junction in Kilmacanogue village"

It was indicated that this matter was under investigation and a report would be submitted.

ITEM 22 SHEEP DIPPING FACILITIES AT BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was dealt with under item 10.

"That sheep dipping facilities at Baltinglass be improved."

ITEM 23 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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

"That Wicklow County Council form itself into a planning committee to carry on continuous surveillance of the operation of the County Development Plan."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that it was not his intention that the Council should set themselves up as a Planning Authority but that it was necessary because of the people they represented, that they should have a say.

He advocated that a system along the lines of Cork and Kerry County Councils would be desirable, where planning committees have been set up. He also stated

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He also stated that it was not his intention that the functions of the Planning Staff would be superceded but that problems could be overcome.

Councillor J. Miley seconded this proposal, and stated that there was a lot of problems in West Wicklow. He also stated that when a person appeals to Bord Pleanala against the decision of the Council a lot of time is wasted. He stressed that it was important that agreement be reached between the Council and the applicant concerned on how certain problems could be solved and he felt the Councillors could help out in this regard. This would then help people to provide houses for themselves.

Councillor F. Hynes felt that this committee should only deal with applications for erection of one or two houses and not larger housing schemes. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill disagreed and urged that all applications be considered as she felt that Engineers do not know the areas very well having only been working for the Council for a short period. Councillor A. Murphy agreed that all applications should be discussed and he also advocated that a meeting be held once a year to deal with general problems.

Councillor M. Cullen enquired if at times when the Planning Staff are over worked that they might refuse an application if the time limit is running out, so that the application will be re-submitted. The County Engineer indicated that this was not so and that the Planning Staff had no personal interest in applications.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the conditions the Planning Staff worked in at the moment were very bad. He felt that an application from a person whose family had been living in the area for some time and had been given a site to build on by his family, should be discussed between the Planning Staff and the people involved. He hoped that there would be adequate space for such discussions to take place in the new offices. Councillor K. Ryan enquired when the County Development Plan would be completed and was informed that it was expected to be available in April. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. noted that the Chief Planning Assistant was leaving the employment of the Council and he was mainly responsible for the Development Plan. It was indicated that it was the intention of the Chief Planning Assistant to have the Plan completed before he left. Councillor C. Murphy also felt that if the situation was improved from within, e.g. having discussions with the applicants concerned there might not be any need for a planning committee.

Councillor Keenan felt that local Councillors living in the area would be very helpful to the Planning Staff when dealing with applications. Councillor Deering stated that people living in a particular area all their lives usually want to stay there and that it was, therefore, necessary that they be facilitated as far as possible in obtaining planning permission. Councillor Whelan felt that the Planning Staff were far too rigid when dealing with applications and could at times have been more lenient and if there had been some relaxation a committee would not be necessary.

The County Manager stated that certain applications could not be granted and that generally it was the refusals that were causing the most dissatisfaction. He outlined a number of suggestions as to the format of the committee and proposed that the Planning Assistant, local Engineer and Staff Officer, Planning would attend area meetings if agreed.

Following further discussion, it was finally agreed that area meetings would be held and that if other County Councillors liked to come along they could. Councillor Keegan stated that it was important that members had a way of expressing their views.

The meetings were arranged as follows:-

Area	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Southern Area	Third Monday in month	Wicklow	4.00 - 5.00 p.m.
Northern area	Third Monday in month	Wicklow	2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Eastern Area	First Tuesday in month	Wicklow	10.00 - 11.00 a.m.
Western area	Second Tuesday in month	Blessington	11.00 - 12.00 noon

It was agreed that these area meetings would commence in March, and that the members would be notified formally of the first meeting but subsequently the date would stand, without formal notification.

ITEM 24 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY

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

"That the Council provide additional necessary lighting at Ballywaltrim, Bray."

The Council was informed that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £1,100 to extend the public lighting for a distance of half-a-mile along the Killarney Road but that they had advised deferring the decision to provide lighting within Ballywaltrim, Cottages until such time as the Housing Scheme presently being built beside Ballywaltrim Cottages (on the Bray) side had been completed.

It was proposed by Councillor John Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Ledwidge and agreed that the additional lighting be provided.

ITEM 25 COMPLETION OF ROADWORKS

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

"That this Council request the County Engineer to have the roadworks completed at the following places:-

- (i) Dowses' bend, Croneyhorn, Carnew
- (ii) The Horse Park Turn, Croneyhorn, Carnew
- (iii) Jones' Hill, Stoops, Coollatin, Shillelagh.
- (iv) Ballisland Bridge, Shillelagh
- (v) The lay-byes from Tyners Cross to Ballisland
- (vi) The footpaths on the Gorey road, Carnew
- (vii) The Diamond At Tinahely."

In regard to part (i) it was indicated that work will be carried out in the current year. Councillor K. Ryan indicated that the surface had broken down and he hoped that the matter will be remedied as soon as possible.

- Part (ii) and (iii) It was indicated that if funds permitted work could be carried out in 1979 from County Road Maintenance.
- (iv) It was indicated that work will be completed as soon as weather permits. Councillor K. Ryan stated that in this case the approach road comes out too straight onto the road.
 - (v) One or two further lay-byes could be provided in 1979 if funds were made available in County Road improvements.
 - (vi) Work will be carried out in 1979.
 - (vii) Bulk of this work was carried out. Failure to erect the new Fire Station, Offices and Depot is preventing completion of this work as some items cannot be moved from the Diamond until these are erected.

ITEM 26 REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AT HOUSING AREA IN DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council repair footpaths at new Housing area in Dunlavin."

It was recommended to the Council that this work be carried out.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that this work be carried out.

ITEM 27 REPORT ON FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN TINAHELY AND CARNEW

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

"That we get a report on the suitability of the fire fighting equipment in Tinahely and Carnew."

The Council was informed that the equipment in the Tinahely and Carnew areas was adequate for the risks involved. The risks in these areas are mainly small business and rural. It was also indicated that it was proposed to purchase more modern branches and possibly foam making equipment and to increase the number of hoses held by each of these Brigades, mainly to extend the range of fires with which they could deal. It might, in the future prove necessary to provide water tenders at these stations but the need for these is not pressing, even though the age of the appliances is 19 and 14 years in Carnew and Tinahely respectively.

Councillor J. Whelan stated that he would accept the report of the Chief Fire Officer that the equipment was adequate and he asked that the situation be kept under review.

Councillor Sweeney proposed that a second fire appliance be provided at Arklow. He also stated that when the crew go out on a fire case, there is no way of contacting them if another fire occurs. Councillor Keenan seconded. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Chief Fire Officer.

ITEM 28 TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the Council establish a prize fund from which prizes would be awarded each year to the best County Wicklow entries in the Tidy Towns Competition subject to adjudication by Bord Failte."

It was recommended to the Council that the Council co-operate with Board Failte in promoting the Tidy Towns concept by making grants available under provisions of Section 14 (2) of the Planning Act, 1963.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a prize fund be provided and that Board Failte be asked to adjudicate. Councillor Whelan seconded. Councillor A. Murphy supported.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that a scheme along these lines worked well in Dublin.

It was agreed that the matter be discussed with Board Failte.

ITEM 29 ACQUIRING OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council acquire land for an industrial estate in Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council was informed from report of County Development Officer, that consideration had not been given up to now to the acquisition of land in Newtownmountkennedy for an industrial estate mainly due to the proximity of the Kilcoole Industrial Estate. This estate is presently being developed by the Council and it was expected that work will commence on the construction of three factories on the Estate during 1979. The labour catchment area for Kilcoole will obviously include Newtownmountkennedy and therefore, the acquisition of land for an Industrial Estate in Newtownmountkennedy could not be considered a priority.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he was glad to hear that a location was being sought in Newtownmountkennedy and he hoped that a site would be found in the area.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. advocated that the Council try and obtain land from the Land Commission at Woodstock for industrial purposes. Councillor A. Murphy supported and stated that the Council should have the land if it was needed for industry.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the Council approach the Land Commission in relation to same.

ITEM 30 ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT CRAB LAND, COOLKENNO

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

"That this Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect kiosk at Crab Lane, Coolkenno."

The Council was informed that there was no objection on Engineering grounds provided a suitable site was agreed, to the erection of this kiosk but that a report was awaited from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Councillor J. Whelan enquired when the comprehensive report would be available on telephone kiosks and was informed that it would be available shortly.

ITEM 31 ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BALLISLAND, SHILLELAGH

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

"That this Council request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Ballisland, Shillelagh."

The Council was informed that there was no objection to the erection of this kiosk provided a suitable site was found but a report was awaited from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

ITEM 32 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR HOUSES AT BALLISLAND, SHILLELAGH

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

"That this Council provide public lighting for the houses at Ballisland, Shillelagh."

The Council was informed that as there were only a few scattered houses on one side of a County road in Ballisland, no justification was seen for the expenditure of public monies on public lighting at this location.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that public lighting be provided as there were a lot of old people living on this road. Councillor V. Blake seconded. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the local area meeting.

ITEM 33 PLAYING FIELD AT AVOCA

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

"That this Council give an up-to-date report on the playing field which was to be provided for Avoca."

The Council was informed that the matter was being investigated to see if

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an alternative site could be procured.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed the Council obtain the piece of land promised by them for the use as a playing field at Avoca. Councillor Blake seconded. It was indicated that the owner of this land was unwilling to sell to the Council and that the Council were investigating the possibility of acquiring another site. Councillor Ryan then proposed that a compulsory Purchase Order be made for this piece of land. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that there was no case for a compulsory purchase order in this case as two of the reasons for a compulsory purchase order were urgent need and if no comparable land were available. Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D. stated that the Council should have been informed of the up-to-date position. Councillor Kinsella stated that the Council should defer making a decision until they know which site the residents of Avoca want. Councillor M. Cullen stated that the residents of the new Housing Scheme may not want a playing field on the original site because the entrance to it would be through their houses. Councillor Keenan proposed that the Council consult the owners of the other site.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred.

ITEM 34 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CRONEYHORN, CROSS ROADS, CARNEW:
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The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council erect public lighting at Croneyhorn Cross Roads, Carnew."

It was indicated to the Council that there were only a few scattered houses at this junction and accordingly, no justification was seen for expenditure of public monies on public lighting. Councillor K. Ryan stated that there was a group of houses. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the local area meeting.

ITEM 35 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, RATHDRUM:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and F. Hynes was deferred until the next meeting as no report was available.

"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting at the short-cut to St. Saviour's Church, Rathdrum."

ITEM 36 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS ON THE MILLTOWN NORTH ROAD, ASHFORD:

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

"That this Council erect three public lights on the Milltown North Road, Ashford from the seven new bungalows to the main road where the people come off the Bus as the two lights that are erected are not able to show enough of light to the main road."

It was recommended that three public lights on the Milltown Road (North), Ashford from the junction of the Rathnew to Ashford road be provided. The E.S.B. have been asked to submit a quotation and when received will be forwarded to the Council for approval. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and agreed that these lights be provided.

ITEM 37 DEALT WITH UNDER ITEM 34 - PROVISION OF LIGHTING AT CRONEYHORN CROSSROADS, CARNEW.

ITEM 38 EMPLOYMENT OF MAN TO MAINTAIN OPEN SPACES:

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

"That this Council employ a permanent man that will plant and maintain open spaces in the County."

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Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had a discussion with the Horticulture Instructor in relation to this matter. He also stated that various counties and namely Kildare and Wexford had such a person employed, and it was necessary that open spaces be kept in good condition; this was especially necessary after a Contractor had left a housing scheme, as often the open spaces were left in desperate conditions. Councillor Hynes proposed that the Council employ a permanent man to do this work. Councillor J. Sweeney seconded.

It was agreed that the matter would be investigated.

ITEM 39 APPLICATION OF BALTINGLASS BOYS' CLUB FOR A GRANT:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the application of Baltinglass Boys' Club for a grant to develop the playing fields, which the Council has placed at their disposal be agreed to. Work to include:-

- (a) levelling and re-seeding pitch for football, basket-ball, athletics
- (b) piling or sandbagging river bank to prevent erosion
- (c) provide facilities for canoeing and other water sports
- (d) fence re-wiring and provision of styles for access from Housing Estate
- (e) provision of dressing room."

It was recommended that the Council make a grant available, subject to the satisfactory completion of the works. It was also recommended that the Club be granted a licence to develop this site subject to the provision that the enjoyment and use of the site be not limited to members of this club alone.

Councillor Timmins, T.D. proposed that this be done. Councillor J. Miley seconded. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. also associated himself with the resolution. Councillor Timmins also advocated that the land be made available to the club on a permanent basis and a grant paid to them as well as they were doing very good work. Councillor Sweeney suggested that a 99 year lease be provided in this case.

It was agreed that the matter be investigated with regard to giving them the lease.

ITEM 40 REMOVAL OF HEDGE CUTTINGS FROM PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That this Council request the E.S.B. and Posts and Telegraphs to remove all hedge cuttings from the public roads."

Councillor K. Ryan stated that there seemed to be no respect for pruning trees properly by the E.S.B. or the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and that trees and hedges are just hacked off any way. He also stated that when removed the clippings should not be left on the side of the road and he requested that the E.S.B. and the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be contacted in this regard. Councillor V. Blake supported. The County Engineer stated that the Council had contacted both the E.S.B. and the Department in relation to same.

ITEM 41 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PELICAN) AT CASTLE STREET, BRAY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

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

The Council was informed that a traffic and pedestrian count showed that the provision of a pedestrian crossing (pelican) was not warranted at this location.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the situation at Castle Street was very dangerous and that there had been a number of accidents there and he could see no valid reason why this pedestrian crossing could not be provided. Councillor John Byrne seconded and stated that there was a number of old people living in that area. Councillor Ledwidge supported and stated that because there was no pedestrian crossing two people are in hospital. The County Engineer indicated that there are certain procedures that have to be followed when providing a pedestrian crossing and that the figures showed that this was not necessary. Councillor A. Murphy proposed that the Council go ahead and provide this pedestrian crossing. Councillor John Byrne seconded. Agreed.

ITEMS 42 TO 56 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING.

ITEM 57 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

LOCAL AREA MEETINGS WERE FIXED AS FOLLOWS:-

AREA	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Southern Area	Thursday, 8th February, 1979	Arklow	3.00 p.m.
Northern Area	Friday, 9th February, 1979	Bray	3.00 p.m.
Eastern Area	Tuesday, 6th February, 1979		10.00 a.m.
Western Area	(not decided)		

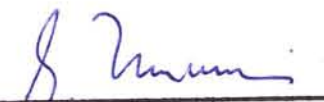
ARTS ACT GRANT 1979

Copies of the draft scheme for payment of grants under the Arts Act, 1973 were circulated to the members for their approval to its adoption. It was unanimously decided to adopt the scheme as proposed.

MR. SEAN DOYLE, CARNEW:

Councillor K. Ryan requested that the question of a right-of-way for Mr. Sean Doyle, Carnew be examined as soon as possible and that a report be submitted or that Mr. Doyle be written to in this connection.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING


CHAIRMAN

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
THE 5TH FEBRUARY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW,
COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman.
Councillors J. Burke, M. Cullen, F. Hynes, P. Deering,
J. Miley, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, Mrs. M. Costello,
J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy
and Miss N. O'Neill.

ALSO IN
ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. COUNTY Engineer.
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Conway, C.A.C.E.
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. O'Toole. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. P. Sommers. All Councillors associated themselves with these expressions of sympathy, as did the County Manager on his own behalf and that of the staff.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 8th January, 1979 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT GLENPHILLIPEEN, TINAHELY:

The County Secretary indicated that the Statutory Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 had been circulated to members. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella that this site be disposed of to Mr. J. R. O'Connor in accordance with Section 83 Notice.

ITEM 3 LICENCE FOR COMPLETION OF 4 HOUSES AND 2 SHOPS AT GREYSTONES:

The County Secretary gave details that it was proposed to grant a licence to Riversdale Concrete Products to enable them to finish the four houses concerned at Greystones, subject to the same conditions as the previous licence. In addition to this it was proposed to allow the licence to include two shops for which planning permission had been given.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill sought additional information in relation to the shops, and asked a number of questions from Mr. U. McCabe in relation thereto. Following extensive discussion on the matter, it was agreed to adjourn further consideration until the March Meeting.

ITEM 4 AVOCA PLAYING FIELD:

Councillor Ryan proposed that a Compulsory Purchase Order should be proceeded with in this case, and the County Secretary indicated that this item had been deferred from the Housing Meeting held on the 8th January, 1979. He gave details of letter received from the Solicitors acting on behalf of the residents. After an extensive discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kinsella that the Council give this item another month to see if agreement can be reached to acquire this field,

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and failing this a Compulsory Purchase Order would be made. Councillor Keenan proposed that the Council Officials arrange a meeting with the landowners concerned to try to reach some agreement. The County Manager indicated that he would write to make an appointment, and if no satisfaction was received, a Compulsory Purchase Order would be issued.

ITEM 5 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR MRS. MARY HACKETT, TIMORE, NEWCASTLE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a water supply for Mrs. Mary Hackett, Timore, Newcastle, and for the other cottages on the same road."

The Council was informed that this matter is being currently investigated,

ITEM 6 REQUEST TO GRANT PERMISSION TO CONNECT TO THE BALLYHOOK WATER SUPPLY:

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

"I or some member move for me that the following people be granted permission to connect to the Ballyhook Water Supply - John Byrne, Seamus Weld, William Moore, Paddy Moore, Jim Barrett, William Handbidge, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. English, Mrs. Whelan and James Fleming."

The Council was informed that this matter is still under investigation, and will be discussed at the Area Meeting. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the Council grant permission to these people to connect to the Ballyhook Water Supply. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported.

ITEM 7 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL WATER SCHEME:

It was agreed in the absence of the proposer Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. to defer this item.

ITEM 8 AND 9 PROVISION OF CEMETERY AT STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY:

On Councillor Mileys suggestion it was agreed to combine item 8 and 9.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the question of providing a cemetery at Stratford-on-Slaney be examined."

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

"I or some member move for me that this Council examine suitable sites at Stratford-on-Slaney for a new cemetery to serve the need of the people."

The Council was informed that this matter rests with the Members, and it is estimated that Baltinglass Cemetery is only half-full. Councillor J. Miley proposed that this matter be re-investigated and a further report be furnished. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported.

ITEMS 10 AND 12 HOUSING SCHEME AT TINAHELY - HOUSING SCHEME AT TINAHELY/COOLBOY/KNOCKANANNA:

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

"That this Council build a further Housing Scheme at Tinahely to meet the needs of the people there."

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

"That this Council build new schemes of houses in Tinahely/Coolboy/Knockananna to satisfy the needs in each area."

The Council was informed that the position in relation to land acquisition in these areas is that at present, the Council is negotiating for the purchase of a small plot at Coolboy, and in the cases of Tinehally and Knockanna the Council is awaiting the County Engineer to select suitable sites, and that these reports will be available soon.

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan that the County Engineer proceed and make reports as soon as possible on the various sites available.

ITEM 11 PROPOSED EXTENSION TO HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MR. KEVIN GREENE, LR. KINDLESTOWN:

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect an extension to the house occupied by Mr. Kevin Green, Lower Kindlestown, Greystones, as there is a family of ten. They need two rooms and a bathroom - there are no sewerage facilities in the house."

The Council was informed that it is recommended that an additional two bedrooms and a bathroom be built on the gable end of the house where there is a space of free ground measuring 28 ft. in width from the existing gable to the side boundary. The estimated cost of the works would be in the region of £6,000.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O' Neill that this work be carried out immediately.

ITEM 13 FLOODING ON MAIN ROAD AT MRS. BURKE'S HOUSE, NO. 6, KILLADREENAN, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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

"That Wicklow County Council deal with the problem of flooding, which occurs on Main Road at Mrs. Burke's house, No. 6 Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council was informed that the pipes from the gulley which are broken will be repaired as soon as possible.

ITEM 14 DISPOSAL OF PLOT TO THOMAS SCOTT, 1, STATION ROAD, AVOCA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council allow Thomas Scott, 1, Station Road, Avoca, be allowed to purchase the plot of waste ground at the side of his house at a reasonable price to give him a back entrance."

The Council was informed that the Council did not own the road to the rear of this house and they are precluded by the terms of the Tinnahinch Compulsory Purchase Order from allowing any entrance on this road. The Council was informed that the County Engineer had examined the position and felt that the land should not be disposed of.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan that this item be adjourned until the next meeting, to enable a further report to be available.

ITEM 15 PROPOSED REPAIRS TO VACANT HOUSE ON THE GOREY ROAD AT CARNEW:

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

"That this Council carry out the necessary repairs to a vacant house on the Gorey Road at Carnew."

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The Council was informed of the necessary work to be carried out, and that the estimate figure for doing so amounted to £1,810.00. It was also proposed to divide the site which was of area over 1 acre to provide a second site.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that this work be carried out immediately, but objected to the ground being split. Mr. H. Jordan indicated that the repairs will be carried out within the next few weeks.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Miley that the report be adopted and the necessary repairs carried out immediately.

ITEM 16 REPAIRS NECESSARY TO NO. 4 ROCKFIELD PARK, ENNISKERRY:

In the absence of the proposer Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. it was agreed to defer this item.

ITEM 17 CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC TANK TO SERVICE SIX COUNCIL HOUSES ON COUNCIL SITE AT CARRIGACURRA, VALLEYMOUNT:

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

"That I or some member move for me that this Council construct a septic tank to serve the six Council houses on Council Site they are now building a house at Carrigacurra, Valleysmount."

The Council was informed that it is hoped to prepare a sewerage scheme for this Housing Scheme within the next two months, and that a suitable source of water for the houses, however, has not yet been found.

Councillor J. Miley proposed that this work be carried out immediately, and provision made for the septic tank. Councillor P. Deering seconded.

ITEM 18 TAKING OF CARRIGOONA WATER SCHEME AND ALLIED SCHEMES IN CHARGE:

In the absence of the proposer Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. it was agreed to defer this item.

ITEM 19 PROPOSED SEWERAGE SCHEME AT DRUMDANGAN AND SURROUNDING AREA OF GLENEALY:

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

"That this Council give an up to date report on the proposed sewerage scheme at Drumdangan and surrounding area at Glenealy."

The Council was informed that a tentative scheme had been prepared covering the sewerage for the Drumdangan area, the cost of the scheme to be in the region of £55,000. At present, the possibility of incorporating the Glenealy Scheme within Drumdangan Scheme is being investigated, and if this is found feasible, a scheme covering the whole area can be prepared. Councillor F. Hynes stated that a sum of £7,800 had been allocated some years ago to carry out this work, and in fact was never completed. Councillor M. Cullen supported.

It was agreed that the County Engineer would examine the matter for a scheme of eight house only and report thereon, as a matter of urgency.

ITEM 20 EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SEWER TO SERVE RAILWAY COTTAGES, CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY:

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

"That this Council extend the public sewer to serve Railway Cottages, Churchlands, Tinahely."

The Council was informed that it is recommended that a sum for the carrying out these works would be included at the Area Meeting to serve the above cottages.

It was proposed by K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan that this report be adopted.

ITEM 21 ERECTION OF MOBILE HOME FOR MRS. ELIZABETH LAWLOR, CARRIGACURRA:

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

"That I or some member move for me that a mobile home be erected for Mrs. Elizabeth Lawlor at Carrigacurra. Enclosed recommendation from Doctor. Urgent."

The Council was informed that the Council are making arrangements for the provision of a mobile home in this case as a matter of urgency, and it is hoped that it will be available within the next week or so.

ITEM 22 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

NEW RENT AND TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

The County Secretary informed the Council that New Rent and Tenant Purchase Schemes for Local Authority Houses had been received from the Department of the Environment, and that details of same will be issued for the next housing meeting.

GRANT TO IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION FOR 1979:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Ledwidge that a grant of £440 be made to the Irish Water Safety Association in respect of the current financial year.

POSTAGE AND WRITING FACILITIES TO MEMBERS:

Following resolution passed by members at their meeting held on the 8th January, 1979, that the Minister be requested that postage and writing facilities be provided to members, the County Secretary informed the Council that the Minister stated that there is no statutory authority under which these services could be provided by the Council. Councillor F. Hynes objected and requested that this matter be referred to the General Council of County Councils requesting that this be reconsidered. Councillor A. Murphy supported. Councillors F. Hynes and A. Murphy indicated that various other Councils and Corporations had such facilities including headed notepaper. The County Manager indicated that he was aware of the members position in this matter. Simultaneously as the proposal being referred to General Council of County Councils, he would ascertain the position in other authorities.

KILBRIDE HOUSES:

Councillor A. Murphy enquired when the Council intends to allocate the Kilbride Houses, and was informed that this would be attended to within a week or so.

DRAIN ON BOGHALL ROAD:

Councillor A. Murphy enquired when the Council propose to fill in the drain on the Boghall Road. The County Engineer indicated that this would continue within the next couple of weeks.

54 HOUSING SCHEME AT KINDLESTOWN:

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired when work will commence on the 54 housing scheme at Kindlestown. The County Engineer indicated that the tenders were received, and they were at present being examined.

VACANT HOUSE AT ENNISKERRY:

Councillor M. Ledwidge enquired when the Council intends to allocate the vacant house at Enniskerry. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that the vacant house would be allocated this week. Councillor M. Ledwidge enquired when the Council intends finishing the road at these houses. The County Engineer indicated that the contractor would be commencing work this week.

PLAYING FIELDS AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

Councillor F. Hynes enquired if there were plans for new playing fields at Newtownmountkennedy, as they were urgently required. He recommended that the Council seek alternative site for this playing field as a matter of urgency. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported.

FOOTPATHS IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

Councillor F. Hynes enquired when will the footpaths in Newtownmountkennedy be repaired, and also that the footpaths outside the new houses in Newtownmountkennedy are not tarmacaded. The County Engineer agreed to investigate same.

HOUSES BUILT BY DIRECT LABOUR:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor M. Ledwidge and agreed, that a meeting be arranged for the members and officials to visit housing schemes completed by Direct Labour. The County Engineer indicated that he would be pleased to facilitate an inspection.

AREA MEETINGS:

It was agreed to hold the Souther Area Meeting on Friday 9th February, 1979 in Arklow at 3.00 p.m., and the Western Area Meeting on Tuesday 13th February, 1979 at 3.00 p.m. The Chairman indicated that it might be possible to hold Western Meeting on Thursday 8th February, 1979, and that he would consult with his colleagues and inform the County Secretary.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor J. Whelan indicated that there was no refuse collection in his area last week. The County Engineer indicated the position and undertook to ensure alternative arrangements, where ever physically possible.

HOUSING SCHEME AT SHILLELAGH:

Councillor Ryan enquired when the report would be available on the Housing Scheme at Shillelagh. The County Manager indicated that this report would be available for the next housing meeting. The County Engineer informed Councillor Ryan that the Contract Documents should be available on the 9th February, 1979.

CARNEW HOUSING:

Councillor Ryan enquired the present position with regard plans for new housing scheme at Carnew.

WATER SUPPLY - CHAPEL LANE, SHILLELAGH:

Councillor Ryan enquired the present position re plans for water supply,

Chapel Lane, Shillelagh.

COOLBOY SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor V. Blake enquired if there was any progress made in the acquisition of land for the Coolboy Sewerage Scheme. The County Engineer stated that the design of this scheme is being revised at present, to see which is the most suitable site.

STORM DAMAGE AT BLESSINGTON:

Councillor J. Miley asked if there was any report on damage to Council houses in Blessington due to recent storms. The County Engineer stated that he was not aware of such damage.

SHEEP DIPPING MEETING:

Councillor J. Miley indicated that due to the outbreak of sheep scab in County Wicklow, that a Sheep Dipping Meeting should be arranged. Councillor Ryan supported. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on 19th February, 1979 at 2.30 p.m.

WATER SUPPLY TO STEDMANS:

Councillor T. J. Keenan enquired if the water supply to Stedmans had been restored. The County Engineer indicated that a quotation had been accepted, and that the work would commence shortly.

BALLYCOOGUE ACQUISITION:

Councillor T. J. Keenan enquired if anything had been done on the land acquisition at Ballycoogue. The County Manager stated that he would check the position, and let Councillor Keenan have a report on same.

DOORS - BEECHWOOD PARK:

Councillor J. Byrne enquired if any work was completed on the front and back doors on houses in Beechwood Park, or if any report was available. The County Engineer indicated a report would be available shortly.

RESIGNATION - MR. R. O'CEALLAIGH, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

The Chairman referred to the departure of Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer on promotion as County Secretary to County Clare, and complimented Mr. O'Ceallaigh on the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties, during his period of office with Wicklow County Council, and wished him every success in his future career. All members of the Council present associated themselves with the Chairmans good wishes. The County Manager on his own behalf and that of the staff indicated that he was sorry to be losing Mr. O'Ceallaigh services, and also wished him every success in his future career. Mr. O'Ceallaigh thanked the Chairman, Members and Staff of Wicklow County Council for their kind comments and for the consideration and courtesy during his term of office with Wicklow County Council.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.


CHAIRMAN

5/3/79
DATE

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RESUMED ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD JANUARY, 1979
AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes
P. Deering J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K
Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, C. Keegan
M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy and R.
Miley.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D., Chairman.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer.
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant.
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer,
Mr. John Holohan, Staff Officer,
Mr. A. O'Neill, Staff Officer,
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on the 18th December, 1978, be confirmed and signed. Councillor J. Miley, dissented.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be passed with the Deering family of Dunlavin on the death of Father Deering. Councillor John Sweeney associated himself with the expression of sympathy and stated that he knew Father Deering as he had ministered in Arklow. Councillor J. Miley also associated himself with a vote of sympathy and stated that the Deering family were highly respected in West Wicklow. Councillors Ledwidge, Whelan, R. Miley and L. Kavanagh, T.D., also associated with the vote of sympathy. Councillor Paschal Deering thanked the Councillors for their remarks, and the vote of sympathy.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the Doyle family of Leitrim Place, Wicklow, on the death of Ray Doyle.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to Mr. Liam Dickenson, Council Lorry Driver, on the death of his wife.
The County Manager on behalf of all the staff and himself, associated with the votes of sympathy.

Circular on payment of rent:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired if there was any proposed change in the differential rent system in view of a recent Government circular. Mr. U. McCabe, outlined the situation for the members information.

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Rent Collection

In relation to tenants paying rent when unemployed, Councillor K. Ryan stated that there was difficulty and long delays in obtaining a certificate to this effect from Social Welfare Office, and he advocated that the Council should examine the situation to ascertain if the procedure could be speeded up.

Registration of Council Houses with Land Registry:

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the problem of registering Council houses in the Land Registry Office and stated that a number of houses have never been registered.

Councillor Ryan stated that people were asking that the deeds of their houses be returned to them. Councillor Ledwidge stated that she also had been approached in this matter by residents. Mr. U. McCabe outlined the position and stated that a copy could be obtained from the Land Registry Office.

PROGRAMME 2 ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY.

Gross expenditure of £3,187,203 was estimated under this heading. This included Rate Account £1,609,769, Government Grants £1,364,815, Income from Goods, Services, etc., £52,100 and amount charged to Urban areas £160,519. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired why the Roadworks Scheme for 1979 was not circulated with the Estimates and stated that it was pointless passing monies to be spent when you did not know where they were going to be spent. The County Manager stated that there was problems this year getting this scheme finished because of the Industrial Action. Councillor J. Miley supported Councillor Kavanagh.

Councillor J. Sweeney enquired if the money allocated for bridge at Arklow would be brought forward to 1979 as the bridge had not been completed. The County Engineer stated that the balance would be brought forward.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the roads were not being properly maintained. He stated that there was now blocks of ice on the road because the water tables had not been cleaned out. He also stated that the money allocated for the Environmental Schemes had been spent in other counties before the Engineers 'Work to Rule'.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated the roads in the county had deteriorated in the last year and that the services appeared to be deteriorating generally. Councillor J. Miley stated that the roads in Wicklow were as good as any other county.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the members be given a list of the Roadworks Scheme for 1979 and that the County Engineer would come to the local meetings and discuss the scheme with the members.

Roads at Ballyteigue

Councillor F. Hynes enquired what the up-to-date position was in regard to the Ballyteigue Road at Rathdrum and was informed that he would be given the present position thereon.

Local Improvement Schemes:

In reference to the Local Improvement Schemes, Councillor John Sweeney stated since Bulk Milk Collection had been introduced farmers had to bring milk to the nearest road and he, therefore, requested that the Local Improvement Schemes be attended to as soon as possible.

Councillors Whelan and Deering supported. Councillor J. Whelan asked that the Manager get the officials to look into some way of getting these lanes repaired and so do away with the backlog. Councillor Keenan stated that pressure should be put on the Minister in this regard; Councillor K. Ryan seconded.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the Minister be requested to meet a deputation in relation to roads in the County.

Road Traffic:

Councillor Deering enquired if traffic wardens were included in this amount and was informed that they were. Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Council support the traffic wardens in their effort to sign on at the Social Welfare Office^s when not in employment.

The members were also informed that the Council was examining the position of school children acting as School Wardens. Councillor J. Miley requested that the headmaster in Blessington School be informed of this position as there had been difficulty in obtaining a school warden for Blessington.

Councillor Deering stated that he required a report on Dunlavin School re School Warden.

Councillor Whelan stated that the grass margins were not been kept along the roads and Councillor Keegan requested that drains be cleaned out.

In relation to Driving tests, Councillor Deering requested that the Council make representations to the Department in relation to the long delay experienced by people when applying for a driving test. Agreed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. expressed great dissatisfaction at the condition of the roads throughout the county. The County Engineer stated that because of an industrial dispute there was delay in obtaining materials.

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that the railing at the bridge in Arklow had never been erected and it had been left in the same position for about four years.

Councillor F. Hynes proposed that immediate consideration be given to improving the traffic situation on the Mall, Wicklow. Councillor L. Kavanagh seconded. Agreed.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that he objected to the Council demand on the Urbans Councils and was informed of the basis of the charge by the County Secretary.

PROGRAMME 3

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

The net expenditure under this heading was £452.448 and would require a rate of 144.64p. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he disagreed with the amount charged to applicants in relation to water and sewerage connections. He stated a particular instance where a person was requested to contribute a sum between £350 to £400 when applying for permission to extend his garage. He considered this very unfair as there was an existing connection. After discussion on the matter, it was agreed that Mr. U. McCabe would examine this particular case.

It was indicated to the Council that charges were necessary in order to have new schemes commenced. Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer, gave details of schemes to be commenced this year.

Councillor T. Keenan enquired if the new public convenience at Avoca would be commenced this year and was informed that it was expected that it would commence this year.

Councillor J. Miley requested that immediate steps be taken to have a water supply provided to house of the Swaine family, Loughmogue.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if money was provided for the Coolboy Sewerage Scheme and was informed that if agreement was reached with the landowners concerned this scheme could be commenced.

In reply to query from Councillor J. Miley in relation to Blessington Sewerage Scheme, the County Manager indicated that this scheme was still being investigated by the Department from a technical point of view. Councillor Miley proposed that Deputies Kavanagh, Timmins, and Murphy meet the Minister in this regard. Councillor Ryan proposed that Carnew Sewerage Scheme be included in the Deputation.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about the payment of interest on borrowed money. The County Secretary gave details in this regard.

PROGRAMME 4 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS.

The Council was informed that there was an increase of 6.57p over the 1978 Rate. A provision of £15,000 had been made to provide services to the Council's Industrial Sites an increase of £10,000 over the last years provision. It was also expected that phase 1 of the works on the servicing of the Council's Industrial Estate at the Murrough, Wicklow will commence in 1979 at an estimated cost of £65,000. A sum of £500 was also provided for to assist Local Organisations such as Chamber of Commerce and other organisations to mount exhibitions and to engage in other such promotional work. In response to a request from E.R.T.O. an increase of £500 was provided for Tourist Development.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that Industrial sites were very important and that every effort should be made by the Council to acquire sites for this purpose. The County Manager stated that it was very difficult to obtain suitable land for industrial sites. Councillor Ryan made reference to land which was formerly owned by Coollatin Estate at Shillelagh which he stated had been offered to the Council for a very low price and he advocated that the Council follow this matter up with a view to acquiring this site. The Council was informed that this matter was being investigated.

Councillors L. Kavanagh and A. Murphy proposed that the I.D.A. be informed that five visits which they made to Wicklow were not considered adequate having regard to the number of jobs required and that the I.D.A. should give Wicklow higher priority.

Councillor P. Deering enquired what provisions were being made for a site in Dunlavin. The County Manager asked that if Councillor Deering had any site in mind to let the Council know and they would investigate it.

Councillor L. Kavanagh requested that the Industrial Site at the Murrough Wicklow be included on the Agenda for a meeting shortly.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that more money should be provided for the E.R.T.O. and that an increase rate in the pound should be given.

PROGRAMME 5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Total expenditure under this heading was estimated at £629,079. The net expenditure would require a Rate of 153.26 in the £.

Councillor R. Miley stated that the price of £55 for a grave space in the new cemetery in Roundwood was too expensive, and he, therefore, proposed that it be subsidised. Councillor D. Kinsella seconded. Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh Administrative Officer, stated that charges for burial grounds were increased annually. He stated that the amount charged for each space would not cover the cost of the graveyard. It was agreed that the matter be investigated with a view to bringing the cost more in line with

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Rathnew which costs £30.

Bray Promenade

Councillors A. Murphy and C. Murphy, T.D., enquired as regards the position in relation to Bray Promenade and the procedure under the Coast Protection Act, 1963 was outlined by the County Secretary.

Fire Services:

Councillor A. Murphy emphasised that he would like the Fire Services in Bray investigated with a view to having a permanent full-time personnel there. Councillor K. Ryan enquired if there was any provision for an extra fire engine. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the Council take steps to have a fire station provided at Blessington. Councillor G. Timmins, seconded. The County Secretary indicated that there was a new water tender to be provided at Rathdrum.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if there was any co-operation between different counties in relation to oil clearance from beaches and was informed that there was.

In relation to provision of money for dogs home, Councillor A. Murphy and C. Keegan advocated that this money should not be taken out.

PROGRAMME 6 RECREATION AND AMENITY:

Total expenditure of this programme was estimated at £173,687 and required a rate of 50.54p in the £. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that much stronger action should be taken against the Contractor in order to have the new library for Wicklow completed.

Councillor P. Deering also emphasised that work on Dunlavin Library was very slow. The County Engineer stated that the Contractors had been contacted in this regard.

Councillor J. Sweeney enquired about the swimming pool at Arklow and was informed that provision was made for loan charges.

In reply to Councillor R. Miley in regard to provision of toilets at Glendalough, it was indicated that this was a matter for the Bord of Works and Bord Failte.

In relation to planting trees in Housing Estates, Councillor C. Murphy T.D. outlined a scheme in Britain in which groups of children were responsible for the care of a particular tree.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that since the Urban Council subsidise roads etc., the County Council should contribute towards the Arts Act.

PROGRAMME 7 AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Total expenditure under this heading amounted to £415,992.

In relation to money provided for sheep dipping baths, Councillor J. Miley stated that the money allocated under this heading was not spent.

Councillor K. Ryan stated names of persons ^{were} being omitted from the Register of Electors and he also stated that these people had been on the Register in previous years. It was agreed that this matter should receive urgent attention and that various members should communicate the relevant information as a matter of urgency.

PROGRAMME 8 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:

This programme required an expenditure of £1,467,693 and required a rate of 99.62p in the £. Cont/d....

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if money provided for schemes last year which were not completed would be spent on these schemes this year, the County Engineer stated that this would happen.

Criminal Injuries:

The County Secretary outlined the position in relation to criminal injury decree received since the issue of the Estimates to the Members. This was in respect of Bray Caravan Company Limited and was awarded at the Circuit Court. It was requested that this would be included in the Estimates. On the proposal of Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, TD. it was agreed to increase the figure by this amount. The amount to be included for this claim was £18,070.

ADOPTION OF RATE OF 11.57p in the £

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney that the Council adopt the revised rate of 11.57p in the £. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. disagreed and stated that the level of services which the Council could provide at this rate would be minimal. He, therefore, proposed that a rate of 12.21 in the £ be struck which would include the £40,000 necessary to provide more services. Councillor K. Ryan, seconded. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the members of this Council were powerless when essential services had to be pruned out. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that an increase in the rate in the £ would put a heavy burden on the rate payers.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

For a rate of 12.21p in the £. Councillors F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., A. Murphy and K. Ryan.

Against a rate of 12.21p in the £. Councillors M. Cullen, C. Keegan, M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, E. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., V. Blake, J. Whelan and T. Keenan.

Councillors D. Kinsella and P. Deering abstained.

In favour of adoption of rate of 11.57p in the £: Councillors R. Miley, M. Cullen, P. Deering, C. Keegan, T. Keenan, M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. V. Blake and J. Whelan.

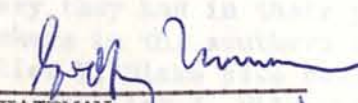
Against the adoption of the rate of 11.57p in the £: Councillors F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., A. Murphy and K. Ryan.

Councillor D. Kinsella abstained.

It was therefore, agreed that the Council adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1979, the revised Estimates of Expenditure as detailed by the County Manager.

The Chairman thanked the Manager and his staff for preparing the Estimates and he hoped that the suggestions made by the members would be adhered to. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. associated himself with these sentiments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


CHAIRMAN
DATE 12/13/79

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman
Councillors John Bourke, Michael Cullen, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, James Miley, Thomas J. Keenan,
Denis Kinsella, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, Maelisa Costello, John Byrne, Charles E.
Keegan, Mary Ledwidge, Ciaran Murphy, T.D., Aidan Murphy,
Nancy O'Neill and Roger Miley.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. W. Barrett, Law Agent,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section,
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section.

The Chairman welcomed the new Law Agent, Mr. William Barrett, to the service of Wicklow County Council and hoped that he would have a successful stay with the Council. He also noted that Mr. Barrett had experience in Local Government and this would be of assistance in performing his duties with Wicklow County Council. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he wished Mr. Barrett a long and happy association with the Council. All Councillors present associated themselves with these sentiments.

Mr. William Barrett, in reply, stated that he had seen the Agendas for the last few meetings and he noted that Wicklow was a hard working and experienced Council and that he also learned that many of the officers were also very experienced.

Delay in delivery of post: (Agendas)

Councillors A. Murphy and J. Byrne indicated that they had received no Agenda for the meeting. The County Secretary indicated that the Agendas had gone out on the date indicated on the Agenda and he also indicated that difficulties had also been experienced in regard to the receipt of wages by workers. It was agreed that the County Secretary would take the matter up with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

SNOW CLEARANCE:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed the suspension of Standing Orders and asked for a report on Snow clearance. The County Engineer stated that all machinery were out clearing the snow at the weekend and also today. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the Annacreavey area was particularly bad and he also stated that the machinery the Council had at the moment was not effective when particularly bad areas had to be dealt with and he proposed that the necessary snow plough be bought. Councillor Hynes supported and stated that great credit was due to the men operating the present machinery. Councillor A. Murphy suggested that some form of 'central emergency' area be set up. Councillor D. Kinsella complimented the men in the Arklow area for their work during the storm. Councillor K. Ryan also complimented the men in the Arklow area and thought that it was not a good idea to spend a lot of money on machinery when it would only be needed for a short time. Councillor Keenan supported Councillor Ryan and urged that the Council use all the machinery they had in their possession. He also complimented the Engineer and workers in the southern area for their work during the snow storm. Councillor V. Blake also complimented the Engineer and workers in the southern area. Councillor J. Miley paid tribute to the workers in the western area for their work.

Councillor C. Keegan stated that there was a considerable amount of snow in the Glencree area and that lorries had tried to clear the snow away but had failed and he asked that the County Engineer investigate the situation. Councillor K. Ryan suggested that the Council should have a pool of machinery available. The County Engineer in reply stated that it was necessary to have skilled operators operating machinery as if not the road surface could be damaged. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the people in the Roundwood area were in a bad way and that every effort should be made to have the snow removed as soon as possible. Following further discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the specialised snow plough be purchased.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 15th January, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS I.F.H.P. GOTHENBURG, 1979

The Council was informed that the I.F.H.P. Congress will be held in Gothenburg from the 13th to the 20th May, 1979. It was agreed that six members of the Council would attend this congress along with two officials. The selection of persons to attend would be on the same lines as last year i.e. three from Fianna Fail, one from Fine Gael, one from Labour and one Independent. The names of the persons attending to be handed in to the County Secretary as soon as possible.

ITEM 3 RAISING OF A FURTHER LOAN OF £1,000,000 FOR DEVOLVED HOUSING SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction from the Minister for the Environment, Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £1,000,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the erection of devolved housing schemes, the loan to be repayable on the annuity system over a period of 30 years.

ITEM 4 TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INCREASED AFFILIATION FEE OF £200 to COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

The Council was informed that the Minister for the Environment had made an order increasing the affiliation fee by £50 which a Council may pay to the County Councils' General Council. The County Councils' General Council had requested that Wicklow pay the affiliation fee of £200. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that Wicklow County Council pay the affiliation fee of £200 to the County Councils' General Council for the year 1979.

ITEM 5 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POST OF ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER (GRADE IV) IN ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

It was recommended to the Council that an additional post of Assistant Staff Officer (Grade IV) be created in the Accounts Department. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this post be created.

ITEM 6 TAKING IN CHARGE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE, BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That Mountain View Drive, Boghall Road, Bray, be taken in charge by Wicklow County Council."

The Council was informed that this Development is now in the extended Bray Urban District and the taking of the scheme in charge would be a matter for Bray Urban District Council. Councillor A. Murphy stated that one of the conditions of this planning application being granted was that the open space would be landscaped. He also referred to the dangerous condition of the stream particularly to children. He then proposed that the estate be taken over and the matter sorted out between the Urban Council and Wicklow County Council. Councillors John Byrne and C. Keegan supported. The County Manager indicated that Bray are the statutory Council for this area but that in the meantime Wicklow County Council will continue to provide the services where required on an agency basis.

Councillors Miss N. O'Neill requested that the Development Control Officer Mr. Charles Egan be replaced as this would help speed up the taking over of estates. Councillor A. Murphy supported.

ITEM 7 WATER SCHEMES, SEWERAGE SCHEMES AND ROAD WORK SCHEMES

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

"That this Council be told the number of water schemes, sewerage schemes, large and small. Also National Primary Road Schemes and other Road Schemes. Give a detailed number of all schemes which may not be mentioned in this notice of motion that is with the Department."

The Council was informed of the small water and sewerage schemes that are in progress. Details of the major schemes which were being undertaken by Consulting Engineers were also indicated. Also details of National Primary Road Schemes (Design) and National Secondary Road Schemes were outlined.

Councillor J. Miley enquired as regard to the position of Blessington Sewerage Scheme. The County Manager indicated that he had been in contact with the Department and was informed that the preliminary report was being examined. Councillor K. Ryan enquired as regard to the deputation which was to meet the Department in relation to Blessington and Carnew Sewerage Schemes. It was agreed to circulate the list read by the County Secretary for further consideration and additional information at next meeting.

ITEM 8 PROVISION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION IN KILMACANOGUE VILLAGE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C.E. Keegan, A. Murphy and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council consider providing traffic lights at the junction in Kilmacanogue village."

The Council was informed that it was not recommended that traffic lights be provided in Kilmacanogue Village as this was a rural setting and people would not expect traffic lights and due to the low lying land around it on some days, it would be very difficult to see the lights against the sky and sun. It would not do anything to increase safety at this junction in fact it might increase the accidents. It was recommended, therefore, that the best way to improve the situation would be to bring the dual-carriageway forward and to incorporate this junction in its design. Councillor C. Keegan stated that this was a very long stretch of road and nobody seemed to realise that there was a village there. He also stated that he could see no other way of slowing down traffic than the provision of traffic lights at this junction. Councillor A. Murphy supported and stated that he would draw a parallel between this and Loughlinstown where traffic lights had been provided. Councillors Ledwidge, Byrne and N. O'Neill supported.

It was agreed that lights be provided.

ITEM 9 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE SHORT-CUT TO ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, RATHDRUM

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting at the short-cut to St. Saviour's Church, Rathdrum."

The Council was informed that this matter was being investigated.

ITEM 10 TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE HOUSES AT KILMOLIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C.E. Keegan and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That the Council take in charge the access road to the nine houses at Kilmolin."

The Council was informed that this matter was under investigation and a report will be submitted in due course.

ITEM 11 FLOODING AT GLENEALY VILLAGE AND SURFACING OF PATHS FROM KANE'S PUB TO CHURCH

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

"That Wicklow County Council do something to overcome the surface water flooding to Glenealy village and surface paths from Kane's Pub to Church."

It was indicated to the council that there was no visible flooding in Glenealy Village and the path was in good repair. The only flooding in the vicinity of Glenealy is opposite the new houses in the dip in the main road and on the Ashford Road beyond the hall which would receive attention. In reply to question about the drain, the County Engineer indicated that work was being carried out.

ITEM 12 TAKING OVER OF BALLYMANUS LANE FROM GLENEALY NUMBER 2 SCHOOL

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over Ballymanus Lane from Glenealy Number 2 School to Forestry entrance; there are seven houses on this lane, four of them Council houses."

The Council was informed that this was under investigation and a report will be submitted.

ITEM 13 BEND AT OUGHILL, REDCROSS

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove the bad bend at Oughill, Redcross on the Blindwood/Ballydonnell road."

It was indicated to the Council that this could have been included for consideration in the 1979 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 14 FLOODING AT ST. PATRICK'S TERRACE, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council take immediate steps to stop the water flowing off the road at St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew, down to Mr. M. Corcorans front garden and on to his back yard. Also, it is flowing into Mr. F. Franeys garden off the same road."

The Council was informed that this matter will be investigated as soon as possible. Councillor F. Hynes emphasised that this should be done immediately.

ITEM 15 ROAD AT PARKNASHAW, AVOCA

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

"That this Council widen the road at Parknashaw, Avoca."

It was indicated to the Council that this proposal could have been included for consideration in the 1979 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 16 GLENPHILLIPEEN LANE

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

"That this Council take over and surface dress Glenphillipeen Lane opposite the Dispensary at Tinahely"

It was indicated to the Council that this is thirteenth on the list of priorities as a Local Improvement Scheme which would mean that it is unlikely to be carried out in 1979 but may be reached in 1980. Councillor K. Ryan indicated that this was only a short stretch of road.

ITEM 17 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN PATH AND CYCLE PATH FROM THE BLACKLION/KILLINCARRIG ROAD THROUGH QUINN'S FIELD

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

"That the County Council provide, in the interests of safety, a pedestrian path and a cycle path from the Blacklion/Killincarrig Road through Quinn's field at the southern end of the Council houses at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones to join up with the Kindlestown Park 112 house scheme, the proposed 54 new houses and the playing fields and park area."

It was indicated to the Council that this was considered reasonable provided the land and money was available. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor John Byrne and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 18 SURFACE DRESSING OF ROADS IN MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes had been dealt with at the Local Area meeting.

"That this Council surface dress the roads in Merrymeeting, Rathnew, in where the old Council houses are."

ITEM 19 RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD OUTSIDE MR. EVANS HOUSES IN KILPEDDER

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

considered:-

"That this Council re-construct the road outside Mr. Evans house in Kilpedder in order to stop the water from flowing onto his yard and flooding onto his yard and flooding outside his front door."

The Council was informed that this matter was being remedied at present. Councillor F. Hynes stated that this was not so. The County Engineer indicated that it would be done when surfacing the dual carriageway from Kilpedder.

ITEM 20 RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT OLD VILLAGE, RATHNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes had been dealt with at the Local Area meeting:-

"That this Council re-construct the road at Old Village, Rathnew as the road is holding the water and the children going to school get very wet and this road needs to be re-constructed as soon as possible."

ITEM 21 REMOVING OF CORNERS AND IMPROVING OF SIGHTLINE AT BALLYMONEY CROSSROADS, WICKLOW

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove corners and improve sightline at Ballymoney Crossroads, Wicklow."

It was indicated that this proposal could be included for consideration in the 1979 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 22 PRESERVING OF GARDENS AT RERE OF AVONDALE PARK

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

"That in view of the Councils intention to widen Killarney Lane, Bray, that special attention be given to preserving the gardens at rere of Avondale Park."

It was indicated that it was the Council's intention to keep the amount of land required to a minimum.

ITEM 23 RE-BUILDING AND SURFACING OF ROAD IN FRONT OF KEARNEYS GATE, ROSNASTRAW, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council re-build and surface road in front of Kearneys gate, Rosnastraw, Tinahely, in the interest of safety."

The Council was informed that an attempt to build up the road will be made early in the current year and that this work could be charged to County Road Maintenance. Councillor V. Blake emphasised that this should be done as a matter of urgency. Councillor K. Ryan supported. Agreed.

ITEM 24 ACQUISITION OF LAND IN KILPEDDER FOR USE AS A PLAYING FIELD

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

"That the County Council acquire land in Kilpedder for use as a playing field."

Councillor I. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that this was an area where the Council had built a number of houses and there had also been a lot of private development. It was, therefore, necessary that provision be made for open spaces and in the meantime a playing field should be provided. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. supported.

It was requested that a report be submitted to the Council fairly soon on the provision of this playing field and also a playing field in the Killincarrig area. Councillor M. Cullen supported.

ITEM 25 APPOINTMENT OF TYPIST TO EACH AREA ENGINEERS OFFICE

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

"That I or some member move for me that a typist be appointed to each Area Engineer's Office to deal with the extra work."

Councillor J. Miley requested that the County Manager examine the possibility of having an extra Clerk/Typist appointed to each area office. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported. The County Manager indicated that it was intended to carry out a review of the staff in the area offices. Councillor K. Ryan referred to the ^{bad} conditions of the Council Offices in Tinahely and asked that the County Manager examine same.

ITEM 26 RIVER AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH

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

"That this Council make the necessary arrangements to have the river straightened and widened at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, to prevent flooding."

The Council was informed that a survey of the road and river levels in this area was currently being carried out. Certain difficulties have prevented the completion of this survey but it is hoped to complete it when the weather improves. It would also have to be established if the Council had a function in altering the river or whether this should be more properly carried out by the Board of Works. Councillors Whelan and Keenan supported the motion and expressed satisfaction that a survey was being carried out.

ITEM 27 DEMARKATE THE LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD AT KILLEGAR

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That the County Council demarkate the line of the County Road at Killegar at the junction with the main Scalp road especially at the verge beside Mrs. Palmer's Tea-Room."

The Council was informed that it was considered that the County Council own the land to the boundaries of the road i.e. from centre of ditch on opposite side. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the problem arose originally because of private business. After discussion on the matter it was agreed that the matter be further examined in the meantime and included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 28 ERECTION OF SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO HOUSING AT STATION ROAD, AVOCA

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

"I wish to propose that the County Council erect a sign at the entrance to the Housing at Station Road, Avoca prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles in that area."

The Council was informed that as this Estate Road is maintained at public expense, it would not be possible to enforce a Parking restriction on commercial vehicles only. Councillor Keenan stated that commercial vehicles are damaging the road. After discussion, it was agreed to take the matter up with the Law Agent with a view to having selective parking.

ITEM 29 REPAIRS TO DIPTUB AT THREE WELLS, AUGHIRM

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was deferred to the next Sheep Dipping Meeting for consideration:-

"That this Council carry out necessary repairs to dip tub at Three Wells, Aughrim."

ITEM 30 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley, J. Sweeney, P. Deering, M. Ledwidge, J. Whelan, M. Cullen, R. Miley, T.J. Keenan, V. Blake, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, D. Kinsella, A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the Council petition the Minister for Environment to increase the number of County Councillors to represent each of the four electoral areas. This to be done in time for the Local Elections, 1979."

It was indicated to the Council that this would have to be examined in accordance with Section 25 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, as amended by Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1941. It was also indicated that application would have to be made to the Minister to have the number of County Councillors increased.

Councillor J. Miley stated that up to 1941 Wicklow County Council had twenty-eight elected members and then it was reduced to twenty-one. He also stated that the population had greatly increased in the County particularly in West Wicklow which only had three public representatives. He requested that this request be made to the Department in sufficient time to have the number changed by the June Elections. The County Secretary indicated that he would make this request to the Minister immediately. Agreed.

ITEM 31 WICKLOW TOURISM ROUTE MAP

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

"That a report be given to the County Council of the proposed distribution of Wicklow Tourism Route Map, partly sponsored by the County Council."

The Council was informed that according to information received from the Manager, Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, a total of 25,000 brochures was produced at a cost of £11,028. The extra cost of printing a run-on of 25,000 copies was estimated at the time at £2,000 and the Council and the I.H.F. agreed to increase their contributions to cover 50% of this extra cost. This resulted in the Council agreeing to increase its contribution from £1,500 to £2,000 and the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation raising its contribution from £1,100 to £1,600.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the Council had decided to increase their contribution so that they would receive 50,000 copies but only 25,000 were received. He, therefore, requested that the matter be looked into immediately. Councillor A. Murphy indicated that he would take the matter up with the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation at their next meeting.

ITEM 32 ERECTION OF BUS SHELTER IN RATHNEW

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

considered:-

"That this Council ask C.I.E. to erect a bus shelter in Rathnew as a large number of people use the bus going to Wicklow."

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from C.I.E. indicating that an agreement with a commercial advertising firm for the provision and maintenance of bus shelters in provincial centres. It was also stated that many applications for shelters had been received and it will be some time before these requests will be finalised, but that Rathnew was being included on the list of sites for assessment. Councillor F. Hynes stated that there was 250 to 300 people using the Bus Service from Rathnew to Wicklow and that it was essential that a shelter be provided. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that it should be pointed out that this was a main road. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. in this regard indicating the points made.

ITEM 33 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE RAILWAY COTTAGE, CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D. was dealt with at the Local area meeting.

"That this Council request the E.S.B. to erect public lighting at the Railway Cottage, Churchlands, Tinahely."

ITEM 34 CAR PARK AT RATHNEW

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

"That this Council surface dress the public car park at Rathnew and put more seats in the park to enable people to sit on while waiting for the bus."

It was recommended that this be included in the Estimates for consideration. Councillor F. Hynes proposed that this be done and that more seats be made available in the park. Councillor K. Ryan seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 35 ASSISTING OF GREYSTONES CIVIC ASSOCIATION IN REPAIRING OF HOLE ON THE HARBOUR PIER

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

"That the Council assist the Greystones Civic Association in the repair of the large hole that has appeared on the Harbour Pier."

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed that the Council assist the Civic Association. Councillor A. Murphy seconded and added that the Harbour would be in a desperate situation but for the Association.

ITEM 36 PROVISION OF FOOTPATH FROM THE ENTRANCE TO FERNHILL ESTATE TO ABBEY SERVICE GARAGE ON WEXFORD ROAD, ARKLOW

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

"That this Council provide a footpath from the entrance to Fernhill Estate to Abbey Service Garage on the westside of Wexford Road, Arklow."

It was recommended to the Council that this work be carried out provided enough money is available. Agreed.

ITEM 37 ROCKMANOR DRIVE, KILCOOLE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was deferred until the next meeting as no report was available.

"That a report be given on the outstanding works necessary so Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole, could be taken over by this Council."

ITEM 38 PROVISION OF FOOTPATH FROM KNOCKENRAHAN TO THE KISH

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

"That this Council proceed with the provision of footpath from Knockenrahan to the Kish. This was started and just left unfinished."

It was recommended to the Council that this be done provided money is available.

ITEM 39 CUTTING BACK OF FORESTRY ON THE REDCROSS TO BARNISKEY ROAD AT BALLINVALLEY

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

"That Wicklow County Council request the Forestry Department to cut back their Forestry on the Redcross to Barniskey Road at Ballinvalley, as it is spoiling the view of Brittas Bay and all the beautiful country around it."

It was recommended to the Council that this action be taken.

ITEM 40 GIVING OF PRIORITY TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE PENSION, UNEMPLOYED, ETC., TO THE OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON POLLING BOOTHS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was deferred until the next meeting.

"That this Council give priority to members of the public who are pension, unemployed, etc., to the official positions at polling booths at future elections."

ITEM 41 PLANNING APPLICATION - AGNES MURPHY, CARRIG

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

"That the County Councillors of West Wicklow meet the County Engineer and County Manager on site of Agnes Murphy, Carrig, before decision of planning be made."

The County Manager indicated that this would be done.

ITEM 42 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMANRoad Closing - Enniskerry Hillclimb

An application for a road closing order for their annual Enniskerry Hillclimb to be held on the 28th April, 1979 between 12.00 noon and 6.00 p.m. was received from Irish Motor Racing Club Limited. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor M. Ledwidge that this road be closed subject to the satisfaction of the County Engineer.

Telephone Kiosk at Crab Lane Coolkenno

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs indicating that the use likely to be made of a kiosk in this area would not be sufficient to warrant its provision.

After discussion on the matter, it was agreed that telephone kiosks at Ballisland and Coolkenno be provided and that the Council subsidise same.

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that a subsidised telephone kiosk was to be provided at Kilcarra but this had not been done. He requested that this be examined.

Letter from Rockfield Park Tenants Association

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from Rockfield Park Tenants Association. It was agreed that the Councillors would meet the Association on Friday, the 23rd February, 1979 at 3.30 p.m.

Cliff Walk, Greystones

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill made reference to the deterioration of Cliff Walk. It was agreed that the situation be examined.

Former Dump at Greystones

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if any recent communication had been received from C.I.E. in relation to the former dump at Greystones and was informed that there had not. It was agreed to contact them in this regard.

Road at Sunnybank and Upper Dargle Road, Bray

Councillor M. Ledwidge referred to the condition of road at Sunnybank and Upper Dargle Road, Bray and stated that she had made previous representations in this regard but without success. The County Engineer stated that at the present time there was no time to do this work. Councillor Ledwidge then proposed that it be done immediately. Councillor John Byrne seconded. Agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 12TH MARCH, 1979, AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman.
Councillors John Burke, Michael Cullen, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, James Miley, Thomas Keenan,
Denis Kinsella, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, Melisa Costello, John Byrne, Mary Ledwidge,
Ciaran Murphy, T.D., Aidan Murphy, Nancy O'Neill and
Roger Miley.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer,
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,
Mr. G. Nichols, County Checker,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympath to the relatives of the late Father Hurley of Avoca who died recently.

The Chairman also proposed a vote of sympath to Mrs. Barry Coffey and family on the death of the late Barry Coffey who at one time was an Engineer with Wicklow County Council, for the western area of the County.

Councillors Sweeney, Kinsella associated themselves with the expression of sympath to the Hurley Family.

Councillors J. Miley stated that Barry Coffey had given great service to Wicklow County Council and he associated himself with this expression of sympath.

Councillors Kavanagh, Deering, Keenan, C. Murphy T.D., J. Whelan and K. Ryan associated themselves with both votes of sympath.

The County Manager associated himself with the votes of sympathyon his own behalf and on behalf of the Council Staff.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12th February, 1979 and the Estimates Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd January, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 ROAD GRANTS 1979:

Details of the proposed Road Grants, 1979 were circulated to the members for their information. The schedule of the proposed road grants is as follows:-

Block Grant	£263,000
National Primary Roads	£103,000
National Secondary Roads	£40,000

Special Improvement Works
National Primary Road N 11

Johnstown/Scratanagh
Cooladangan Br. approaches
Glen O'Downes/Kilpedder

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Beehive Ballinabarney	
Dargle Bridge, Bray	£390,000
National Secondary Road N 81	
Tinode/Blessington	£100,000
Special Grant	
Boghall Road, Bray	£100,00

The following points were raised by Councillors in relation to different areas.

Councillor Sweeney enquired if there was an allocation for traffic route lighting and was informed by the County Engineer that a separate application had been forwarded for a special allocation.

Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D. stated that a light should be provided under the Mall in Wicklow Town as it was very dark at night around there. He also stated that footpaths should be provided at Ashford. Councillor R. Miley supported.

In reference to Cooladangan Bridge, Councillor Denis Kinsella stated that a very good job was done at this location and he stated that entrance to a nearby farm had got damaged during the time the work was going on and he requested that this entrance be repaired.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if there was any plans to improve the road on the Carlow/Wexford border and was informed that there were plans but that finance was not available at present. Councillor J. Whelan and V. Blake supported.

Councillor G. Timmins T.D. enquired if money was available to provide footpaths on the Baltinglass to Tuckmill road and was informed that no money was available. Councillor Timmins, T.D. stated that he had been informed at the area meeting that money would be available. He also indicated that there had been footpaths on this road before improvement works had been carried out by the Council. He, therefore, proposed that £5,000 be allocated for the provision of footpaths on this road. Councillor P. Deering seconded.

ITEM 3 SPECIAL ROAD GRANT - NATIONAL ROUTE MAINTENANCE:

The Council was informed that a grant of £80,000 had been allocated by the Department for important maintenance works to be under taken on the National Route network and major roads in urban areas and having a high employment content.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if consultation in this respect had been made with the Department and was informed that no formal plans had been made.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that representations should be made to the Department under this heading in connection with the roads on the Carlow/Wexford border. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also suggested that the necessary works on the Newtownmountkennedy and Ashford roads be carried out. Councillor Ledwidge again referred to footpaths in Bray. Councillor Deering indicated that footpaths were needed in Dunlavin.

ITEM 4 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 1979:

The Council was informed that an allocation of £20,000 had been made by the Department for grants for Local Improvement Schemes in 1979. This allocation in 1978 was £13,000. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. stated that this was a good increase but that more emphasis should be put on Local Improvement Schemes with the Department. Councillor J. Whelan enquired what way the case was made for money for grants for Local Improvement Schemes and was informed by the County Secretary that the number of applications on hand are sent to the Department with an estimate of cost.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that since Bulk Milk Collection was introduced

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 8.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors C. Timmins, T.D. Chairman, Councillors John Burke, Michael Collins, Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Frank Hyman, Michael Deering, James Miley, Thomas Keenan, Denis Kinsella, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Vincent Blake, Malia Costello, John Byrne, Mary Ledwidge, Eileen Murphy, T.D., Aileen Murphy, Mary O'Reilly and Roger Miley.

Mr. B. Hayes, County Manager, Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer, Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant, Mr. E. Nichols, County Checker, Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer, Mr. J. Heahan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section, and Mr. J. Heahan, Staff Officer, General Services Section.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late James Miley of Avoca who died recently. Councillor also proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Barry Coffey and on the death of the late Barry Coffey who at one time was an Engineer for Wicklow County Council, for the western area of the County.

Councillor Sweeney, Kinsella associated themselves with the expression of sympathy to the Miley family.

Councillor J. Miley stated that Barry Coffey had given great service to Wicklow County Council and he associated himself with this expression of sympathy.

Councillors Kavanagh, Deering, Keenan, C. Murphy T.D., J. Whelan and K. Ryan associated themselves with both votes of sympathy.

The County Manager associated himself with the votes of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council Staff.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12th February, 1979 and the Estimates Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd January, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 ROAD GRANTS 1979: Details of the proposed Road Grants, 1979 were circulated to the members for their information. The schedule of the proposed road grants is as follows:

Block Grant	£252,000
National Primary Roads	£102,000
National Secondary Roads	£40,000
Special Improvement Works	
National Primary Roads	
National Secondary Roads	
Local Improvement Works	
Local Primary Roads	
Local Secondary Roads	
Local Tertiary Roads	
Local Quaternary Roads	

it was necessary that the Local Improvement Schemes be given priority as lorries had difficulties getting to farm yards.

It was agreed to take this matter up again with the Department with a view to seeking an increased allocation.

ITEM 5 ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, 1977:

The Council was informed that the Audit of Accounts for 1974 and 1975 have been completed and the Auditors Report was expected shortly. It was also indicated that the 1976 Audit is currently being audited. It was also indicated that in connection with 1976 a sum of £700,000 was transferred from Revenue to Capital to finance the erection of the new offices. A formal Resolution of the Council approving of this transfer was required for audit purposes. This money is being replenished by raising a sum of £60,000 annually in the Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes and agreed that a sum of £700,000 be transferred from Revenue to Capital to finance the erection of the new offices. It was agreed to forward the 1977 Abstract of Accounts to the Department.

ITEM 6 STAFF - LAW AGENTS DEPARTMENT:

The Council was informed that the Law Agent had requested extra staff in his department to deal with the volume of work, especially in regard to the increase in Criminal Injury Claims and Conveyancing. He, therefore, recommended that posts be created for one Senior Legal Assistant, two Legal Assistant and two Clerk/Typists.

It was proposed by Councillor Aidan Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 7 AMENDMENT OF ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS) REGULATIONS, 1973 - EXTENSION OF BRAY URBAN BOUNDARY:

The County Secretary stated that the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Regulations 1973 needed to be amended because of the extension of Bray Urban Boundary. Details of same were outlined. It was agreed that this be done.

Councillor K. Ryan complained about signs being turned in wrong directions and proposed that the Council seriously examine the question of design of signs.

ITEM 8 AMENDMENT OF POLLING SCHEME - BRAY AREA:

Details of the amendment of the polling scheme in the Bray area had already been circulated to the members for their information. In reply to query, Mr. G. Nichols, indicated that the polling scheme designates Bray as an area, and therefore voting can take place in any booth in Bray.

ITEM 9 WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - ROAD SCHEMES:

The following Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes and J. Sweeney was considered:-

"That this Council be told the number of water schemes, sewerage schemes large and small. Also National Primary Road Schemes and other road schemes. Give a detailed number of all schemes which may not be mentioned in this notice of motion that is with the Department."

In response to this Notice of Motion details of the above were circulated to the members for their information. Noted.

ITEM 10 ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL MUSEUM IN WICKLOW:

The County Secretary read letter from Wicklow Urban District Council in which they requested that the following resolution which was passed at a recent meeting of their Council be placed before the Council.

"That the Wicklow County Council be requested to give a formal commitment to establish a Museum in Wicklow Town."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked the Council to support this resolution as a Museum in Wicklow would be of benefit to the town and County Wicklow. He indicated that there was a great maritime tradition in Wicklow and the Museum recently set up in Arklow was an example for Wicklow. Councillor J. Sweeney supported and stated that the Council should give financial support to the setting up of this Museum. Councillor F. Hynes mentioned the setting up of a County Museum in Wicklow as Wicklow town was the capital and stated that this could be in conjunction with the Library and the County Librarian could arrange caretaking. Councillor R. Miley supported and stated that there were many notable figures associated with the county including Captain Halpin who was the first man to lay cable across the Atlantic and that, therefore, there should be a Museum in Wicklow. The County Secretary stated that the proposal would be examined.

ITEM 11 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, RATHDRUM:

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting at the short-cut to St. Saviour's Church, Rathdrum."

The Council was informed that this matter was being investigated.

ITEM 12 TAKING IN CHARGE OF ACCESS ROAD TO HOUSES AT KILMOLIN:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors C. Keegan and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That the Council take in charge the access road to the nine houses at Kilmolin."

The Council was informed that this road serves ten houses. It is approximately 0.1 miles long and 10 feet wide. To put this road in a proper state of repair and provide drainage and sightline at entrance to public road would cost approximately £2,500, if agreement is readily available from the landowner effected.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the roadway to the houses was in a bad condition and he proposed that the agreement with the landowner be sought and the roadway taken in charge. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 13 TAKING OVER OF BALLYMANUS LANE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over Ballymanus Lane from Glenealy number 2 school to Forestry entrance; there are seven houses on this land, four of them Council houses."

The Council was informed that the road is in good condition except at one point where it is narrow. It needs double surface dressing and is 0.6 miles long. The estimated cost of bringing this road up to the proper standard is approximately £4,000. It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen and agreed that Ballymanus lane be taken over. It was also suggested that the Forestry Department be approached in regard to cost of same as they use this road quite a lot. The County Manager indicated that there was no provision in this years estimates for this work but that consideration could be given to it next year.

ITEM 14 WATER FLOWING OFF ROAD AT ST. PATRICK'S TERRACE, RATHNEW DOWN TO MR. M. CORCORANS FRONT GARDEN:

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

"That this Council take immediate steps to stop the water flowing off the road at St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew, down to Mr. M. Corcorans front garden and on to his back yard. Also, it is flowing into Mr. F. Franey's garden off the same road."

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The Council was informed that this matter will be investigated as soon as possible. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the water was flowing down the footpath of Mr. Corcoran's house and it required immediate attention.

ITEM 15 DEMARKATE LINE OF COUNTY ROAD AT KILLEGAR:

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

"That the County Council demarkate the line of the County road at Killegar at the junction with the main Scalp road especially at the verge beside Mrs. Palmer's Tea-Room."

It was agreed that this item would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 16 WORKS NECESSARY SO ROCKMANOR DRIVE, KILCOOLE CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNCIL:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That a report be given on the outstanding works necessary so Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole, could be taken over by this Council."

It was indicated that no report was available, and it was agreed to place same on Agenda for next meeting.

ITEM 17 EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE AT POLLING BOOTHS:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council give priority to members of the public who are pension, unemployed, etc., to the official positions at polling booths at future elections."

Councillor Deering stated that these positions should be given to people who are unemployed, or students or widows. He stated that this was no reflection on the present people employed in this capacity. Councillor D. Kinsella supported and stated that it was very unfair that people can take a day off from work and be employed at the polling booths when there was so many people unemployed. Councillor J. Miley stated that it was important that responsible people who knew the work should be employed at this work as it was very important especially with more than one election being held on the one day. The County Secretary indicated that the selection of people to do this work would appear on this occasion to be the responsibility of the County Registrar. The County Secretary also indicated that the final regulations were not yet issued but were expected in about one months time.

ITEM 18 ERECTION OF WALL OR POST NEAR THE GABLE END OF MR. EDWARD MORTAN, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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

"That this Council erect a wall or post near the gable end of Mr. Edward Mortan, St. Joseph's Road, Newtownmountkennedy to prevent the children from playing ball against the gable end."

It was indicated to the Council that as this was private property it would be a matter for the owner to erect a wall in order to protect same. Councillor F. Hynes stated that this was Council property and he requested that the matter be re-investigated. Agreed.

ITEM 19 ERECTION OF POTS ON FOOTPATH IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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

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"That this Council erect some type of posts on the footpath in Newtownmountkennedy to stop lorries driving over the footpath endangering life and destroying the footpath."

It was indicated to the Council that from an investigation carried out that the above was not occurring on the County or National Primary roads in the Newtownmountkennedy area. Further information was necessary to enable the matter to receive attention. Councillor F. Hynes indicated that when lorries were coming down from the Hardware shop they were encroaching on the footpath, thereby damaging it and endangering life if anybody happened to be walking on the path. He requested that this matter be reinvestigated. Agreed.

ITEM 20 TAKING OVER AND SURFACE DRESSING OF OPEN SPACE AT MR. JOHN O'NEILLS FORGE IN TINAHELY:

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

"That the Council take over and surface dress the open space (in part) heading to Mr. John O'Neill's forge in Tinahely as this open space is already being used by the Council and the public generally."

The Council was informed that the Council would have to take over the area before public money could be spent on it to improve the surface. The estimated cost of the work would be £900. It was recommended that the work be included for consideration in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM 21 ERECTION OF BARRIER OPPOSITE COUNCIL HOUSES AT BALLINACOR

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect a barrier opposite the Council houses at Ballinacor, Barndarrig to prevent cars crashing onto private area outside the houses; if something is not done a serious accident can occur there."

It was indicated to the Council that arrangements were being made to have this matter dealt with.

ITEM 22 TAKING OVER AND MAINTAINING OF ROAD AT LOUGHSTOWN:

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

"I'dor some member move for me that this Council take over and maintain road at Loughstown."

The Council was informed that to bring this road up to a correct standard for surfacing would cost approximately £450. Surfacing would cost approximately an additional £660. Future maintenance would be in the region of £100.00 per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.O. and agreed that this road be taken over. Provision for same to be made in the Estimates for 1980.

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ITEM 23 TAKING OVER OF ROAD FROM BALLYCOOGUE POST OFFICE:

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

"I wish to propose that the Council take over the remainder of the road from Ballycoogue Post Office to serve the people living there."

It was indicated to the Council that this matter could be included for consideration in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

Councillors Keenan and Whelan stressed that some effort should be made to have this work completed this year. Councillor Keenan also stated that the

residents were willing to contribute towards the cost of having this work completed. It was agreed that the matter be deferred for a further report.

ITEM 24 TAKING OVER OF FORESTRY ROAD LEADING FROM TROOPERSTOWN TO THE LARAGH GLENDALOUGH ROAD

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over the Forestry road leading from Trooperstown to the Laragh Glendalough Road over the new concrete bridge heading to the main road."

The Council was informed that the matter was being investigated and a report will be submitted in due course.

ITEM 25 LAYING OF DRAINAGE PIPES BY THE FRONT OF THE NEW COUNCIL HOUSES IN KNOCKANANNA

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

"That drainage pipes be laid along by the front of the new Council houses in Knockananna to stop flooding at the front doors."

The Council was informed that this flooding is only occurring at the end house. Therefore, piping along the front of the six houses would cause unnecessary disruption. It was intended to provide a gully and soakpit to alleviate the problem. In reply to question from Councillor J. Whelan, the County Engineer indicated that in his opinion this should alleviate the problem of flooding.

ITEM 26 SPEED LIMIT OF 30 M.P.H. THROUGH KNOCKANANNA VILLAGE:

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

"That this Council request the proper authority to have a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. through Knockananna Village."

It was recommended to the Council that this matter should be referred to the next meeting of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits. It was also indicated that the Garda Síochána have not been in favour of this proposal in the past. It was agreed to refer to the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

ITEM 27 BUILDING OF ADVANCE FACTORY ON INDUSTRIAL SITE AT CARNEW:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was adjourned to the next meeting.

"That this Council build an Advance Factory on the Industrial Site at Carnew."

ITEM 28 TINNAKILLY BRIDGE, AUGHIRM:

The following Notice Of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was adjourned to the next meeting. "That this Council be informed as to where the money went to which was allocated for Tinnakilly Bridge, Aughrim."

ITEM 29 RE-ALIGNMENT OF RIVERS AT THE UPPER AND LOWER BRIDGES IN REDCROSS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley and M. Cullen was considered:- "That Wicklow County Council re-align the rivers at the upper and lower bridges in Redcross to prevent flooding in the village."

The Council was informed that a survey of the road and river levels in this area is currently being carried out. Certain difficulties have prevented the completion of this survey but it is hoped to complete it when the weather improves. Further consideration can be given to this proposal when the result of the survey is to hand. In the meantime, it would be desirable to establish that the Council has a function in altering the river, or whether this should be more properly carried out by the Board of Works. Following enquiry, the County Engineer indicated that it was proposed to have this survey completed when staff is available.

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ITEM 30 RIVER ON THE EAST OF THE BRIDGE IN AUGHIRM:

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

"I wish to propose that the Council complete the work on the river east of the bridge in Aughrim to prevent flooding of the houses near the Railway Station. There is one bend left in the bank which if removed would be all the work necessary."

The Council was informed that no funds were available for carrying out this work at present but that the proposal could be considered for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. Councillor Keenan indicated that all that was required was a days work with a bulldozer, to have this work completed.

ITEM 31 ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1979 - PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME 1979
SMALL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES PROGRAMME 1979:

Details of the Roadworks Scheme for 1979, Small Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme Programme 1979 and Public Lighting Programme for 1979 were circulated to the members for their consideration.

In connection with the proposed Roadworks Scheme for 1979, the following have been taken out of the Scheme because as a result of the extension to the Bray Boundary they are now in the control of Bray U.D.C.

Surfacing of paths in Avondale Park, Bray and repair paths - widening and re-alignment of Herbert Road and Killarney Lane.

After discussion on where the money should be spent, it was finally agreed that the recommendation of the County Engineer as follows be accepted:-

Remove bends at Kilmolin £17,000 -	Re-instate paths from Delgany to Blacklion £2,000.
Construct path at Old Bellview Road £2,000 -	Repair paths Burnaby £3,172
Widen Lotts Lane £20,000	

It was also agreed that the Roadworks Scheme as circulated be agreed to. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. dissented.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired why the provision of footpaths at Kilmurray were not included and he requested that an estimate of the cost of this work be submitted.

It was agreed that the Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes Programme for 1979 as circulated be agreed to.

Councillor P. Deering requested that a light be provided at the Cul-de-Sac in Hollywood. Councillor R. Miley requested that a public light be provided at Clara Vale Church and opposite Knockrath Post Office. It was then agreed that Public Lighting Programme for 1979 as circulated be agreed to.

ITEM 32 MURROUGH, WICKLOW:

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

"That this Council make a report on the conditions of the Murrough, Wicklow, which is being eroded by the sea."

It was indicated to the Council that when the weather improves, an inspection will be carried out of the Murrough and a report submitted.

ITEM 33 RE-INSTATEMENT OF ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE:

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

"That Wicklow County Council re-instate the roadway and drainage as indicated

on attached drawing, so that flooding can be prevented."

The Council was informed that remedial measures were being taken in this instance.

ITEM 34 PLANS FOR STRENGTHENING OF ARKLOW BRIDGE:

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

"Will the County Engineer tell this Council what plans he has in mind for strengthening Arklow Bridge."

The Council was informed that plans for strengthening of Arklow Bridge will require a detailed survey of the bridge and will then take approximately one month to complete. Councillor J. Sweeney enquired when the work will commence and was informed by the County Engineer that it will commence when the weather improves.

ITEM 35 ERECTION OF DANGEROUS BEND SIGNS ON EACH SIDE OF BEND ON DUBLIN ROAD AT FERRYBANK:

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

"That the County Engineer erect dangerous bend signs each side of bend on Dublin Road at Ferrybank."

The Council was informed that arrangements were being made to have the above Advance Warning Signs erected.

ITEM 36 PROVISION OF YELLOW BOXES AT THE JUNCTIONS OF FLORENCE ROAD/MAIN ROAD AND HERBERT ROAD/QUINNSBORO ROAD/MAIN STREET, BRAY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That yellow boxes be provided at the junctions of Florence Road/Main Road and Herbert Road/Quinnsboro Road/Main Street, Bray."

It was indicated to the Council that the Gardaí do not think that these boxes are warranted. Councillor A. Murphy stated that these boxes are in the Dublin area and he requested that they be provided. It was agreed that this matter would be re-examined.

ITEM 37 REMOVAL OF BEND AT KILCOMMON, TINAHELY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was deferred until the next meeting.

"That this Council remove a bend at Kilcommon, Tinahely."

ITEM 38 GRITTING OF ALL MAIN ROADS IN THE URBAN AREA OF BRAY:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That Bray Urban Council carry out gritting of all main roads in the Urban area on an agency basis for Wicklow County Council."

The County Secretary indicated that this matter had been discussed at the Area Meeting, and that the County Engineer was implementing a revised procedure in relation to gritting in the Bray Area.

ITEM 39 COMMENCEMENT OF ROADWORKS SCHEMES BEFORE THE END OF A FINANCIAL YEAR:

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

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"That in future that if a roadworks scheme cannot be started before the end of the financial year in which it is proposed, then the area Councillors to be notified in adequate time so that alternative proposals can be given consideration."

Councillor A. Murphy stated that when a Roadworks Scheme cannot be completed before the end of the financial year, it was important that the Councillors for the area be informed in adequate time so that other proposals could be given consideration. The Chairman stated that this had been agreed to at an earlier meeting and again at area meetings.

ITEM 40 PROVISION OF PLAYING FIELDS IN GREYSTONES/DELGANY/BLACKLION AREA

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

"That the Council provide playing fields for the various clubs in the Greystones/Delgany/Blacklion area at the 19 acres on Greystones/Killincarrig road."

It was indicated to the Council that the 19 acres of land referred to on the Greystones/Killincarrig Road is opposite the Golf Club Course and the Council propose to develop this land for Housing.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that there was no playing fields in that area. After discussion it was agreed that there would be a report on playing fields for the next meeting.

ITEM 41 BALLYBEG ESTATE, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council take legal action to force the Contractor of Ballybeg Estate, Rathnew, to carry out the necessary works on the Estate to make it safe for the people who live there under the Councils bond."

Councillor F. Hynes stated that Ballybeg Estate, Rathnew, had been left in a deplorable state by the Contractor concerned. He stated that sufficient lights were not provided and he requested that the Council take immediate legal steps to have all the necessary work carried out. He also indicated that the Council had a bond so as to ensure that these services would be provided. It was agreed that a report would be submitted for the next meeting.

ITEM 42 ADVANCE FACTORY AT BALTINGLASS

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

"That land purchased at Baltinglass be completed and that the Council call upon the I.D.A. to establish an advance factory in Baltinglass."

The Council was informed that negotiations were proceeding for the purchase of additional industrial land at Baltinglass. Since a deputation from the Council met the I.D.A. some time ago, the County Development Team has continued to press the I.D.A. to build a second advance factory there and it is understood that the Authority is at present actively considering the matter. The County Manager indicated that very delicate negotiations for land were at present going on and it was hoped that they would come to a successful conclusion. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he understood that there was some delay in negotiating. The Chairman, replied in committee, that there was no delay but that two sites were under consideration. Councillor J. Miley requested a report on land at Blessington.

ITEM 43 SNOW-CLEARANCE:

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

"That when snow-clearing is required in the Powerscourt Paddock, Ballinastoe and Glanamullen areas, that the operation be made ex Roundwood and not Enniskerry as at present, thereby eliminating a two-mile route without population over a mountain top, and that gravel be deposited at intervals on the roadside in the various areas."

The Council was informed that Snow Clearance in Powerscourt Paddock, Ballinastoe and Glanamullen areas was carried out in 1979 ex Roundwood area, even though these areas when in charge of the Enniskerry Overseer. The two mile route over the mountain top was eliminated. It was also indicated that it was normal practice to deposit grit at intervals on the roadside. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that time could be saved by operating ex Roundwood.

DEPUTATION FROM THE I.F.A.

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from the I.F.A. and officials concerned with the Sheep Industry in County Wicklow. Mr. Con Cashman, Chairman of the I.F.A. stated that a meeting was held in Aughrim recently at which concern was expressed over the increase in sheep scab. He stated that this was particularly relevant when one considers the increase in the value of sheep and that Wicklow is one of the major sheep areas in the Country. He requested that the Council seek for the re-introduction of dual purpose summer dipping which would eradicate both fly and sheep scab and that this be made compulsory. He also requested that the sheep dipping period be shortened to six weeks. He also requested that the efficiency and suitability of certain dips be examined. He stated that there was a large number of dips on the market and with numbers of farmers using the same baths, these assorted dips could be mixed and this may reduce the effectiveness of the dip. He also requested the Council to expedite the building of suitable dipping facilities and repairs to existing baths throughout the county.

Mr. Cashman then went on to say that the Veterinary supervision on sheep dipping was inadequate and also that there was inadequate supervision in the markets where sheep are likely to be showing signs of scab.

The County Secretary indicated that these matters had been taken up with the Department particularly in relation to dipping, at a formal deputation some time ago. The deputation felt what was needed was that the whole region be treated in the same way as was now proposed for Glendalough/Glenmalur area. Councillor K. Ryan indicated that the sheep Dipping Committee were never satisfied with the summer dipping period having been removed, and he requested that the Sheep Dipping Inspectors be asked to attend the next Sheep Dipping Committee meeting.

At the end of the deputation, the Chairman indicated that the Council would contact them when these matters have been dealt with and let them know the outcome. He also requested the deputation to let the Council know of any suitable sites for Sheep Dipping Baths.

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

Portaloo:

The following request which was signed by Councillors F. Hynes, J. Miley, K. Ryan and R. Miley was read:-

"That the Wicklow County National Monuments Advisory Committee ask the Council to use the portaloo at Brittas Bay in the lower Glendalough area this summer."

It was agreed that this be done.

DEPUTATION FROM RESIDENTS - NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman
Councillors M. Cullen, F. Hynes, J. Miley, P. Deering,
T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake,
M. Costello, J. Byrne, M. Lediwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D.,
N. O'Neill and E. Miley.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Toole, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Louis Brennan, Administrative Officer to the service of Wicklow County Council and he hoped that he would have a happy stay with the Council. Mr. Brennan thanked the Chairman for his words of welcome.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 5th March, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1979 - MAJOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

It was indicated to the Council that in letter dated 14th March, 1979, the 1979 Capital allocation for major water and sewerage schemes being provided was £100,000.

In reply to query, the County Secretary indicated that Wicklow Town ^{Water} Sewerage Scheme and the North East Regional Water Supply Scheme was included in this amount.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about Carnew Sewerage and was informed that this money was allocated for on-going schemes not for new schemes.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired about Kilcoole ^{Water} Sewerage Scheme and was informed by Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, that the Council were awaiting approval of tenders from the Department.

ITEM 3 CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1979 - SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

It was indicated to the Council that in letter dated March, 1979, from the Department of the Environment, it was indicated that an allocation of £50,000 had been determined in respect of Wicklow County Council.

ITEM 4 DRAFT POLLING SCHEME 1979

The County Secretary indicated that the Council had complied with the requirements of the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations, 1964, regarding notification of the interested parties. A draft of the revised polling scheme had been circulated and a period of five weeks had been given for submission of any proposal for alterations in the proposed scheme. It was

now necessary for the Council to formally consider the making of the scheme. The Council agreed that the scheme as circulated be adopted and the County Secretary mentioned that in accordance with the regulations, public notice of the making of the scheme must be given and the Minister would consider any representations in relation to same which were made to him within a period not exceeding two weeks from the date of the publication of the notice.

ITEM 5 AVOCA PLAYING FIELD

Councillor K. Ryan enquired what developments had taken place since the last meeting in relation to the above and was informed by the County Secretary that two officers of the Council, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Holohan had met the owner of the field in Avoca required as a playing field and it was indicated to them that the owners were not prepared to sell. Councillor K. Ryan then stated that the people of Avoca had been left without a playing field because of the action of this Council and he proposed that the Council go ahead and acquire this land by compulsory purchase order. Councillor V. Blake seconded.

Councillor Denis Kinsella stated that every Councillor was anxious that a playing field be provided in Avoca, but that this field was the livelihood of the owners. He, therefore, proposed that alternative fields be investigated. He also stated that if alternative fields were available, a compulsory purchase order would have little chance of succeeding. Councillor T. Keenan agreed with Councillor Kinsella and enquired if there was an offer made to the Council. It was then indicated that the owner was not prepared to sell at all. Councillor Kinsella stated that he heard that the field opposite the Church in Avoca had been offered to the Council for a playing field. Mr. J. Holohan indicated that no offer had been received in his section. Councillor K. Ryan stated that the Council had given a firm commitment to the people of Avoca that they would provide a playing field when they took the existing playing field for building houses.

Councillor Sweeney enquired about the title to this property and the Secretary indicated the position from correspondence received from C.I.E.. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that Avoca was one of many places requiring a playing field at the moment and he also mentioned Kilpeddar. He also stated that it was believed in good faith by the Council that C.I.E. were the owners of this field and he doubted very much if a C.P.O. would be successful and it also takes five or six years to complete same. He, therefore, proposed that further sites be investigated for use as a playing field. Councillor D. Kinsella seconded.

Councillor T. Keenan stated that he was concerned about the delay in providing a playing field. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he had voted that the existing playing field be used for housing in the belief that the said field would be provided for a play area. Councillor P. Deering enquired if there was any possibility of getting another field and giving same to the Tahys in exchange for their field.

After further discussion, a vote was then taken on Councillor C. Murphys proposal which was upheld.

ITEM 6 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Housing Progress Report as at the 31st March, 1979 was circulated to the members for their information. Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, gave details of the report.

Houses in Progress:

Councillor A. Murphy suggested that the houses in Kilbride be given out to the most urgent cases first and then to the people in that area. Agreed.

In reply to Councillor O'Neill, who enquired when the twelve houses in Greystones will be finished, the County Engineer indicated that they would be commenced when the 20 house Scheme was finished.

Councillor J. Miley requested that when the Council was building the house

at Carrigacurra that they should build a septic tank big enough to cater for the other houses in the area. Agreed.

In relation to housing in Blessington, Councillor J. Miley requested that the list of applicants be examined to find out if more houses were needed.

In relation to housing Aughrim, Councillor Keenan stated that there was little progress on the housing scheme in Aughrim.

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that five years ago he had asked the Council to provide a rural cottage at Redcross for Mr. P. Doyle and still no work had commenced. Mr. K. Conway, B.E., indicated that it was expected that work would start shortly.

Councillor Keenan enquired if the houses at Avoca were conventional type and was informed that they were.

Contract Documents in Preparation:

Councillor M. Cullen stated that it had been agreed three years ago to build houses at Barndarrig and that for the past year nobody had been back on the site. He stated that there was people living in very bad conditions in that area and that he considered the Council were 'dragging their feet' in the matter. The County Engineer stated that there was trouble in getting land for the sewage treatment works as people were objecting to the treatment works being put on the land proposed. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he wanted assurance that something would be done soon so as to have houses built in Barndarrig and he requested that the County Manager examine the situation. The County Engineer stated that every effort would be made to have work commenced on building houses in Barndarrig and stated that it was proposed to investigate an alternative site across the road.

Councillor R. Miley suggested land at Tomriland that might be suitable for building one house.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired about the progress on houses in Ballinacash. Councillor Keenan enquired if a big scheme was proposed for Ballinacash and was informed by Mr. K. Conway, B.E. of the situation.

Councillor P. Deering stated that there was a need for further housing in Dunlavin.

In regard to Carnew, Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was two or three months since he had put down a notice of motion to have more houses built in Carnew. Mr. K. Conway, B.E., indicated that the matter was having attention.

Development of Private sites and private housing:

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that there was land in Baltinglass that could be developed for private sites which would save money for the Council.

Councillor V. Blake enquired if there was any more information on the C.P.O. at Carnew. Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was necessary that a play area be provided for the children in the Vocational School.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired about acquisition of land at Glenealy and was informed that this was being investigated.

In relation to acquiring land at Grangecon, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. suggested that the Council should try and acquire the land by agreement and that if a C.P.O. was placed on this land, he would oppose it.

Councillor Sweeney enquired if there had been any developments on the land at Lathrum which the Eastern Health Board had offered to the Council and was informed that it was continuing to have attention.

In relation to acquiring land by C.P.O. at Thomastown/Johnstown, Councillor Sweeney stated that he did not agree with a C.P.O. being placed on this land.

Councillor Kinsella supported and stated that this man had already given land to the Council for a sheep dipping bath and that alternatives should be examined.

ITEM 7 CARRIGOONA WATER SCHEME

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was adjourned.

"I propose that the Council take the Carrigoona Water Scheme in charge."

ITEM 8 GORMANSTOWN GROUP WATER SCHEME ITEM 12 CARRYING OUT OF TEST AT KNOCKNABOLY ON WATER

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

"That the County Council meet the wishes of the Gormanstown Group Water Scheme, Dunlavin, residents."

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

"I or some member of this Council get An Foras Forbartha carry out at Knocknaboly, Hollywood, a test on the water flow and report to this Council its findings."

The County Secretary indicated that a deputation had come to the area meeting in this connection. It was also indicated to the Council that no useful purpose could be served by An Foras Forbartha carrying out tests on this water source. The following suggestions were made for this water supply scheme:-

- Sink wells around Gormanstown where the water is very hard
- Get water from Kildare County Council at either Brannockstown, Milemill or from the reservoir at Kilcullen.
- Take water from Tober Well, Dunlavin
- Form a larger Group Scheme and take water from Toor Brook at Hollywood Glen.

Councillor J. Miley suggested that Kildare County Council be contacted in this regard with a view to putting down a 4" water main. After discussion, it was agreed that investigations should continue.

ITEM 9 MANOR KILBRIDE WATER SCHEME

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

"That Manor Kilbride Water Scheme be taken over and maintained by the Council."

It was indicated to the Council that the service reservoir was inspected and found that it had been damaged by someone firing a shot gun into it. Arrangements will be made for discussions to take place with some of the members of the Group Scheme to ascertain the work that would be necessary in order to take over the scheme. Councillor J. Miley stated that he understood that the quality of water was very bad.

ITEM 10 EXTENSION TO HOUSE AND PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY AT THE HOUSE OF JAMES KILLEEN, BALLYVALTRON, KILBRIDE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Cullen was adjourned to the next meeting as no report was available.

"That Wicklow County Council give James Killeen, Ballyvaltron, Kilbride, Wicklow, a supply of electricity and build a back-kitchen, bathroom and toilets to accommodate his large family at this Council house."

ITEM 11 ERECTION OF STORAGE TANK AT THE LONG HILL, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council erect a storage tank at the Long Hill, Tinahely, to give the houses there a continual water supply."

The Council was informed that due to the recent frost, the pump serving this area was out of action. It has since been repaired. It was considered that no work should be carried out until the new water scheme for Tinahely has been constructed. In reply to question from Councillor K. Ryan, Mr. J. Holohan stated that Tinahely Water Scheme has been submitted to the Department. Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the Council erect a storage tank at The Long Hill, Tinahely. Councillor Blake seconded. Provision for same to be made in the 1980 Estimates.

ITEM 13 SALE OF PLOT OF GROUND TO MRS. GRIFFIN, CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and F. Hynes was adjourned to the next meeting.

"That Wicklow County Council sell the plot of ground to Mrs. Griffin, Corballis, Rathdrum as she has been paying rent on it for many years." In the name of Reps. of Mr. Farrar.

ITEM 14 PIPING OF SPRING AT COUNTY BROOK, ENNISKERRY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was adjourned to the next meeting.

"That a report be given on the piping of the Spring at County Brook, Enniskerry."

ITEM 15 PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF AVOCA

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a public convenience for the village of Avoca."

Councillor K. Ryan stated that a public convenience was urgently needed at Avoca and should have been provided long ago. Councillor Keenan stated that a proper convenience was very necessary.

It was recommended to the Council that a new public toilet be provided and built into the road embankment which is bounded by the Old Station Road at Avoca. Agreed.

ITEM 16 REPAIRS TO COTTAGE OF MR. JOSEPH MURPHY, ANNACURRA ROAD, AUGHTRIM

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the damp walls in the Council cottage occupied by Mr. Joseph Murphy, Annacurra Road, Aughtrim."

The Council was informed that arrangements were being made to have this house repaired.

ITEM 17 EXTENSION TO COTTAGE OF MRS. RAFTER, KNOCKRAHEEN, ROUNDWOOD

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide water and sewerage facilities and build a bathroom at the cottage occupied by Mrs. Rafter, Knockraheen, Roundwood."

ITEM 18 REPLACEMENT OF WOODEN FENCE IN FRONT OF HOUSES AT SUNNYBANK, KILPEDDAR

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

"That Wicklow County Council replace the wooden fence in front of the houses at Sunnybank, Kilpeddar."

It was indicated to the Council that it would seem that the wooden fence that was placed along this bank was removed by persons unknown as it was now practically non-existent. It was also indicated that it is the established practice of the Council that they are not responsible for the repair of fences erected along the public highway.

Councillor Hynes proposed that the fence be replaced and it was agreed that the matter would be further examined.

ITEM 19 REPAIRS TO HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS. ELIZABETH DOYLE, 1, BALLINAHINCH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council carry out repairs to the house occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Doyle, 1, Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkenedy, as the house is in a very bad state of repair."

It was indicated that repairs estimated to cost £1,100 have been approved for this house.

ITEM 20 PROVISION OF REAR ENTRANCE ROAD AT HOUSES AT CHURCH TERRACE, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was adjourned.

"That this Council provide rear entrance road at existing Council houses at Church Terrace, Dunlavin."

ITEM 21 SELLING OF PLOT OF LAND TO MR. M. JUST, BALLYCREEN

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

"That the Council consider selling a small plot of land to Mr. Michael Just, Ballycreen, for the purpose of building a septic tank. This plot has been rented to this family for a number of years."

The Council was informed that this matter was being investigated and a report will be submitted in due course. It was indicated that this contains one acre. Councillor Keenan stated that the plot would not be of any use to the Council and should be sold to Mr. Just.

ITEM 22 WATER SUPPLY IN DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

The Council was informed that investigations of the water supply for west Wicklow including Dunlavin has been in progress for the past year. Due to the fact that work on the designing of the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes is taking place at present, it is not possible to devote time to the Scheme but

work will be resumed on it as soon as possible. Councillor P. Deering stated that if there was not so much waste further extensions could be provided.

ITEM 23 REMOVAL OF HEAPS OF SOIL BANKED UP AGAINST THE WALL IN GLENEALY

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

"That this Council remove the heaps of soil that is banked up against the wall in Glenealy graveyard as it looks very bad."

The Council was informed that arrangements were being made to have the soil and sods removed.

ITEM 24 EXTENSION TO HOUSE OF MRS. ANN LENNON, 7, GRATTAN PARK UPPER, GREYSTONES

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

"That Wicklow County Council build an extension to the house occupied by Mrs. Ann Lennon, 7, Grattan Park, Greystones, as there is overcrowding in the house. The extension to consist of a kitchen and bedroom."

ITEM 25 SEPTIC TANK AT PARKMORE, BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the septic tank at Parkmore, Baltinglass, be enlarged to alleviate the prevent nuisance."

The Chairman suggested that this septic tank be enlarged because when it is full it goes directly into the river and he requested that it be re-investigated.

ITEM 26 REPORT ON COUNCIL'S HOUSING SITE AT CHAPEL HILL, BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was dealt with in the Housing Progress Report under Housing at Baltinglass.

ITEM 27 GIVING OF WASTE GROUND AT REAR OF 35 - 50, ROCKFIELD PARK, KILMACANOGUE TO TENANTS

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

"That the Council consider giving waste ground at rear of 35 - 50 Rockfield Park, Kilmacanogue to tenants for cultivation as part of their garden."

ITEM 28 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Coastal Erosion at Arklow

Councillor John Sweeney referred to Coastal Erosion at Arklow and stated that the Urban Council had requested that this matter be investigated some years ago. It was agreed that this matter would be included on the Agenda for next Mondays meeting.

Garda Barracks at Glendalough

Councillor Roger Miley referred to the footbridge provided in the Glenmacnass area

by the Department and stated that same had been maliciously destroyed by vandals. He, therefore, requested that, bearing in mind the amount of vandalism in this area, the Council should endeavour to have the old Garda Barracks in Glendalough re-opened. Councillors V. Blake, T. Keenan and F. Hynes supported.

North East Regional Water Supply Scheme

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill requested to know the up-to-date position on the North East Regional Water Supply Scheme and complained about the delay in completing this scheme. The County Engineer gave details of the present position.

Carnew Sewerage Scheme

Councillor K. Ryan stated that sewerage disposal in Carnew was a public disgrace and stated that sewage was flowing out across a field. Councillor Sweeney agreed. Councillor Ryan requested that the Council contact the Department with a view to having a deputation received in connection with this matter. The County Secretary indicated that a letter had been written to the Department in this connection. It was agreed to contact them again.

Well at Barniskey, Arklow

Councillor Denis Kinsella indicated that the residents in this area had been left without water as a result of this well being filled in. He requested that a report be submitted by the next meeting indicating when it was proposed to have the proposed bored well operational.

Repairs of gate and Cross at Graveyard at Newtownmountkennedy

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the above and requested that they be repaired. The County Secretary stated that there was difficulty obtaining the figure for the Cross. It was agreed to put up the cross and gate.

Drumdangan Sewerage Scheme

Councillor F. Hynes requested a report on Drumdangan Sewerage Scheme

Departure of Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer

The Chairman wished Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer best wishes on his departure to Bray Urban District Council and stated that he would be a great loss to the Council.

Councillor John Bourke

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, wished a speedy recovery to Councillor John Bourke who is in hospital.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

John Bourke 7/5/79

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman
Councillors M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, J. Miley,
P. Deering, T.J. Keenan, Denis Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
V. Blake, M. Costello, J. Byrne, C.E. Keegan, M. Ledwidge,
C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, N. O'Neill and R. Miley.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovsn, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12th March, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor James Whelan:

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he would like to take this opportunity of wishing Councillor James Whelan, who is in hospital, a full recovery in the near future. The Chairman and members also associated themselves with these sentiments as did the County Manager on his own behalf and that of the Council Staff.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT BURGAGE MOLE, BLESSINGTON

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. The County Secretary outlined the background to the Section 83 Notice. Octabis Limited proposed to purchase the land for the erection of a factory at Blessington. It was recommended to the Council that they should agree to dispose of one acre approximately for the consideration of £9,000. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that the terms of the Section 83 Notice be agreed to.

DISPOSAL OF SITE AT CHURCH ROAD, GREYSTONES

The Section 83 Notice in this regard had been circulated to the members for their information. The County Secretary outlined the background to the Section 83 Notice. The Trustees of the Scout Association of Ireland propose to lease the land for the erection of a meeting hall. It was recommended to the Council that they should agree to lease 0.337 acres at Church Road, Greystones, for an annual rent of £52.00. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. that the terms of the Section 83 Notice be agreed to. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill dissented because she felt that further consideration should be given to what the County Engineer had in mind for the rest of the site. Councillor A. Murphy stated that this site should be disposed of to the Scouts but that a map should be circulated to the members indicating what is proposed to be done with the rest of the land. Agreed.

ITEM 3 DEPORT ON DEPUTATION FROM RESIDENTS OF BALLINDERRY, RATHDRUM

The County Secretary indicated that a deputation from the above residents had been received at an area meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 21st March, 1979. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. presided as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he was of the opinion that this case was subjudice. He said it was the feeling of the deputation that they were being ignored by the Council and there was no willingness on behalf of the Council to proceed with the case. He stated that he was very concerned as Chairman of that meeting because he felt that there was certain work on the laneway not done which was causing the whole laneway to deteriorate. He, therefore, hoped that from the meeting today the members would be able to tell the residents what the action of the Council was going to be. It was also his knowledge that there was no Court Injunction on the Council preventing them from repairing the lane as the proceedings did not appear, according to his information to have reached this stage.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Law Agent was present at the meeting when a statement was made that there was an injunction against the Council preventing them from carrying out further work on this road; he then queried if this was so. He proposed that Senior Council be engaged and that advice be obtained if it was essential that the Court case be heard before a compulsory purchase order would be issued.

Councillor M. Cullen supported and stated that he was led to believe that the matter was in the hands of the court. The Chairman also supported. Councillor C. Murphy, TD. also supported and stated that he understood that there was some kind of High Court Action pending. Councillor Keenan supported.

The County Secretary stated that the Law Agent had examined the file and he was of the opinion that the Council should go to court and ask the Court to decide whether the laneway is a highway or not and to establish that it is a highway it will be necessary to prove dedication and for the Court to accept that such a dedication was made. He also indicated that the County Manager had authorised the engagement of Senior and Junior Counsel to advise the Council.

The Chairman urged that the matter proceed as quickly as possible and that the members be informed of the situation at the next meeting.

ITEM 4 REPORT ON DEPUTATION FROM NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY RESIDENTS

The County Secretary gave details of the area meeting with a deputation from Newtownmountkenedy Residents held on the 21st March, 1979 and outlined the case that the deputation had made to members present. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that a request from these people for a playing field was very reasonable as this was an expanding area especially of local authority houses. He stated that presently a field belonging to the Parish Priest was being used for a sports field but he understood that this would soon be needed for a school. Councillor F. Hynes complained of the action of the Environmental Services Section in this matter of temporary playing facilities and advocated that as a temporary measure the Council should allow these people to use the Council field as a play area.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he had asked some time ago for a report on playing fields in the County and he requested to know when this will come before the Council.

The County Secretary stated that nobody disagreed with the need for playing field but that land was difficult to obtain in this area and that was the reason he had asked the deputation if they knew of any suitable field.

Councillor Aidan Murphy said that land was scarce and expensive but when the Council build large housing schemes, playing fields were a necessity. He also stated that developers should be asked to help provide playing fields in a financial way. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also said that developers should be asked to contribute.

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The County Secretary indicated that the allocation received for Environmental Improvement Schemes for 1979 was the same as for 1978 which was £99,000. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired how much of the 1978 allocation was spent and was informed that approximately £66,000 was spent.

It was agreed that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting with a view to deciding where the money should be spent.

The County Secretary indicated that Councillor Sweeney had requested that this item be included on the Agenda and he indicated that the problem existed in Arklow, Wicklow, Greystones and Bray. The County Manager had considered the matter and had requested the County Engineer to recommend the name of a Marine Consulting Engineer for appointment to examine the various areas concerned on behalf of the Council.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that Bray was also very bad and that houses were in danger of being eroded and he said that the matter seemed not to receive the urgent attention that it required.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he had been with the Office of Public Works in regard to the situation. He also stated that it was bad to see an amenity like Cliff Walk, Greystones gradually dissappear and the situation in Bray also greatly concerned him.

In relation to Arklow, Councillor Keenan supported Councillor Sweeney and stated that year after year coast erosion was getting worse.

In relation to flooding at Kilcoole, Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that money should be available from the Regional fund for such work and it was one of the great weakness of the E.E.C. that governments have to deal with departments and not Local Authorities. He also requested that the Manager get in touch with C.I.E. about the Murrough. He stated that these areas required immediate attention and that the Council contact the Minister with a view to obtaining funds for this work. -

Councillor E. Miley stated that there were stones and filling to be got at Tomriland for the taking of them and these would be ideal for filling-in.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that a full report should be obtained on the whole coast from Arklow to Bray even if the Office of Public Works only do a particular job at a time. He also stated that a special case should be made to the Department for funds and that the proceedings of the Office of Public Works should be accelerated. In relation to Kilcoole, he stated that the farmers had used every measure possible to drain the land. Councillor John Byrne also stated that flooding at Bray was very bad and recommended that action should be taken immediately.

Councillor J. Miley stated that there was a drainage committee in other counties to deal with reclaiming land and he appealed to the Council to set up a drainage sub-committee.

The County Secretary indicated that there had been on-going correspondence between the Council and the Office of Public Works for some time and he read a letter from the Office of Public Works dated 20th January, 1979 and an Engineer's report which was attached concerning the situation in Bray.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the County Manager proceed with the appointment of a Marine Consulting Engineer to deal with coastal erosion and that the situation in regard to flooding at Kilcoole be examined and a report submitted.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT SAVIOURS CHURCH, RATHDRUM

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting at the short-cut to St. Saviour's Church, Rathdrum."

It was indicated to the Council that a quotation was being sought from the E.S.B. for this work.

ITEM 8 DEMARKATE THE LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD AT KILLEGAR

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

"That the County Council demarkate the line of the county road at Killegar at the junction with the main Scalp road especially at the verge beside Mrs. Palmer's Tea-Room."

It was indicated that this matter was receiving attention at present.

ITEM 9 ROCKMANOR DRIVE, KILCOOLE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That a report be given on the outstanding works necessary so Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole, could be taken over by this Council."

It was indicated that no report was available. Councillor A. Murphy stated that this was the third month that this item appeared on the agenda and a report should be available by now. The County Engineer indicated that there was no available staff in Development Control hence the delay in submitting a report. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that there were lots of other housing estates in the same position and a lot of bad feeling was being created. He, therefore, proposed that the Council engage somebody on a temporary basis to report on these estates and also that the Council enter into some kind of dialogue with the Urban District Councils in this regard. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded.

ITEM 10 ERECTION OF POSTS NEAR THE GABLE END OF MR. EDWARD MORTAN'S HOUSE, ST. JOSEPH'S ROAD, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That this Council erect a wall or post near the gable end of Mr. Edward Mortan, St. Joseph's Road, Newtownmountkenedy, to prevent the children from playing ball against the gable end."

It was indicated that the matter had been further investigated and it was found that it was Council property - actually a turning bay. The only place that a fence can be placed is about three feet from the wall, i.e. along the kerbline. A chain-link fence would be the best deterrent but it is doubtful if

the ball playing can be prevented. The estimated cost of carrying out this work was £100. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 11 ERECTION OF POSTS ON THE FOOTPATH IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That this Council erect some type of posts on the footpath in Newtownmount-kennedy to stop lorries driving over the footpath endangering life and destroying the footpath."

It was recommended that some type of barrier be erected. Councillor F. Hynes proposed and Councillor Kavanagh, T.D. seconded that this be done. Agreed.

ITEM 12 TAKING OVER OF FORESTRY ROAD LEADING FROM TROOPERSTOWN TO THE LARAGH GLENDALOUGH ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors E. Miley, M. Cullen and C. Murphy, T.D. was adjourned to the next meeting as no report was available.

"That Wicklow County Council take over the Forestry road leading from Trooperstown to the Laragh Glendalough road over the new concrete bridge heading to the main road."

ITEM 13 ADVANCE FACTORY AT CARNEW

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

"That this Council build an Advance Factory on the Industrial site at Carnew."

It was indicated to the Council that the County Development Team had made a submission to the I.D.A. in mid 1978 for the location of an advance factory on the 3½ acre industrial site owned by the Council at Carnew. The team has since been informed by I.D.A. that Carnew is not being considered as a location for an advance factory under the current I.D.A. Advance Factory Programme. The main draw back in the effort to attract suitable manufacturing project to Carnew has been the absence of suitable premises.

Councillor Ryan proposed that the Council erect a building at Carnew suitable for a factory. Councillor Blake supported and Councillor Keenan seconded. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that there was a need for an advance factory in Carnew.

After further discussion on the matter, the County Manager indicated that he would take the matter up with the I.D.A. directly.

ITEM 14 TINNAKILLY BRIDGE, AUGHIRM

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

"That this Council be informed as to where the money went to which was allocated for Tinnakilly Bridge, Aughrim."

The County Secretary indicated that this had been discussed at an area meeting and at the Council meeting held on the 11th December, 1978. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he was annoyed because when the money allocated for Tinnakilly Bridge was not spent the Councillors were asked to authorise the spending of the money on alternative schemes. Following extensive discussion, Councillor Ryan was informed of the situation and decision of the Council earlier that the Council would be kept informed of this type of situation for the future.

PLANNING MEETINGS:

It was agreed that Planning Meetings planned for Monday, the 16th April, 1979, be postponed to Monday, the 23rd April, as the 16th was Easter Monday.

AREA MEETING:

It was agreed that an area meeting for the southern area be held on Monday, the 7th May, 1979.

ITEM 15 REMOVAL OF BEND AT KILCOMMON, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council remove a bend at Kilcommon, Tinahely."

It was indicated that description given was too vague but also that no money was available in the current years estimates for carrying out this work. Councillor K. Ryan indicated that it was on the Tinahely/Coolboy road.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF PLAYING FIELDS FOR THE VARIOUS CLUBS IN THE GREYSTONES/DELGANY/BLACKLION AREAITEM 19 FOOTBALL PITCH FOR GREYSTONES

The following Notices of Motion were considered together:-

In the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill "That the Council provide playing fields for the various clubs in the Greystones/Delgany/Blacklion area at the 19 acres on Greystones/Killincarrig road."

In the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and John Byrne:- "That Wicklow County Council provide an up-to-date report on the progress being made in getting a football pitch for Greystones."

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that in view of the substantial increase in the population it was necessary that proper playing fields be provided. Councillor John Byrne seconded this resolution and stated that clubs were finding it very difficult to plan fixtures.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that land was expensive but that playing fields should be provided, as soon as possible. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. suggested that land at Knockree belonging to the Land Commission could be bought. The County Manager indicated that there was nineteen acres of land at Greystones but that this was earmarked for housing.

After further discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the County Manager, County Engineer and Staff Officer Environmental Services Section enter into negotiations with the people/clubs concerned to ascertain their requirements and whether they are willing to contribute towards the fields.

ITEM 17 REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM AVOCA COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

It was indicated to the Council that Avoca Community Sports Committee had requested that the Council meet a deputation from them. It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that this be done. Councillor Kinsella requested that the alternative sites be investigated prior to the meeting.

ITEM 18 REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM RESIDENTS OF DARGLE ROAD, DARGLE VALE, BEAY

It was indicated to the Council that the residents of Dargle Road, Dargle Vale,

Bray had requested that the Council meet a deputation from them. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. and agreed that the Council meet them at an area meeting.

It was indicated to the Council that a report had been submitted from the residents in this regard and the County Secretary read same. Councillor A. Murphy requested that a copy of this report be circulated to the members. Agreed.

ITEM 20 PROVISION OF E.S.B. LAMPS ERECTED ON THE ROAD FROM HOSPITAL TO BALTINGLASS TOWN

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

"That the County Council have E.S.B. lamps erected on the road from the Hospital to Baltinglass town."

The County Secretary indicated that £1,000 had been provided for improvement of public lighting in Baltinglass at the area meeting, but this road was not included. It was agreed to obtain the required quotation and further examine the situation subsequently.

ITEM 21 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING ON GREENANE ROAD, BALLYGANNON

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting on Greenane Road, Ballygannon, please see attached petition with 20 signatures of residents in the area".

It was recommended that public lighting be provided on the Ballygannon road as far as the Council's Housing estate. It was indicated that a quotation was being sought.

ITEM 22 PROVISION AND LAYOUT OF PLAYING FIELDS AT BALLYMORRIS HOUSE, BRAY

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

"That playing fields be provided and laid out at Ballymorris House, Bray."

The Council was informed that it will be possible to set out the Playing fields at an early date. At present works were being carried out at the proposed Springfield Burial Ground which is nearby and it would be possible to use waste soil from Springfield as fill in order to level out the proposed playing fields. Councillor A. Murphy requested that consideration be given to Oldcourt Athletics Club. Councillor John Byrne requested that work be done as soon as possible. The County Secretary indicated that the Council were dealing with the committee in this regard. Councillor P. Deering stated that playing fields should be available for all clubs.

ITEM 23 WORKSHOPS AT KILCOOLE AND BLESSINGTON
and ITEM 24

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

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

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

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

The County Development Officer indicated that the Development Team had recommended that these workshops should go to Blessington.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he was surprised to hear this as there was tremendous demand in north Wicklow for small workshops. He stated that he was not happy with this decision and also that money had been voted for Kilcoole. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill supported. Councillor P. Deering dis agreed with the previous speakers as he said West Wicklow was an area of high unemployment.

The Chairman stated that the reason why the Council originally decided to provide workshops in Kilcoole was because there was an industrial estate there with nobody on it. In the meantime, this had got off the ground. He, therefore, complimented the previous County Manager, Mr. Flannery, the County Engineer, Mr. Donovan, Mr. U. McCabe and Mr. Broderick for buying this field for industrial purposes. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that there was no provision for the 'small man' to set up business. Mr. T. Broderick, indicated that Kilcoole was decided as the place for workshops because at the time there was nothing else on it. Councillor J. Miley proposed that these workshops be provided at Blessington. Councillor C. Murphy stated that he was of the belief that workshops were being provided at Kilcoole and Blessington. Councillor P. Deering stated that the Council should not go against the recommendation of the Development Team.

It was agreed that this item would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEMS 25 to 42 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 7TH MAY, 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman
Councillors John Bourke, Michael Cullen, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, James Miley, Thomas Keenan,
Denis Kinsella, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, Maelisa Costello, John Byrne, Charles Keegan,
Mary Ledwidge, Ciaran Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Nancy O'Neill,
and Roger Miley.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors John Bourke and James Whelan to the meeting and stated that he was glad that they had recovered from their recent illness.

Both Councillors thanked the Chairman, members and officials for their good wishes.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Deputy Liam Kavanagh and the Kavanagh family on the death of Mrs. Everett, Wicklow, wife of the late James Everett. He further stated that Mr. Everett was a man who had played a very active roll in all developments that had taken place. He stated that Mrs. Everett was a very charitable person and involved in many organisations. Councillors Sweeney, R. Miley Ledwidge and Kinsella associated themselves with the vote of sympathy. Councillor F. Hynes indicated that he knew Mrs. Everett for about twenty years and she was a most dedicated person and would be a great loss.

The Chairman also proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the children that were killed in the Glen of Imaal disaster recently. All Councillors present associated themselves with the expression of sympathy.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated himself with both votes of sympathy. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. thanked the members of the staff for their expression of sympathy.

Rathnew Soccer Club:

Councillor F. Hynes proposed that a vote of congratulations be sent to Rathnew Soccer Club on their recent victory in the Leinster Junior Cup Soccer final.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

ITEM 2 NATIONAL ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

The Council was informed that a one-day seminar had been held on the 30th April, 1979, in the Burlington Hotel and that the County Engineer, County Manager and Chairman of the Council had attended same. The Chairman requested all the members of the Council to do what they could in their own areas to assist in the National Anti-Litter Campaign, and to bring home to the people more forcibly the necessity of this campaign. Councillor A. Murphy supported and proposed that this County run some sort of anti-litter campaign along the lines which Wexford County Council had done. Councillor R. Miley stated that when itinerants left a place they always seem to leave a lot of litter behind them. Councillor K. Ryan requested that more litter bins be provided especially in new Housing Estates.

Councillor Denis Kinsella stated that Wicklow had one of the most efficient Refuse Collection Services in the County and that there was no need for people to dump litter on beaches and elsewhere. Councillor J. Whelan stated that more litter bins could be provided in areas and that the Council should be making some effort in that direction. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the litter problem was very difficult to solve and that advertisements on television were not enough. He stated that there was no use having penalties unless they were enforced and also having regard to the type of tourist nature Wicklow had, more problems arose than in other counties. He said that in the past there had been more men working on the roads but since a lot of the work had been mechanised the problem had increased. He proposed that money be provided in next years estimates for the anti-litter campaign.

Councillor P. Deering stated that it was very important that children be educated in the prevention of litter. He also mentioned an archaeological site outside Dunlavin which had old cars left on it and he stated that if these were removed, local people would see that no further scrap would be thrown there. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the Refuse Collection at the Dargle was very infrequent. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired what the position was in regard to old cars and the County Engineer indicated that as soon as it has been established that they were not owned by anyone the Council endeavour to have them removed. Councillors K. Ryan and V. Blake indicated that a bus had been abandoned in their area; the County Engineer indicated that this had been removed.

The County Secretary outlined the difficulties in preventing persons dumping litter. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the use of weedkiller left an unsightly appearance in its wake. The County Engineer indicated that grass cutting was very expensive in the locations where weedkiller had been used in the past.

ITEM 3 REQUEST FROM BEECHWOOD PARK TENANTS ASSOCIATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The Secretary read letter received from Beechwood Park Tenants Association requesting that a deputation from their association meet Councillors at the next meeting of the North Wicklow area. The problems they wanted discussed were also indicated to the Council. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed that the Council meet the deputation. Councillor John Byrne stated that the Council should meet them as soon as possible. The Chairman stated that it might be better for the new Council to meet the deputation after the local elections. Councillor A. Murphy suggested that the officials of the Council meet them. Councillor M. Ledwidge complained that the Councillors had been making representations to have work on this estate carried out but to no avail.

It was finally agreed to meet the deputation on the 21st May, 1979, at 3.30 p.m. after the planning meeting and also to meet the residents of Dargle Road, Bray.

ITEM 4 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME - CAPITAL ALLOCATION

The Council was informed that an allocation of £125,000 in respect of new

work to be started by the 31st July, 1979 had been made by the Department. The amount sought in the application to the Department of the Environment was £800,000 and this included provision for the Bray 75 House Scheme in the sum of £300,000 and the Greystones 58 House Scheme in the sum of £200,000. The position is to be further reviewed at the end of July. A sum of £850,000 has been allocated for existing commitments.

The schemes due to be started were:-

Avoca 16 House Scheme
Baltinglass 8 House Scheme
Shillelagh 8 House Scheme
Rural cottage at Redcross

It was also proposed to start subject to the receipt of suitable tenders the Kirikee 4 house scheme and Laragh 3 House Scheme. It was also indicated that it was proposed to build 8 or 10 extra houses under direct labour in Newcastle as the need there is greater than the need in Newtownmountkennedy.

Concern was expressed by members that the allocation for 1979 was in fact less than that for 1978 and 1977.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the situation in Bray in regard to Housing had become critical and he very much regretted that the 75 houses would not start soon.

The Chairman requested that the Council take the Bray Scheme up with the Department so that an allocation might be made for it. The County Manager indicated that he would seek for a special allocation for Bray and Greystones.

Councillor J. Miley stated that there was no progress to build houses in Blessington and Valkeymount, and Mr. U. McCabe outlined the position.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF HOUSES IN BARNDARRIG

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

"That members of Wicklow County Council be given a full report on the delay in providing houses in Barndarrig and what is being done to overcome the problems, if any."

The Council was informed that the site for the sewerage treatment works had been objected to by the householders and an investigation is being carried out to see if an agreement can be reached on an alternative suitable site. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he could not accept this report as the matter had been going on for over four years. The County Engineer indicated that another site for sewerage treatment works was under investigation and it was hoped to have the problem resolved.

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Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he disagreed with houses not being built in Newtownmountkennedy and stated that there were applications for houses in Newtownmountkennedy as well as Newcastle. Councillor F. Hynes enquired about the provision of further houses in Rathnew and was informed that this will receive attention.

ITEM 5 SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES PROGRAMME 1979

The Council was informed by Mr. J. Houlihan that this was in relation to the current years Small Water and Sewerage Schemes Programme which was discussed

ITEM 4 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME - CAPITAL ALLOCATION

The Council was informed that a one-day seminar had been held on the 30th April, 1979, in the Burlington Hotel and that the County Engineer, County Manager and Chairman of the Council had attended same. The Chairman requested all the members of the Council to do what they could in their own areas to assist in the National Anti-Litter Campaign, and to bring home to the people more forcibly the necessity of this campaign. Councillor A. Murphy supported and proposed that this County run some sort of anti-litter campaign along the lines which Wickford County Council had done. Councillor E. Miley stated that when litterers left a place they always seem to leave a lot of litter behind them. Councillor M. Ryan requested that more litter bins be provided especially in new housing estates.

Councillor Denis Kinnella stated that Wicklow had one of the most efficient refuse collection services in the County and that there was no need for people to dump litter on beaches and elsewhere. Councillor J. Whelan stated that more litter bins could be provided in areas and that the Council should be making some effort to make the litter problem very difficult to solve and that the litter problem was not enough. He stated that there was no advertisement on television unless they were entered and also having regard to the type of tourist nature Wicklow had, more problems arose than in other counties. He said that in the past there had been more men working on the roads but since a lot of the work had been mechanized the problem had increased. He proposed that money be provided in next years estimates for the anti-litter campaign.

Councillor P. Deering stated that it was very important that children be educated in the prevention of litter. He mentioned an archaeological site outside Blessington which had been littered with glass and he stated that if litter was removed, local people would see that no further camp would be allowed. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that the refuse collection at the time was very inefficient. Councillor M. O'Neill enquired what the position was in regard to old cars and the County Engineer indicated that as soon as it had been established that they were not owned by anyone the cars would be removed. Councillor K. Ryan and V. Blake indicated that a bus had been abandoned in their area, the County Engineer indicated that this had been removed.

The County Secretary outlined the difficulties in preventing persons dumping litter. Councillor J. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the use of wheelie bins left an unsightly appearance in its wake. The County Engineer indicated that some cutting was very expensive in the locations where wheelie bins had been used in the past.

ITEM 7 WESTERN HATCHWOOD PARK TENANTS ASSOCIATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The Secretary read letter received from Hatchwood Park Tenants Association requesting that a deputation from their association meet Councillors at the next meeting of the North Wicklow Area. The problems they wanted discussed were also indicated to the Council. Councillor M. O'Neill proposed that the Council meet the deputation. Councillor John Byrne stated that the Council should meet them as soon as possible. The Chairman stated that it might be better for the new Council to meet the deputation after the local elections. Councillor A. Murphy suggested that the officials of the Council meet them. Councillor M. Leidy suggested that the Council had been making representations to have work on the estate carried out but to no avail.

It was finally agreed to meet the deputation on the 21st May, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. after the planning meeting and also to meet the residents of Dargie Road, Bray.

ITEM 4 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME - CAPITAL ALLOCATION

The Council was informed that an allocation of £125,000 in respect of new

by the members at the area meetings in January and February, 1979 and which was formally adopted by them at the Council Meeting held on the 12th March, 1979. At that time, new schemes to the value of £158,000 had been nominated and approved by them. However, since that time, the members had been informed at the Council meeting on 2nd April that the allocation notified by the Department of the Environment was £50,000 which was less than anticipated. Also, it had since come to light that a sum of the order of £40,000 would be required to complete schemes of previous years programmes on which work had been commenced but which had not yet been completed. Accordingly, although the members had in fact adopted a programme for the current year for new schemes to the value of £158,000 only £85,000 was in fact available. It was indicated that it was proposed to continue with the current years programme as adopted by the members in the order of priority as adopted, but only to the extent of the available finance.

On enquiry, the members were informed that it had not been possible to inform them of the shortfall at their area meetings in January and February as at that time the allocation was not known nor was the position in relation to the financial requirement to complete schemes in progress known then.

Following discussion, the County Manager, stated that the possibility of carrying forward this financial requirement into the following years allocation would be investigated and if possible it would be carried forward.

The members were informed that the land acquisition difficulties encountered in the Coolboy/Coolroe Sewerage Scheme were now resolved and that work could now proceed on the scheme. However, difficulties in relation to the source had been encountered in the Raheenraney area and although investigations would continue, it would not be possible to commence work on this scheme in the foreseeable future. In view of this and in view of the fact that this area will eventually be part of the Tinahely/Carnev Regional Scheme it was felt that cost would not be justified on a scheme that would be abandoned when the Regional Scheme comes into operation. Accordingly, it was recommended that the Coolboy/Coolroe Sewerage Scheme be substituted for £19,000 approved by the members for the Raheenraney Water Scheme. The County Secretary then read a report from the County Engineer on the attempts made to date to find a satisfactory source. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he could not accept this report in relation to Raheenraney as it had been agreed at the area meeting that Raheenraney would be included and he, therefore, proposed that it be done. Councillor J. Whelan supported Councillor Ryan. Councillor Keenan also supported and enquired about sewerage extension at Killacoran and was informed of the position. Councillor Ryan also stated that he had been endeavouring for years to have a test carried out on the water at Raheenraney but to no avail. He, therefore proposed that the Raheenraney scheme be included in this years programme and also that the Coolboy/Coolroe Sewerage Scheme be included.

The Chairman stated that the schemes agreed to at the Area Meetings should be adhered to and that no schemes be taken out without first coming back to the Council.

Councillor R. Miley enquired about bored well at Roundwood and Laragh Sewerage Scheme and was informed by Mr. J. Houlihan that Laragh Sewerage Scheme was included.

ITEM 6 CREATION OF POST OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager outlined the need for the creation of the post of Assistant County Manager and detailed the growth in population, expenditure and the need for management attention in the administrative area of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council.

Following discussion on the matter; on the proposal of Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney it was unanimously decided to agree with the County Managers recommendation regarding the creation of the post of Assistant County Manager.

ITEM 7 EXTENSION TO HOUSE OF JAMES KILLEEN, BALLYVALTRON, KILBRIDE, WICKLOW

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

"That Wicklow County Council give James Killeen, Ballyvaltron, Kilbride, Wicklow, a supply of electricity and build a back-kitchen, bathroom and toilets to accommodate his large family at his Council house."

It was recommended to the Council that these services be provided. Agreed. Councillor M. Cullen indicated that Mr. Killeen had already acquired a supply of electricity.

ITEM 8 SALE OF PLOT OF GROUND TO MRS. GRIFFIN, CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM

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

"That Wicklow County Council sell the plot of ground to Mrs. Griffin, Corballis, Rathdrum, as she has been paying rent on it for many years," In the reps. of Mr. Farrar."

The County Secretary indicated the position in that the matter was currently having attention.

ITEM 9 PIPING OF SPRING AT COUNTY BROOK, ENNISKERRY

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

"That a report be given on the piping of the Spring at County Brook, Enniskerry."

It was indicated to the Council that there was no evidence of a spring which it is considered necessary to pipe. Councillor C. Murphy indicated that he had already indicated to two officials where this was.

ITEM 10 PROVISION OF REAR ENTRANCE ROAD AT EXISTING COUNCIL HOUSES AT CHURCH TERRACE, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council provide rear entrance road at existing Council houses at Church Terrace, Dunlavin."

It was indicated to the Council that there had been some disagreement with the landowner which has interfered with the Council's intention to purchase the land. Councillor P. Deering proposed that a rear entrance be provided.

ITEM 11 EXTENSION OF HOUSE OF MRS. ANN LENNON, GRATTAN PARK UPPER, GREYSTONES

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

"That Wicklow County Council build an extension to the house occupied by Mrs. Ann Lennon, 7, Grattan Park Upper, Greystones, as there is overcrowding in the house. The extension to consist of a kitchen and bedroom."

It was recommended to the Council that an extra bedroom be provided. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that the extra bedroom and kitchen be provided. Councillor J. Byrne seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 12 GIVING OF WASTE GROUND AT RERE OF 35-50, ROCKFIELD PARK, KILMACANOGUE TO TENANTS

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

"That the Council consider giving waste ground at rere of 35-50, Rockfield Park, Kilmacanogue, to tenants for cultivation as part of their gardens."

The Council was informed from the County Engineer's report that there was some space between the existing back garden fences and the estates boundary fence which at present is used both as an Open space and as a rear access to the gardens as appropriate in order to maintain a pedestrian access to the backs of the houses and in order that the existing trees at the boundary fence were not encroached upon. It was also noted that houses number 36 to 39 were built out of line of the neighbouring blocks of houses which means that there back garden boundary fence does not run in the same line as the neighbouring blocks. In at least two of these houses the back garden boundary fences have already been extended to run in the same line as the neighbouring blocks.

It was recommended to the Council that if an extra plot of land was granted to the houses that the new boundary line be set out so as to run in a straight line although it would mean giving extra land to houses numbers 36 to 39.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. that the waste ground be given. Agreed.

ITEM 13 DEPUTATION FROM AVOCA COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that no deputation would be coming to the meeting from the Avoca Community Sports Committee. Councillor D. Kinsella stated that the Fahys had reluctantly agreed to sell their field for use as a sports field.

ITEM 14 REPORT ON PIPE BURSTS ON WATER MAIN SERVING NORTH WICKLOW

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

"That a report be furnished on the incidence of main water pipe bursts on the water main serving north Wicklow."

It was indicated to the Council that the number of bursts which occurred on the new mains recently laid, serving Greystones was much higher than would normally be expected on such a scheme. It was also considered that more care should be taken at the unloading stage of pipes as this may be responsible for the high number of faults that occur later.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that a lot of bursts had taken place recently. Councillor L. Kavanagh, advocated that the repairs on these pipes be carried out by the staff of Wicklow County Council and not that of Dublin Corporation. He also stated that Dublin Corporation used to employ stand-by staff to deal with matters such as these but that this was no longer the case. It was agreed, therefore, that the Council open discussions with the Corporation in this regard, with a view to having the repair work carried out by the Council.

ITEM 15 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO KILCAVAN FROM CARNEW

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

"That this Council extend the refuse collection service to Kilcavan from Carnew. The pick-up point to be at Byrne's Cross."

It was indicated to the Council that the present refuse collection service was fully extended and it was not possible to consider the inclusion of any

other areas.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that most of the people living in this area were working during the day, and, therefore, cannot get into the dump at Carnew. He stated that it would only take two stops to cover the area of about fourteen to sixteen houses. The Chairman stated that the Refuse Collection service was costing the Council a lot of money by its present means of operation and he requested that an alternative means of collection be investigated.

ITEM 17 LAYING OF WATER MAIN TO BOLLARNEY NORTH, WICKLOW

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

"That this Council lay a water main to Bollarney North Wicklow, as there are a large number of houses in need of water. It can be taken from Knockrobin or from Whitegates."

It was recommended to the Council that a large size main joining Rathnew and Wicklow which would form part of the Regional Scheme supplying Wicklow Town be laid. It was also indicated that investigations will be carried out along these lines. It was noted that no money had been provided in the current years estimates and, therefore, no work can be carried out in the current year.

Councillor F. Hynes requested that the connecting of the two systems in the area be investigated.

ITEM 18 REPORT ON NORTH EAST WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That a detailed report be given on the north eastern water supply scheme to indicate:-

- (i) the original contract completion date
- (ii) the expected completion date
- (iii) the reasons the contract was delayed
- (iv) what action was taken by the consultants and the Council to effect completion
- (v) what action will be taken in the future to prevent a similar occurrence

It was indicated from the County Engineer's report that the original completion date was 1st February, 1979 and it was estimated that a further six months from the resumption of work will be required for completion. The contract was delayed due to difficulties experienced in achieving satisfactory tests on the mains laid. It was also indicated to the Council that constant pressure was maintained on the Contractor to improve progress on the job. Arrangements have been made to have the mains chlorinated and connected up by Dublin Corporation within the next week or so.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it would seem that the Contractor had not carried out the work in the manner in which he tendered for the work, and he enquired what the Council would do in the future to ensure that this does not happen again. He also stated that he considered it short-sighted to accept the lowest tender for any proposed work. The County Engineer replied that the Council had obtained consultants reports on his previous work which were satisfactory but unfortunately when he came to work in Wicklow, his work declined in standard. It was also stated that the people in the area should have water this week. Councillor Miss M. O'Neill requested that the County Engineer contact the consultants as it was her opinion some of the connections were incorrect.

ITEM 19 DRAINING OF GARDENS AT THE BACK OF THE COUNCIL HOUSES IN AVOCA

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

"That Wicklow County Council arrange to drain the gardens at the back of the Council houses in Avoca, as the gardens are completely waterlogged."

The Council was informed that the notice of motion did not state which scheme and after discussion with tenants of the older scheme, no waterlogging appeared likely. At the new housing scheme, drainage at the time of inspection behind the dwellings was not a problem and the cultivated gardens appeared well drained. Drainage works are at present in progress on the site and a survey and plan for drainage of the whole low lying area of the housing site with an outfall through the Railway embankment to the river will be undertaken.

ITEM 20 CONNECTION OF COTTAGE OF MISS M. DOYLE, BALLINALEA TO NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

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

"That Wicklow County Council connect to the sewerage scheme the cottage occupied by Miss Maggie Doyle, Ballinalea, Ashford."

It was indicated from the County Engineer's report that the estimated cost of carrying out this work would be £350.00. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, and agreed that this be done. Agreed.

ITEM 21 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Repairing of stop-cock at Old Rathmore Terrace, Bray

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge requested that a stop-cock at the house of Mr. Murphy, Old Rathmore Terrace, Bray, be repaired and she enquired that if Mr. Murphy repaired it himself would he be compensated by the Council. It was agreed to have the matter investigated.

Road at Ballymoyle, Arklow

Councillor J. Sweeney requested that the County Engineer have the main road at Ballymoyle, Arklow, repaired as soon as possible. The County Engineer indicated that it would be done in a matter of a week or so.

Water at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh

Councillor V. Blake stated that the question of flooding at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh, was causing problems and he requested that it be examined.

Approach roads to Arklow

Councillor D. Kinsella mentioned the condition of the footpaths on the approach roads to Arklow and requested that something be done to have them improved as a matter of urgency.

New School in Avoca

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that there were no signs of any kind at the new school in Avoca indicating that there was a school there and he requested that signs be erected. Councillor Keenan supported. It was agreed that this matter should be attended to.

Bus At Rathnew

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Wicklow connecting bus had in recent times not waited for the Dublin bus to arrive with the result that many passengers, particularly old people had to walk to Wicklow. He requested that the matter be taken up with C.I.E. management to ensure that this practice did not reoccur.

Glenealy Graveyard

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the banks of soil were not removed from Glenealy graveyard and that only a few weeds were removed and he requested that this work be carried out properly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

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DEBATING OF MATTERS AT THE BACK OF THE COUNCIL HOUSE IN AVONCA

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor J. Hynes, T.D. and R. Hynes was considered:-
That Wicklow County Council arrange to drain the gardens at the back of the Council House in Avoca, as the gardens are completely waterlogged.
The Council was informed that the notice of motion did not state which scheme and after discussion with the tenants of the other scheme, no waterlogging appeared likely. At the new housing scheme, drainage at the time of inspection behind the buildings was not a problem and the existing gardens appeared well drained. Drainage works are at present in progress on the site and a survey and plan for drainage of the whole low lying area of the housing site with an outfall through the railway embankment to the river will be undertaken.

ITEM 30 CONNECTION OF COTTAGE TO MISS M. DOYLE, BALLINAHALLIN TO NEW SEWAGE SCHEME

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor J. Hynes, T.D. and F. Hynes was considered:-
That Wicklow County Council connect to the sewerage scheme the cottage occupied by Miss Maggie Doyle, Ballinahallin, Ashford.
The notice indicated from the County Engineer's report that the estimated cost of carrying out this work would be £350.00. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes seconded by Councillor J. Hynes, and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 31 REPAIRS TO OLD RATHMORE TERRACE, BURY

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor J. Hynes, T.D. and F. Hynes was considered:-
That Wicklow County Council request that a stop-cock at the house of Mrs. M. Hynes, Old Rathmore Terrace, Bury, be repaired and she be paid for the work.
The notice indicated that the matter was investigated.

ITEM 32 APPROACH ROADS TO ARKLOW
Councillor J. Hynes, requested that the County Engineer have the main road to Arklow, repaired as soon as possible. The County Engineer indicated that it would be done in a matter of a week or so.

ITEM 33 FLOODING AT CHAPPEL LANE, SHILLALANE
Councillor V. Hynes stated that the question of flooding at Chapel Lane, Shillalane, was causing problems and he requested that it be examined.

ITEM 34 APPROACH ROADS TO ARKLOW
Councillor D. Kinneally mentioned the condition of the approach roads to Arklow and requested that something be done to have them repaired as a matter of urgency.

ITEM 35 NEW SCHOOL IN AVONCA
Councillor D. Kinneally stated that there were no signs of any kind at the new school in Avoca indicating that there was a school there and he requested that signs be erected. Councillor Keenan supported. It was agreed that this matter should be attended to.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, THE 14TH MAY, 1979, AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman
Councillors Michael Cullen, John Bourke, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.,
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, John Byrne, Aidan Murphy, Nancy O'Neill.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,
Mr. N.J. Byrne, Acting County Secretary,
Mr. J. Molony, B.E., A/County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing and Planning,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 9th April, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

POSTAL DISPUTE:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that members of the Post Office Workers Union were picketing outside the Council Offices and he requested to know if the Council Officials were doing work normally done by the Postal Workers. He also stated that when the Council Engineers were on strike, great sympathy was extended to their union. He also stated that the Council should operate on the same lines as the E.S.B. during the duration of this dispute.

The County Secretary indicated that the Council staff were not doing anything during the duration of this strike that was not done prior to it.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. then enquired about the position in regard to Rate Demands and was informed by the County Secretary that the delivery of Rate Demands was a matter for the Rate Collector. He also indicated that it was part of the Terms of Employment that Rate Collectors ensure that Rate Demands were served and that it was the case up to recently that the Rate Collectors would serve them personally and if a Rate Collector posted them in recent times it was a matter for himself.

ITEM 2 WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - STAGE 2

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment indicating that the Minister will raise no objection to the acceptance, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer and ordered by the County Manager of the tender received from James O'Brien in the corrected sum of £79937.80 (inclusive of V.A.T.) for the above work providing the Consulting Engineer is satisfied as to the competence of the contractor/s to implement the contract and the County Manager considers that the sureties offered are adequate for its due performance.

It was indicated that work would commence in the next week or so. Councillor M. Cullen enquired about extension of the scheme to Ballintreskin and was informed by Mr. Molony that this was not a new scheme but the augmentation of the existing scheme. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he wanted to see something concrete done about the water supply in this area.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND MAY, 1977, AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 8.15 P.M.

PRESIDENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. Chairman
Councillors Michael Cullen, John Bourke, Liam Kavanagh, T.D.,
Frank Hynes, Paschal Deering, John Sweeney, James Whelan,
Vincent Blake, John Byrne, Aidan Murphy, Nancy O'Neill.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,
Mr. W.J. Byrne, Acting County Secretary,
Mr. J. Molony, B.E., A/County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing and Planning,
Mr. J. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services.

CONTINUATION OF MINUTES:
It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney, unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd April, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that members of the Post Office Workers Union were picketing outside the Council Offices and he requested to know if the Council Officials were doing work normally done by the Post Office. He also stated that the Council should be aware of the fact that the Post Office was not doing anything during the picket and that was not done prior to it.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. then enquired about the position in regard to Gate Demands and was informed by the County Secretary that the delivery of Gate Demands was a matter for the Rate Collector. He also indicated that it was part of the terms of employment that Rate Collectors ensure that Gate Demands were served and that it was the case up to recently that the Rate Collectors would serve the demands and if a Rate Collector posted them in recent times it was a matter for himself.

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - STAGE 2

The Council was informed that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment indicating that the letter will raise no objection to the acceptance, as recommended by the Council, of the tender received from James O'Brien in the corrected sum of £799,780 (inclusive of V.A.T.) for the above work providing the Contracting Engineer is satisfied as to the competence of the contractor to implement the contract and the County Manager considers that the services offered are adequate for its due performance.

It was indicated that work would commence in the next week or so. Councillor M. Cullen enquired about extension of the scheme to Ballinteston and was informed by Mr. Molony that this was not a new scheme but the augmentation of the existing scheme. Councillor M. Cullen stated that he wanted to see something concrete done about the water supply in this area.

ITEM 3 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POST OF CLERK/TYPIST IN FOUR AREA ENGINEERS' OFFICES

The County Secretary indicated that the examination of the Clerical requirements of the Area Offices had now been completed following request of members at an earlier meeting. This examination had indicated the need for the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist in each of the offices and the agreement of the members for the creation of the four Clerk/Typists posts was now being sought.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen it was unanimously agreed that the four additional Clerk/Typist posts be created.

ITEM 4 PROPOSED RECREATIONAL AMENITY SCHEMES AT COOLLATTIN ESTATE

The Council was informed that the following recreational amenity schemes were proposed for Coollattin Estate and that the Councils approval in principle was required to enable further negotiations to be undertaken.

- (a) Provision of car park and picnic area and paths at tree surrounded pool in Drimmgall wood in the townland of Coolboy. The pool is situated 200 yards off the east side of the road from Coolboy to Shillelagh and a tree preservation order has been made for a considerable amount of trees around it.
- (b) Development of riverside footpath through Tomnafinogue Wood from Greenhall Bridge to Deegans Bridge together with car parking and picnic facilities at each bridge. Tomnafinogue Wood is also covered by a T.P.O.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen that the above proposals be agreed to. Councillor V. Blake enquired if a Fish pond was included and the County Secretary gave details of the location of the pool.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired how the Council keep surveillance so as to ensure that the Tree Preservation Orders were adhered to. The County Secretary informed the Council of the position in this regard and of the ongoing involvement of Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer.

Councillor F. Hynes raised the point that the Council Members, seldom, if ever, refuse the employment of staff but when the question of employing an extra labourer arises, the Council are always told that there is no money available. He mentioned that he had requested that a Horticulturist be employed but was told that no money was available for this and requested that the position be re-examined.

ITEM 5 ROAD AT BALLYTEIGE, RATHDRUM

The County Secretary informed the meeting that the Council had engaged a Senior and Junior Counsel in this matter and there advice was expected shortly. He also indicated that an injunction had been granted against the Council preventing them from doing any work on this lane in question.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired if the Council could not go ahead with a compulsory purchase order or either go out and talk to Mrs. Rees. The County Secretary indicated that the Council was exploring this but were awaiting advice from Counsel as indicated. Councillor M. Cullen enquired if there was not a time limit on an injunction but was informed by the County Secretary that an injunction stands until such time that the Council make a substantial case against it.

ITEM 5 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POST OF CLERK/TYPIST IN TOWN AREA

The County Secretary indicated that the examination of the Clerical requirements of the Area Officers had now been completed following request of members of an earlier meeting. This examination had indicated the need for the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist in each of the offices and the agreement of the members for the creation of the four Clerk/Typist posts was now being sought.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen, it was unanimously agreed that the four additional Clerk/Typist posts be created.

ITEM 6 PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - ALLOCATION FOR 1979

The Council was informed that the following recreational amenity schemes were proposed for Coolistown Estate and that the Council's agreement to participate was required to enable further negotiations to be undertaken.

(a) Provision of car park and picnic area and paths at trees surrounded pool in Coolistown wood in the townland of Coolistown. The pool is situated 300 yards off the east side of the road from Coolistown to Shillagh and a tree preservation order has been made for a considerable amount of trees around it.

(b) Development of riverside footpath through Coolistown wood from Coolistown Bridge to Deerpark Bridge together with car parking and picnic facilities at each bridge. Coolistown wood is also covered by a TPO.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen, that the above proposals be agreed to. Councillor J. Blake supported it and the County Secretary gave details of the location of the pool.

Councillor J. Sweeney, T.D., enquired how the Council keep surveillance on its riverside and the Type Preservation Orders were referred to. The County Secretary informed the Council of the position in this regard and of the ongoing involvement of Mr. G. McCabe, Administrative Officer.

Councillor F. Hynes raised the point that the Council Members, seldom, if ever, raise the employment of staff but when the question of employing an extra labourer arises, the Council are always told that there is no money available. He mentioned that he had requested that a horticulturalist be employed but was told that no money was available for this and requested that the position be re-examined.

ITEM 7 ROAD AT BALLINACOR, DUNLAVIN

The County Secretary informed the Council that the Council had engaged a senior and junior Counsel in this matter and there advice was expected shortly. He also indicated that an injunction had been granted against the Council preventing them from doing any work on the road in question.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired if the Council could go ahead with a compulsory purchase order or other go out and talk to Mrs. Rees. The County Secretary indicated that the Council was exploring this but were waiting advice from Counsel as indicated. Councillor M. Cullen enquired if there was not a time limit on an injunction but was informed by the County Secretary that an injunction stands until such time that the Council make a substantial case against it.

Councillor F. Hynes proposed that the Council go ahead and complete the road as far up as Mrs. Rees property. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded. Councillor M. Cullen supported and stated that Mrs. Rees should be approached before work is started. Agreed.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - ALLOCATION FOR 1979

The County Secretary indicated to the Council that an allocation of £99,000 had been made by the Department for Environmental Improvement Schemes for 1979. He also indicated that it would take £61,000 to finish off the proposals in the County area that were agreed to last year.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the figure given for expenditure on Rathnew graveyard could not be correct as only eleven headstones were moved to the perimeter wall.

Councillor J. Whelan appealed to the Engineering Section to get this work moving as soon as possible and before any industrial dispute may hinder its workings, as this money was allocated mainly for youth employment. Councillor Blake supported.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he would like to see what the breakdown per area was in regard to employment and he suggested that a sum of £10,000 be allocated to each area as an initial allocation. The Chairman stated that the Council had entered into a commitment with various organisations to give them money for certain projects. Councillor J. Whelan proposed that the money be allocated on the same lines as was agreed to last year. Councillor V. Blake seconded. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the northern area had a high rate of unemployment. The Chairman stated that there was also great unemployment in West Wicklow. It was finally agreed to allocate the money on the same basis as last year. Councillor J. Whelan mentioned a field at Knockananna which he would like to have some money allocated for to develop.

ITEM 7 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WARDEN AT DUNLAVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council appoint a School Warden at Dunlavin Primary School as suggested by the Council Officials."

The County Secretary indicated that the Road Safety Officer had not recommended the appointment of a School Warden but since his report cars were now parking on the opposite side of the road from the school and the County Engineer had indicated that there might be some merit in having a warden appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that a school warden be appointed.

ITEMS 8 AND 9 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., A. Murphy, V. Blake and P. Deering was considered:-

"That we or someone for us, will propose at the next Council Meeting that:- the Minister for the Environment be requested to re-examine the present average increase being allowed by his Department to Local Authorities, on a national basis, bearing in mind the exceptional increased demands for services in a rapidly-expanding area like County Wicklow."

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

"In view of the obvious inadequacy of the recent estimates of expenditure to cover the necessary current and capital programme for the present year, Wicklow County Council requests the Minister for the Environment to make additional funds available to meet the extra expenditure required to give adequate service and develop infrastructure of the country for its expanding population."

The Chairman stated that the notice of Motion was put down because it was felt that the amount of money being made available by the Minister was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the County. This was in particular in regard to the provision of housing, Water and Sewerage schemes. He also stated that since rates were abolished it had cut the income to the Local Authority considerably. He stated that government spending had increased by 40% over a two year period. For the above reasons he asked that the members agree to put this case before the Minister for the Environment.

Councillor A. Murphy supported and said that there had been a cut back of 7% in real terms and he stated that in five or six years time, the problems in the county will be insurmountable. He also mentioned that since it was generally proposed to have a 14% increase in wages, the 10% allowed would not be effective.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that he would support the previous speakers but he could not agree to Notice of Motion number 8 as a further increase in the rates would be unfair to the present Ratepayers. Councillor John Bourke supported.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the building of houses cannot be commenced unless sufficient money is forthcoming from the Department and he stated that the scavenging service needed to be further examined. He noted that the services that we now provide will have to be curtailed if something different is not done to finance Local Authorities and that work that the Council propose doing will not be done. In relation to maintaining of roads, he stated that roads in Wicklow needed particular attention as we had the main arterial road going to the Car Ferry. He said that there were roads started but unfinished, and he said that there would be a spate of accidents if these works were not completed. He noted that overall there was a deterioration in all services provided by the Local Authority because of lack of finance.

Councillor F. Hynes requested to know the cost to the Council of Value Added Tax and was informed that in 1977 it was £65,000, 1978 - £110,000 and in 1979 it was estimated to cost £125,000.

It was agreed that Notices of Motion numbers 8 and 9 be forwarded to the Department for consideration and that Notice of Motion number 8 be altered to read as follows:-

"That we or someone for us, will propose at the next Council Meeting that:- the Minister for the Environment be requested to re-examine the present average increase being paid by his Department to Local Authorities, on a national basis, bearing in mind the exceptional increased demands for services in a rapidly expanding area like County Wicklow."

ITEM 10 TAKING OVER OF FORESTRY ROAD LEADING FROM TROOPERSTOWN TO THE LARAGH GLENDALOUGH ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors R. Miley, M. Cullen and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council take over the Forestry road leading from Trooperstown to the Laragh Glendalough road over the new concrete bridge leading to the main road."

The County Secretary indicated that this matter was being investigated and that it was agreed in principle that this road be taken over. Councillor M. Cullen proposed that this be done and Councillor Sweeney seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 11WORKSHOPS AT KILCOOLE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. and Miss N. O'Neill was deferred.

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

ITEM 12WORKSHOPS AT BLESSINGTON

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

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

ITEM 13HEALTH CENTRE AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was deferred.

"That Wicklow County Council endeavour to meet the desire of the Eastern Health Board to erect a Health Centre at Ballywaltrim, Bray, by making the Board aware of possible sites."

ITEM 14ERECTION OF WALL AT HOUSE OF RON WHEATLEY, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect a wall at the house of Ron Wheatley, 45, New Estate, Newtownmountkennedy; the wall to be positioned between Wheatley's house and Johnston's house."

The Council was informed from the County Engineer's report that the tenant of house number 45 (Wheatley) appeared to be replacing the post and wire fence at the rear of his house with a concrete block wall. In order to retain free access to the backs of the houses, it would be necessary to build a wall along the boundary of number 44. If the tenant of number 45 carried out his own works to his own wall then the work to be done on the wall in number 44 can be carried out at an estimated cost of £200. It was pointed out that two other paths similar to this exist in the estate and it may be expected that similar requests for walls will be forthcoming if a wall is built along the path dividing houses numbers 44 and 45.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that where there is a right-of-way through, there should always be a wall built and he stated that the wire fencing was not satisfactory. He, therefore, proposed that this work be done as soon as possible.

ITEM 15ERECTION OF SIGN AT KILLABEG HILL NEAR COOLKENNA

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

"That this Council erect the road sign 'Yield Right of Way' at the bottom of Killabeg Hill near Coolkenna."

The Council was informed that the views of the Garda Síochána will be sought and the appropriate action taken.

Councillors Whelan and Blake stated that this was at the bottom of a very steep hill and that this sign should be provided.

ITEM 16STREET CLEANING SERVICE FOR KNOCKANANNA

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

"That a street cleaning service be commenced for Knockananna on Mondays of each week."

The Council was informed from the County Engineer's report that the amount of litter generated in the village of Knockananna would hardly justify the provision of a street cleaning service. If a street cleaning service was provided it would have to be carried out on Thursday morning. It was also indicated that there were no funds available for this work and the additional cost of this service would amount to £200 per year. It was recommended that street cleaning continue to be carried out as at present whenever a clear need for it arises.

Councillor J. Whelan stated that he disagreed with the report completely and that the Engineer who inspected would seem to be out of touch with the situation. He stated that he requested that the service be provided on Monday mornings as there was a dance in Knockananna on Sunday nights and a Food Van sold chips and hamburgers after the dance which meant that a lot of litter was left lying around afterwards. Councillor V. Blake supported.

The County Secretary indicated that the matter would be further investigated in the light of what Councillor Whelan had stated.

ITEM 17WIDENING OF FOOTPATH ON CONVENT HILL, VEVAY ROAD, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That the footpath on Convent Hill, Vevay Road, Bray, be widened."

The Council was informed that money was allocated for extending the footpath along by the '3 Guys Supermarket.' Councillor A. Murphy requested that it be continued along the Marino Clinic.

ITEM 18PELICAN CROSSING AT VEVAY, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and C.E. Keegan was considered:-

"That the pedestrian crossing at the Vevay, Bray, be replaced by a pelican crossing."

It was indicated to the Council that no money was allocated in the current year's Roadworks Scheme for the above proposal. Councillor A. Murphy proposed that it be included in next year's allocation. He also stated that motorists coming to and from Bray cannot see the pedestrian crossing. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded this resolution. Agreed.

ITEMS 19 and 35 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

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

"That Wicklow County Council pipe the drain past Trinity Church in Redcross to prevent water running on to the public road."

Also, the following Notice of Motion number 35, in the name of Councillor M. Cullen and R. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council pipe the open drain from Trinity Church at Redcross to Sean Nolans at Oughill, a distance of 100 yards."

The Council was informed that arrangements were being made to have this work carried out.

ITEM 20

LOWERING OR REMOVAL OF DITCH EACH SIDE OF DOCTOR O'CONNELLS HOUSE ON VALE ROAD

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

"To lower or remove ditch each side of Doctor O'Connell's house on Vale road to give him a view of approaching traffic as he comes out onto the road."

It was indicated that this matter was currently being investigated.

ITEM 21

SURFACE WATER NEAR THE ROCK AT BALLYBEG, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council lay a pipe and backfill to take the surface water near the Rock at Ballybeg, Rathnew, as there is a very dangerous trench there on the road side near Pat Dowlings shop across the road leading up the hill."

It was indicated to the Council that the problem will be investigated and the necessary steps taken to alleviate the problem. Councillor F. Hynes emphasised that this should be done as soon as possible.

ITEM 22

REMOVAL OF DITCH AT DEMPSEYS COTTAGE, BALLYGRIFFIN

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

"That the ditch at Dempseys cottage, Ballygriffin, be removed to give traffic a view at this bend and also the gully opposite be filled in."

It was recommended that this proposal be included in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM 23

REPAIRING OF ROAD AT KILLEGAR ROAD, ENNISKERRY

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

"That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to repair Killegar Road, Enniskerry, as the road is in a dangerous condition."

The Council was informed that the road surface will be repaired and surface dressed during the current financial year.

ITEM 24

MARKING OF ROAD FROM THE HALF MOON TO THE CLIFF ROAD BY DOUBLE WHITE LINE

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

"That the County Council mark the road from the Half Moon to the Cliff road on the Bray/Greystones road by a double white line."

It was indicated to the Council that a single solid white line exists on this road at present over most of its length. A double white line would only be of the same significance as a single whiteline and consequently, is not considered necessary.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that this was a very dangerous stretch of road, and a double line should be provided. Councillor John Byrne supported.

ITEM 25

FLOODING ON THE BALTINGLASS/KILTEGAN ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That flooding on the Baltinglass/Kiltegan road, particularly between Woodfield and Fortgranite be relieved."

The Council was informed that discussions were taking place with the landowner and it was hoped that a satisfactory solution to the problem will be found as a result.

The Chairman stated that this matter should be expedited as flooding on this road was very bad. Councillors Whelan and Sweeney supported.

ITEM 26

TAKING IN CHARGE HOUSING ESTATE AT RATHDOWN PARK

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

"That the County Council take the housing estate, Rathdown Park, which was developed by Sylvan Homes Limited in charge."

It was indicated to the Council that there were certain defects which have to be remedied in the above scheme and a list of these defects had been forwarded to the Contractors which must be carried out before the Scheme can be taken in charge.

ITEM 27

COAL-YARD AT LA TOUCHE CLOSE, GRYYSTONES

ITEM 39

SURFACE WATER FROM LA TOUCHE PLACE

The following Notice of Motion item number 27, in the name of Councillor A. Murphy and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council regulate the use of the coal-yard at La Touche Close, Greystones, and that the Gardai be asked to ensure that only registered motor vehicles use this road."

Also, the following Notice of Motion number 39, in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was also considered:-

"That the County Council provide an alternative shore to take the surface water from La Touche Place at "Malverns." The owner of this property extended this facility to the Council by allowing the surface water to drain into his drain. Now as a result his drain is being blocked by debris from the coal yard."

The County Secretary indicated that this had been raised on a number of occasions. The Health Inspector had been requested to submit a report and there had been correspondence with the owner. The report from the Health Inspector indicated that the existence of a Public Health nuisance is doubtful. The Garda Authorities had reported an improvement in the situation and had indicated that they would keep the matter under review.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the residents in the area were very annoyed. He indicated that this business started off first as a Vegetable stall, then selling bricks and now it was a coal yard. He stated that he did not want to put Mr. Mooney out of business but his present workings were causing great hardship to the residents in the area. He stated that a seven or eight feet wide truck was being turned on a twelve feet wide road and that there was no toilet facilities for staff. He also stated that the Fire Station for Greystones was opposite and sometimes had difficulty getting out onto the road because of the lorries outside the coal yard. He stated that this situation had gone on long enough and he proposed that the County Manager, County Secretary go along and have a look at the coal-yard. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that debris was going into the sewerage.

FLOODING ON THE BATHING PLACE AT KILCOOLE

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

"That flooding on the Bathing Place at Kilcoole, particularly between the beach and the road, be remedied."

The Council was informed that discussions were taking place with the landowner and it was hoped that a satisfactory solution to the problem will be found as a result.

The Chairman stated that this matter should be expedited as flooding on this beach was very bad. Councillors Whelan and Sweeney supported.

TAKING IN CHARGE HOUSING ESTATE AT BATHING PLACE

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

"That the County Council take the housing estate, Bathing Place, which was conveyed by Sylvia Homes Limited in charge."

It was indicated to the Council that there were certain defects which have been remedied in the above scheme and a list of these defects had been forwarded to the Council which must be carried out before the scheme can be taken in charge.

COAL-YARD AT LA TONCHES CLOSE, DUBLIN

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

"That the Council regulate the use of the coal-yard at La Tonches Close, Dublin, and the Garda be asked to ensure that only registered motor vehicles use this road."

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

"That the Council provide an alternative route to take the refuse from the coal-yard at La Tonches Close, Dublin, to the Council by affixing the refuse to the refuse bin as a result his bin is being blocked by debris from the coal yard."

The County Secretary indicated that this had been raised on a number of occasions. The Health Inspector had been requested to submit a report and there had been correspondence with the owner. The report from the Health Inspector indicated that the use of a Public Health nuisance is prohibited. The Garda authorities reported an improvement in the situation and had indicated that they would keep the matter under review.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the refuse in the area were very annoyed. It was indicated that this business started at first as a vegetable stall, then a brickyard and now it was a coal yard. He stated that he did not want to see Mr. Hynes out of business but his presence was causing great annoyance to the residents in the area. He stated that a seven or eight foot high fence was being turned on a twelve foot wide road and that there was no room for the refuse for staff. He also stated that the Fire Station for refuse was opposite and sometimes had difficulty getting out onto the road because of the lorries outside the coal yard. He stated that this situation had gone on long enough and he proposed that the County Manager, County Secretary go along and have a look at the coal-yard. Councillor Miss M. O'Neill stated that debris was going into the sewerage.

The County Secretary indicated that further inspections would be carried out and the situation kept under review. The parking of the lorries referred to would receive further attention.

Councillor John Byrne supported Councillor Murphy and stated that the Council should take the necessary action to have the matter rectified.

ITEM 28 TRAIN HALT AT KILCOOLE

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

"That this Council press C.I.E. to provide a Train Halt at Kilcoole."

Councillor A. Murphy stated that Kilcoole village was growing rapidly and that the transport situation was very bad to Dublin. He stated that a lot of people from Kilcoole worked in Dublin and he proposed that the Council write to C.I.E. requesting that a Train Halt be provided at Kilcoole. If this was not successful, he proposed that a deputation meet C.I.E. in this regard. Councillor John Byrne supported.

ITEM 29 EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN GLENEALY VILLAGE

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend speed limit signs in Glenealy Village to give old people and children an opportunity to cross the main road."

It was indicated to the Council that it is a matter for the Gardaí to decide on the extent of speed limits. An increase in the speed limit was not recommended at present.

Councillor M. Cullen proposed that the matter be referred again to the Gardaí for investigation. Councillor F. Hynes seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 30 COMPLETION OF WORKS IN THE GREYSTONES/DELGANY/BLACKLION AND KILCOOLE AREAS

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

"That the County Manager prepare a crash programme to complete works which are outstanding to be undertaken in the Greystones/Delgany/Blacklion and Kilcoole area with special reference to the roads and water supplies."

It was indicated to the Council that an up-to-date report had been obtained from the Consultant and its contents were outlined. It was also stated that the Council would complete the roadworks restoration themselves. Councillors John Byrne and G. Timmins, T.D. supported this proposal.

ITEM 31 FILLING IN OF DITCH AT REAR OF RUSSELLS HOUSE AND OTHER HOUSES IN SEA VIEW HEIGHTS

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

"That this Council fill in the ditch at the rear of Russells house and other houses in the row at Sea View Heights as it was created by the Council when building the houses to enable trees to be planted."

The Council was informed from the County Engineer's report that the filling of the ditch was impractical and would involve interference with the adjoining property owned by Mr. R. Dowling, Rathnew. It was recommended that the area be cleaned out and results assessed later in the year. The alternative would be a chainlink fence two metres high at an estimated cost of £1,400.

Councillor F. Hynes disagreed with the report and stated that the Council pushed the soil down onto the back of houses and that this was self-inflicted by the Council. He emphasised that this ditch must be cleaned away and also that there were a lot more houses involved than Mr. Russell's. He, therefore, proposed that this ditch be removed and the wire fence be put up.

ITEM 32 REPORT ON ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR 1979

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was adjourned.

"That this Council request an up-to-date report on the progress of the road works scheme for 1979."

ITEM 33 INCOME TAX ON EX-GRATIA PENSIONS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was adjourned.

"That this Council request the Minister for Finance to waive the Income Tax on ex-gratia pensions for the Widows and Children of Local Authority Manual Workers."

ITEM 34 FLOODING AT SMITHS GARAGE, DUBLIN ROAD, ARKLOW

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

"That steps be taken to remove the cause of flooding at Smiths garage on Dublin road, Arklow."

The Council was informed that the Town Clerk of Arklow Urban District Council had been informed that the water problem should be attended to by Arklow Urban District Council but that this Council would fill in the potholes.

Councillor Sweeney stated that he could not accept this report. He stated that there was a hole in the road and when it rains people who are walking along the road are soaked by passing traffic. He proposed that the drain be cleaned out into the marsh and put back into the position it was in. The County Secretary stated that the ultimate solution appeared to be tied up with the Arklow Sewerage Scheme. It was agreed however, to have the matters attended to in the interim.

ITEM 36 LAYING OF PIPES ON THE LARAGH TO DERRYBAWN ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B. Miley and M. Cullen was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council will lay pipes from Jim McDonalds house on the Laragh to Derrybawn road as it is very dangerous and is always flooded winter and summer."

The Council was informed that this matter was receiving attention.

ITEM 37 INSPECTION OF FORD BRIDGE

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

"That this Council carry out inspection of Ford Bridge at Coolfinshogue, Tinahely, and give report on condition of same."

It was recommended to the Council that no action be taken unless there is a further deterioration of the existing bridge.

Councillor V. Blake stated that he was dissatisfied with the report and stated that if something was not done with this bridge it will collapse. The County Secretary agreed to have the matter re-examined and report back to the Council.

ITEM 38REPAIRS ON MANGANS LANE AT TINAHELY

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

"That this Council carry out repairs on Mangans lane at Tinahely."

It was indicated that the lane was maintained on a regular basis but being only a farm access lane was low on the list of priorities and may be neglected after periods of severe weather such as have occurred over the past five months. It was also indicated that it was intended to surface dress the lane this year.

ITEM 40PROVISION OF FOOTPATH ON KILCOOLE ROAD

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

"That the provision of a footpath on the Kilcoole road from the Convent to Knockroe be continued."

The Council was informed that no money was allowed for this work in the current years Roadworks Scheme but that it could be included for consideration in the 1980 Estimates.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it was agreed to put down a footpath and that this scheme had been started but was never finished. He, therefore, proposed that this footpath be provided. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 41REMOVAL OF DITCH AT TOMACORK CHURCH

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

"That this Council remove a ditch at Tomacork Church which is causing a traffic problem."

It was recommended to the Council that no action should be taken in this case. Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that this ditch was causing a traffic problem. It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that it be re-examined for inclusion in next years estimates.

ITEM 42REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREE STUMPS AT BALLYFREE, GLENEALY

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove dangerous tree stumps at Ballyfree, Glenealy, as they are a danger to children playing."

It was indicated to the Council that the cost of having the work carried out was approximately £200 and that there was no objection to these trees being removed. It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and agreed that this be done.

ITEM 43REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH ON EAST SIDE OF BRIDGE STREET, ARKLOW

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

"That repairs be carried out to the footpath on the east side of Bridge Street, Arklow."

It was indicated to the Council that this matter was currently receiving attention. Councillor Sweeney stated that there was a lot of traffic using this lane and he requested that it be dealt with as soon as possible.

ITEM 44 IMPROVING OF SIGHT LINE ON LONG HILL

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C.E. Keegan and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That this Council improve the sight line at the bad corner on the Long Hill above the Roadstone Quarry."

The Council was informed that no money had been allowed for this work in the current year but consideration could be given for its inclusion in the 1980 Estimates. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy that this be done. Agreed.

ITEM 45 PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE FENCE AT STREAM NEARBY MILL FIELD, HOUSING SCHEME, ENNISKERRY

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

"That in the interest of safety the Council provide a protective fence at the stream nearby Mill Field, Housing Scheme, Enniskerry."

The Council was informed from the County Engineer's report that the stream referred to flows along portion of the southern and eastern boundaries of the 32 House Scheme completed about a year ago. The matter will be resolved if and when the fence along the Conway property at Inisbeag is done. The matter was referred to the Council's Law Agent on the 6th March, 1979. Councillor John Byrne requested that a further report be submitted.

ITEM 46 SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO MICHAEL JUSTE, BALLYCREANE LOWER, AUGHIRM

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

"That Wicklow County Council sell a plot of land to Michael Juste, Ballycreane Lower, Aughrim, for the purpose of installing a septic tank." Michael Juste and J. Fleming have planning permission for a bungalow each at Ballycreane Lower, however, due to the fall of the land, the septic tank cannot be placed on their own land and they need to be able to buy the half acre plot from the Council."

It was indicated that this matter was being investigated and when a report was available it will be brought before the Council. Councillor L. Kavanagh, stated that due to the fall of the ground they need an extra plot for the septic tanks.

ITEM 47 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KILTEGAN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That public lighting be provided from Kiltegan Village to the local hall."

The Council was informed that the cost of providing public lighting would be at least £1,500 and the limited benefit that would arise from the provision of public lighting would not justify the cost. It was also stated that there was a case for providing an extra light outside the Presbytery and a quotation was being sought for this.

Councillor Timmins proposed that this light be provided and he requested that the position be re-investigated in regard to having two extra lights provided. Councillor P. Deering seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 48 IMPROVING ON SIGHT LINE ON LONG HILL

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C.E. Keegan and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That this Council improve the sight line at the bend corner on the Long Hill above the Roadstone Quarry."

The Council was informed that no money had been allowed for this work in the current year but consideration could be given for its inclusion in the 1980 Estimates. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy that this be done. Agreed.

ITEM 49 PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE FENCE AT STREAM NEARBY MILL FIELD HOUSING SCHEME, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Byrne and J. Lavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That in the interest of safety the Council provide a protective fence at the stream nearby Mill Field Housing Scheme, Dunlavin."

The Council was informed that the County Engineer's report that the stream formed a flow along portion of the southern and eastern boundaries of the 12 House Scheme completed about a year ago. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting and when the fence along the Convey property at Lissade is done, water was referred to the Council's law agent on the 6th March 1979. Councillor John Byrne requested that a further report be submitted.

ITEM 50 SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO MICHAEL JUSTIN, DALLYSIDE, DUNLAVIN

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

"That the Council sell a plot of land to Michael Justin, Dalyside, Dunlavin, for the purpose of installing a septic tank. Michael Justin has planning permission for a bungalow each at Dalyside, Dunlavin, however, due to the fall of the land, the septic tank cannot be placed on their own land and they need to be able to buy the plot from the Council."

It was indicated that this matter was being investigated and when a report was available it will be brought before the Council. Councillor J. Lavanagh stated that due to the fall of the ground they need an extra plot for the septic tanks.

ITEM 51 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KILTEEN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That public lighting be provided from Kiltinan Village to the local hall."

The Council was informed that the cost of providing public lighting would be about £1,500 and the limited benefit that would arise from the provision of public lighting would not justify the cost. It was also stated that there was a case for providing an extra light outside the Presbytery and a consultation was being sought for this.

Councillor Timmins proposed that this light be provided and he requested that the Council be investigated in regard to having two extra lights provided. Councillor E. Deering seconded. Agreed.

ITEM 48 ERECTION OF LIGHT AT TIGRONEY, AVOCA

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect one light at Tigroney, Avoca, to facilitate the Holden, Treacy and McDonald families getting to and from their homes in winter time."

The Council was informed that the provision of lighting at this location was not considered necessary and that it would also give rise to similar applications in other rural areas.

Councillor M. Cullen dissagreed with this report. He stated that there was a number of houses on this road and lighting should be provided. He, therefore, proposed that provision be made in the 1980 Estimates for same.

ITEM 49 PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AND POST BOX AT COUNCILS HOUSING ESTATES AT BALTINGLASS, BLESSINGTON AND DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk and post box at the Councils Housing Estates at Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin."

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk and post box at the Councils Housing Estates at Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin.

ITEM 50 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Council was informed that it was proposed to close Church Road, Greystones, to public traffic from its junction with Church Lane to Victoria road in connection with the laying of a surface water outfall. The period of closure will be from Monday, the 18th June, 1979, to Tuesday, the 17th July, 1979, (both dates inclusive). Local traffic will be accommodated and alternative routes are via Church Lane and via La Touche Place and Trafalgar Road. It was indicated that there was no objection to the closing of the road subject to the conditions outlined.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if something could be done about Church Lane. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he would agree to the closure of the road provided a realistic sum was held from Abbey Homesteads Limited. He considered that the sum of £900 which it was intended to withhold from Abbey Homesteads was not enough. He also requested that they be required to bituminous macadam the road. Agreed.

Sewerage at Coolboy

Councillor Sweeney stated that the sewerage was left lying on the road at Coolboy and that children going to school had to pass through this and he requested that something be done to have it removed. It was indicated to the Council that this matter was being discussed with the landowner, Mr. Griffin.

Industrial Site at Rathnew

Councillor F. Hynes requested that the I.D.A. be asked to clean up the fence at their site in Rathnew, where it is leading out onto the main road, as in its present condition it presented a very poor image.

SECTION OF LIGHT AT TIGRONEY, AVOCA

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect one light at Tigroney, Avoca, to facilitate the Bohan, Tracy and McDonald families getting to and from their homes in winter time."

The Council was informed that the provision of lighting at this location was not considered necessary and that it would also give rise to similar applications in other rural areas.

Councillor M. Cullen disagreed with this report. He stated that there was a number of houses on this road and lighting should be provided. He therefore, proposed that provision be made in the 1980 Estimates for same.

PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AND POST BOX AT COUNCIL'S HOUSING ESTATE AT BALLYMAGUIRE, BALLYMAGUIRE AND DUBLIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Thomas, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk and post box at the Council's Housing Estates at Ballymaguire, Ballymaguire and Dublin."

It was proposed by Councillor G. Thomas, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk and post box at the Council's Housing Estates at Ballymaguire, Ballymaguire and Dublin.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROVISION OF

The Council was informed that it was proposed to close Church Road, Ballymaguire, to public traffic from its junction with Church Lane to its junction with the laying of a surface water outfall. The laying of the surface water outfall will be from Monday, the 18th June, 1979, to Tuesday, the 19th June, 1979. (Both dates inclusive). Local traffic will be permitted to use Church Lane via Church Lane and via the Church Lane and Church Lane. It was indicated that there was no objection to the closing of the road subject to the conditions outlined.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if something could be done about Church Lane. Councillor P. Deering stated that he would agree to the closing of the road provided a realistic sum was held from Abbey Homesteads Limited. He considered that the sum of £200 which it was intended to be held from Abbey Homesteads was not enough. He also requested that they be required to dilapidate the road. Agreed.

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Councillor Deering stated that the narrow road lying on the road at Ballymaguire and that children going to school and going through this and he requested that something be done to have it widened. It was indicated to the Council that this matter was being discussed with the landowner.

Industrial Site at Rathnew

Councillor F. Hynes requested that the R.D.A. be asked to clean up the fence at their site in Rathnew, where it is leading out onto the main road, as in its present condition it presented a very poor image.

Footpaths in Newtownmountkennedy and refuse collection service

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the footpaths had not been completed in Newtownmountkennedy and he requested that they be completed.

He also stated that the Refuse truck turns at the Green Lizard but does not collect the refuse and he requested that the County Engineer be asked to collect this refuse. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. supported.

Repairs to Rockfield Park Housing Estate

Councillor A. Murphy requested to know if the necessary repairs had been carried out to Rockfield Park Housing Estate. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that repairs were progressing well and that it was intended to proceed with them.

Traffic lights at Kilmacanogue

Councillor A. Murphy referred to the provision of traffic lights at Kilmacanogue and was informed that this had been referred to the County Engineer, prior to submission to Garda Authorities. Further information should be available for the next meeting.

Lights at St. Peter's road/Dublin road junction

Councillor A. Murphy also enquired what the situation was in regard to lights at St. Peter's road/Dublin road junction and was informed of the situation.

Roadworks - footpaths from Kilmurray to Kilmacanogue village

Councillor A. Murphy requested to have the above included for special allocation.

Kindlestown Park

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired about the demarkation of the gardens at Kindlestown Park. It was agreed to let Councillor O'Neill know the position.

Road at Ashford and footpaths in Wicklow

Councillor M. Cullen enquired about repairs to road at Ashford and footpaths in Wicklow and was informed of the position.

Housing Estate at Ashford

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to remaining works to be carried out at the Council's new Housing Estate at Ashford and enquired when the money which had been allocated would be spent. People in the scheme were waiting for these works for over three years.

Erection of signs at Glen of Imaal

Councillor P. Deering referred to the recent erection of additional danger signs by the Army at the Glen of Imaal area which it was felt devalued property in the area. He asked if the Council would contact the army with regard to the placing of the signs. Some signs had been placed in zones which had no connection with the recent tragedy.

Industrial Development at Baltinglass

The Chairman referred to land recently acquired for Industrial Development at Baltinglass and asked that the I.D.A. be now contacted and requested to provide a factory on the site.

COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Chairman mentioned that his was the last meeting of the present Council and referred to the many schemes which had been carried out during the lifetime of the Council. He indicated that 600 new Council houses had been built and there were 276 in the course of construction. Also a considerable land bank had been provided. Over 800 loans had been advanced for the construction of houses and many new water supply and sewerage schemes had been provided and were in operation. Programmes for the extension of refuse collection and public lighting had been prepared and almost completed during the lifetime of the present County Council.

The Chairman also referred to the new County Council offices which were almost ready for operation and to the industrial sites provided at Bray, Kilcoole, Blessington, Baltinglass, Rathnew, Wicklow, etc.,

The Chairman thanked all the members and staff for their assistance to him during his term as Chairman. He wished the Councillors who were retiring from public office viz. Maelisa Costello, James Whelan, and John Bourke every success and happiness for the future.

The remarks of the Chairman were endorsed by the other Councillors present.

The retiring Councillors present at the meeting viz. Whelan and Bourke expressed their thanks to the other members of the Council for their kind remarks.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. B. Johnston indicated that the present Wicklow County Council was a most constructive and hardworking one. There had been an inordinate increase in the population of the county and in the demands made on the Council during its term of office. The Council were seeing the results of their far-sighted policies and more remained to be done. The Council, in particular, had a very difficult problem in planning in trying to protect a county with many scenic amenities and still cope with the demands of a fast developing area. He mentioned that the staff tried to be as constructive as possible in their approach to problems and to be of as much assistance as possible to members of the Council and the public generally. He was sorry to see eminent members of the Council retiring and on behalf of the County Manager and staff, he wished them every happiness for the future.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

21/6/79

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE
21ST JUNE, 1979, AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager, Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant, Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Service, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section, Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section.

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, for the office of Chairman. There were no other proposals. Councillor C. Murphy was then declared elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been appointed and takes up office.

The Chairman thanked the Council for his election as Chairman for the coming year. He gave a commitment of co-operation to the County Manager and officials and also to the members. He stated that he would strive for progress and promised fair play. He complimented the out-going Chairman, Deputy G. Timmins for the standard he maintained and expressed hope that he would reach equal standard himself.

He then congratulated all the Councillors on their election and welcomed both the out-going and newly elected members to the meeting. He commiserated with the out-going Councillors who lost their seats. He expressed hope that an application will be lodged for an increase in the number of Councillors for County Wicklow. He extended congratulations to Deputy Liam Kavanagh on his success in the European Elections and wished him well. He stated that in the coming year he would like to see progress reports on road work schemes and water and sewerage schemes along the lines of the Housing Progress Report, in order that the Council would be kept up to date. He also advocated the appointment of a liaison officer for Community Works.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. congratulated Councillor Murphy on his election as Chairman and also seconded the vote of congratulations to Deputy Liam Kavanagh and wished him every success in the future.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. congratulated the Chairman on his election and stated that the position of Chairman can be arduous at times. He thanked the Chairman and Deputy Timmins for their words of congratulations. He stated that he was glad to say that the people of Wicklow gave him wonderful support in the election and he stated that he intended to be a very constant member of Wicklow County Council and would attend meetings as often as possible. He congratulated all the newly elected members on their success.

The County Manager congratulated Deputy C. Murphy on his election as Chairman. He re-iterated what the Chairman said regarding co-operation and stated that he believed in team spirit and looked forward to working with the Chairman, and members.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE
21st JUNE 1979

Councillors: V. Blake, J. Ryan, P. Deering, J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, J. Keenan, T.D. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, D. McManus, J. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D. Murphy, J. Timmins, G. Timmins, T.D. Timmins, and Mrs. Mary Webb.

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
Mr. E. Johnston, County Secretary
Mr. T.J. Donovan, R.E., County Engineer
Mr. A. Higgins, County Accountant
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section
Mr. E. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Social Services
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Timmins, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella, for the office of Chairman. There were no other proposals. Councillor C. Murphy was then elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council and took office until such time as his successor shall be appointed and takes up office.

The Chairman thanked the Council for his election as Chairman for the coming year. He stated that he would strive for progress and development in the County. He also stated that he would reach equal terms with the members. He congratulated the outgoing Chairman, Deputy G. Timmins, and expressed hope that he would reach equal terms with the members.

The Chairman then congratulated all the Councillors on their election and welcomed both the outgoing and newly elected members to the meeting. He commented with the outgoing Councillors who lost their seats. He expressed hope that an application would be made for an increase in the number of Councillors for County Wicklow. He extended congratulations to Deputy Liam Kavanagh on his success in the European Elections and wished him well. He stated that in the coming year he would like to see progress reports on road work schemes and water and sewerage schemes along the lines of the Housing Progress Report, in order that the Council could be kept up to date. He also advocated the appointment of a Liaison Officer for Community Works.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. congratulated Councillor Murphy on his election as Chairman and also seconded the vote of congratulations to Deputy Liam Kavanagh and wished him every success in the future.

Councillor J. Kavanagh, T.D. congratulated the Chairman on his election and stated that the position of Chairman was a great one. He thanked the Chairman and Deputy Timmins for their words of encouragement. He stated that he was glad to say that the people of Wicklow gave him wonderful support in the election and he stated that he intended to be a very constant member of Wicklow County Council and would attend meetings as often as possible. He congratulated all the newly elected members on their success.

The County Manager congratulated Deputy C. Murphy on his election as Chairman. He re-stated what the Chairman said regarding co-operation and stated that he believed in team spirit and looked forward to working with the Chairman and members.

ITEM 2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. Deering, Councillor F. Hynes was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up duty.

Councillor F. Hynes thanked the Councillors for his election as Vice-Chairman and expressed hope that in the absence of the Chairman he would perform his duties effectively.

ITEM 3 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The County Secretary read letter dated 20th June, 1979, received from the Chairman of the Wicklow Executive of the I.F.A. in which he submitted a panel of nominees for the seats available to non-elective members of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture. It was also stated in the letter that with the imminent introduction of obligatory representation of Rural Organisations by the Minister for Agriculture under the Ancot Act, the Council should anticipate the order and appoint the following panel removing any unnecessary disruption of the County Committee of Agriculture in a few months time. It was indicated that the six names mentioned represents the widest spread of economic, geographic and social interests in County Wicklow.

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| James Blake, Tinode House, Manor Kilbride | - | I.F.A. (West area) |
| Thomas Cooney, Kilcandra | - | I.F.A. (East area) |
| Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford | - | Leinster Milk Producers |
| Olivia Grandy, Coolfancy, Tinahely | - | I.C.A. |
| Michael Kavanagh, Junior, Marian House, Curranstown, Arklow | - | Macra na Feirme |
| James Norton, Baltyboys, Blessington | - | Cheviot Sheep Owners and Mountain Sheep Breeders |

It was proposed by Councillor John Leeson, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that the above names be accepted. Councillor Denis Kinsella stated that it was only common courtesy that the people who stood for election should be given preference. Councillor A. Murphy then proposed that seven members of the Committee be elected members, three non-elected members and six be from the above list. Councillor G. Timmins, seconded. Councillor McManus proposed that at least nine members of this committee should be members of the Council. Councillor D. Kinsella seconded. Councillor T. Keenan proposed that ten members of this committee be elected members and six non-elected members. Councillor J. Miley seconded.

A vote was then taken on Councillor Keenans amendment which was defeated. Councillor D. Kinsella abstained.

A vote was taken on Councillor McManus' proposal which was defeated.

Councillor A. Murphy's proposal was, therefore, accepted.

The following members were proposed and seconded to be on the committee:-

Councillors John Leeson, Harry Cullen, Tom Keenan, Paschal Deering, Frank Hynes, James Miley, Kevin Ryan, and Roger Miley - 8 members

As seven was the number of elected members to be on the committee, a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

Councillors John Leeson, Harry Cullen, Tom Keenan, Paschal Deering, Frank Hynes, Kevin Ryan and Roger Miley - 7 members

Councillor Denis Kinsella did not vote.

The following were nominated to comprise the three other places:-

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

In the proposal of Councillor E. Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. Deering, Councillor E. Ryan was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up duty.

Councillor E. Ryan thanked the Councillors for his election as Vice-Chairman and expressed hope that in the absence of the Chairman he would perform his duties effectively.

ITEM 4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The County Secretary read letter dated 20th June, 1979, received from the Chairman of the Wicklow Executive of the I.F.A. in which he submitted a list of nominees for the seats available to non-elected members of County Committee of Agriculture. It was also stated in the letter that with the imminent introduction of obligatory representation of rural organisations the Minister for Agriculture under the latest Act, the Council should investigate the order and appoint the following panel removing any unnecessary representation of the County Committee of Agriculture in a few months time. It is indicated that the six names mentioned represent the widest spread of economic, geographic and social interests in County Wicklow.

I.F.A. (West Area)	-	James Blake, Tinode House, Manor Kilbride
I.F.A. (East Area)	-	Thomas Cooney, Kilcandra
Leinster Milk Producers	-	Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford
I.C.A.	-	Olivia Grandy, Coolfancy, Tinahely
Macra na Feirme	-	Michael Kavanagh, Junior, Marian House, Curranstown, Arklow
Cheviot Sheep Owners and Mountain Sheep Breeders	-	James Norton, Baltyboys, Blessington

The County Secretary read letter dated 21st June, 1979, received from the County Wicklow Branch of the Teachers' Union of Ireland, which unanimously put forward the name of Hugh O'Brien for consideration by the Council as a Teacher Representative on the incoming Vocational Education Committee.

It was agreed that Hugh O'Brien be placed on this committee.

The following names were proposed and seconded to form the elected membership of the committee:-

Councillors G. Timmins, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, V. Blake, J. Miley, H. Cullen, and P. Miley - 9 members

As only 8 members is needed to constitute the committee a vote was then taken which resulted in the following being elected:-

Councillors G. Timmins, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, V. Blake, J. Miley and H. Cullen - 8 members

Councillor Denis Kinsella did not vote.

The following were then proposed and seconded to form the non-elected membership of the Committee:-

M. Dempsey, Father Brophy, Father Faoilean, Sean Geoghegan, Tom Honan, Jane Murphy and Father McCarthy.

Donal McEvoy, Charlie Keegan, John Fox, John Hobson, Michael Cullen, John Whelan and Pat Timmins.

As only three vacancies existed, a vote was then taken which resulted in the following being elected:-

Donal McEvoy, Charlie Keegan and John Whelan.

Councillor Denis Kinsella did not vote.

The County Committee of Agriculture was accordingly, comprised as follows:-

Councillors:-John Leeson, Harry Cullen, Tom Keenan, Paschal Deering, Frank Hynes, Kevin Ryan and Roger Miley.

Others:	James Blake, Tinode House, Manor Kilbride	-	I.F.A. (West Area)
	Thomas Cooney, Kilcandra	-	I.F.A. (East Area)
	Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford	-	Leinster Milk Producers
	Olivia Grandy, Coolfancy, Tinahely	-	I.C.A.
	Michael Kavanagh, Junior, Marian House, Curranstown, Arklow	-	Macra na Feirme
	James Norton, Baltyboys, Blessington	-	Cheviot Sheep Owners and Mountain Sheep Breeders

Donal McEvoy, Baltyboys, Blessington
Charlie Keegan, Ballinagee House, Enniskerry
John Whelan, Ballyvaltron, Kilbride, Co Wicklow

ITEM 4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 14 MEMBERS

The County Secretary read letter dated 21st June, 1979, received from the County Wicklow Branch of the Teachers' Union of Ireland, which unanimously put forward the name of Hugh O'Brien for consideration by the Council as a Teacher Representative on the incoming Vocational Education Committee.

It was agreed that Hugh O'Brien be placed on this committee.

The following names were proposed and seconded to form the elected membership of the committee:-

Councillors G. Timmins, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, V. Blake, J. Miley, H. Cullen, and P. Miley - 9 members

As only 8 members is needed to constitute the committee a vote was then taken which resulted in the following being elected:-

Councillors G. Timmins, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, V. Blake, J. Miley and H. Cullen - 8 members

Councillor Denis Kinsella did not vote.

The following were then proposed and seconded to form the non-elected membership of the Committee:-

M. Dempsey, Father Brophy, Father Faoilean, Sean Geoghegan, Tom Honan, Jane Murphy and Father McCarthy.

A vote was then taken to elect the five remaining members needed, which resulted as follows:-

Father O'Faoilean, Parochial House, Aughrim
Sean Geoghegan, 16, Upper Main Street, Arklow,
Jane Murphy, De-Porres, Meath Road, Bray
Tom Honan, The Rock, Arklow
Father Brophy, The Presbytery, Baltinglass

The County Vocational Education Committee was accordingly, comprised as follows:-

Councillors:- G. Timmins, T.D., P. Deering, L, Kavanggh, T.D.,
C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, V. Blake, J. Miley and H. Cullen.

Others:- Hugh O'Brien
Father O'Faolain, Parochial House, Aughrim
Sean Geoghegan, 16, Upper Main Street, Arklow
Jane Murphy, De-Porres, Meath Road, Bray
Tom Honan, The Rock, Arklow
Father Brophy, The Presbytery, Baltinglass.

ITEM 5 APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE CHAIRMAN ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD

The following names were proposed and seconded to represent the Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:-

Councillors: Denis Kinsella, George Jones, John Byrne, Roger Miley,
Kevin Ryan, Thomas Keenan, Frank Hynes and John Sweeney.

As Councillors R. Miley and T. Keenan received the same number of votes, a draw was held and Councillor T. Keenan was elected.

Accordingly, the seven representatives elected with the Chairman on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board were as follows:-

Councillors:- D. Kinsella, G. Jones, J. Byrne, K. Ryan, T. Keenan,
F. Hynes and J. Sweeney

ITEM 6 APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

It was agreed that the outgoing members, Councillors A. Murphy, F. Hynes and D. Kinsella, be re-appointed as the three representatives on the General Council of County Councils.

ITEM 7 NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR FOR BOARD OF EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that Councillor A. Murphy be nominated as Director for the Board of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited.

ITEM 8 TO CONSTITUTE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AS OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY WICKLOW

It was unanimously agreed that all the members of the County Council shall constitute the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.

ITEM 9 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF NINE OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES FOR COUNTY WICKLOW

The Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees were appointed as follows:-

Wicklow:

M.J. Lawlor, Friars Hill, Wicklow
Rev. Patrick Kelly, Rathnew
Mrs. J.H. McCarroll, Church Hill, Wicklow
Mrs. Mary J. Jacob, Main Street, Rathnew
Mrs. M. Mates, 33, St. Laurences Road, Wicklow
Mr. Pat Whelan, St. Mamtans Park, Wicklow

Mr. Jack Murphy, Castle Park, Wicklow
 Very Rev. A. Crinnion, P.P., Wicklow
 Rev. S. Pettigrew, The Rectory, Wicklow
 J. Giff, Wicklow U.D.C.,
 M. Cullen, Redcross, Co Wicklow
 Mrs P. MacNamara, Leitrin Place, Wicklow

Bray:

Mr. Matthew Brady, 3, Carlton Villas, Bray
 Mrs. Mahony, Lelic House, Parnell Road, Bray
 Mrs. M. Ledwidge, 29, Dargan Street, Bray
 Owen Murphy, Dargle House, Dargle Road, Bray
 Mrs. J. Keating, Galtrim Road, Bray
 D. Byrne, 5, Roselawn Park, Bray
 E. Byrne, 1, Roselawn Park, Bray
 J. Temple, 5, Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray
 A. Murphy, 17a, Oldcourt Park, Bray
 Fergus Quinn, 18, Goddsmith Terrace, Bray
 Eamonn Loughery
 Jane Murphy, De-Porres, Meath Road, Bray
 Mrs. Kathleen Horan

Baltinglass:

Patsy Burke, Baltinglass
 Father Brophy, P.P., Baltinglass
 John Doyle, Donard
 G. Timmins, T.D., Weaver Square, Baltinglass
 J. Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass
 J.F.S. Doyle, Baltinglass
 Mrs. M. Byrne, Rathdangan,
 Paschal Deering, M.C.C, Dunlavin
 Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square, Baltinglass

Rathdrum:

James Olohan, Lower Main Street, Rathdrum
 Eric Farrar, NewBawn, Rathdrum
 Thomas Keenan, M.C.C., Aughrim
 Rev. Archdeacon, A.H.V. Frazer, The Rectory, Rathdrum
 Father O'Brien, P.P., Rathdrum
 R. Miley, M.C.C., Brockagh, Glendalough
 G.F. Doyle, N.T., Brewery Place, Rathdrum
 S. Fields, Ballyhad, Rathdrum
 J.P. Whelan, Lower Street, Rathdrum
 H. Cullen, Ballindoyle, Rathdrum
 J. O'Shaughnessy, New House, Glenealy
 M. Miley

Newcastle:

Th. Kavanagh, Glendarragh,
 Michael Synnott, 7, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy
 Michael Rooney, Callowhill
 Patrick Hempenstall, Newcastle Village
 Rev. S. Smith, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy
 J.J. Bourke, M.C.C., Killoughter, Ashford
 J. Gregory, Kilpedder
 J. Kavanagh, Season Park, Newtownmountkennedy
 M. Kelly, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy
 B. Byrne, Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy
 S. Power.

Arklow:

Mrs. M. McElheron, 2, South Quay, Arklow
 John Sweeney, Fair Green, Arklow
 Pat Kavanagh, 42, St. Peter's Place, Arklow
 Ml. Kavanagh, 1, St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow
 Rev. V.H.F. Vanston, The Rectory, Arklow
 Denis Kinsella, M.C.C., 20, Mellows Avenue, Arklow
 S. Wolohan, U.D.C., 14, St. Patrick's Terrace, Arklow
 Mrs. M. Weadick, Ferrybank, Arklow
 Sean Geoghegan
 Edward Martin

Shillelagh:

Rev. Sean McCarthy
 Vincent Blake, M.C.C., Mullinacuffe, Tinahely
 T.J. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim
 D. Kealy, Shillelagh,
 Mrs. Quinn
 J. Whelan, Knockananna, Arklow
 K. Ryan, Tomacork, Carnew

The filling of the two remaining vacancies to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

Rathdown Number 2:

J. Ryder, Quill Farm, Kilmacanogue, Bray
 N. Walker, P.C., Annacrivery, Enniserry
 J. Brady, "Giltspur," New Road, Greystones
 G.V. Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany
 W. Foley, Number 17, Cottage, Kilcoole
 Miss N. O'Neill, "Stepaside," Greystones
 D.L. Semple, B.A., B.A.I., Wayside Cottage, Drummin West, Delgany
 T. Kilbride, Windyridge, Delgany
 C. Keegan, Ballinagee House, Enniskerry
 J. Linton,
 G. Jones, 27, Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole

Naas Number 2:

James Miley, Main Street, Blessington
 Father Casey, P.P., Blessington
 L.M. Byrne, Blessington
 M. Balfe, Blessington
 M. Clarke, Blessington
 Col. M. Gilheany, Blessington
 S. Newman, B.A., Blessington
 D. McEvoy, Baltyboys, Blessington
 K. McEvoy, Ballyknockan,
 Paschal Deering, Dunlavin
 Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Blessington

Councillor K. Ryan referred to Old Age Pensioners not receiving their pensions due to the Postal Dispute and requested that the Council take the matter up with the Minister concerned. He also enquired if there was anything the Council could do to relieve the situation. The Chairman stated that he shared the concern of Councillor Ryan. Councillor F. Hynes suggested that the Eastern Health Board be asked to assist in this matter. He stated that the Assistance Officers should be instructed to assist these people. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. supported.

It was agreed that the County Manager request the Director of Community Care

to instruct the Assistance Officers to give pensioners assistance. This money would be given back when the Postal Dispute had ended.

ITEM 10 TO APPOINT THREE MEMBERS TO THE EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

The following were proposed and seconded to be appointed as the three members to the Eastern Health Board:-

Councillors John Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and F. Hynes.

ITEM 11 TO APPOINT FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY WICKLOW

The meeting was advised that three members must be appointed from each Local Electoral Area and a further three members from the remaining Councillors. It was agreed that three members be appointed from the Baltinglass Electoral Area and four members from each of the other three Electoral Areas in the County.

The following members were then appointed members of the Local Health Committee:-

Baltinglass Electoral Area:

G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley and P. Deering.

Bray Electoral Area:

G. Jones, John Byrne, A. Murphy and Doctor J. McManus

Arklow Electoral Area:

V. Blake, M. Weadick, K. Ryan and T. Keenan

Wicklow Electoral Area:

E. Miley, H. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D. and F. Hynes

ITEM 12 TO APPOINT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD OF THE EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION LIMITED

The following members were nominated to fill the four vacancies on the Board of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation Limited:-

Councillors G. Jones, C. Murphy, T.D., F. Hynes, P. Deering and D. Kinsella

A ballot was then taken and the following four Councillors were appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Board of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation Limited:-

Councillors:- G. Jones, F. Hynes, P. Deering and D. Kinsella

ITEM 13 APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS

The following were nominated to constitute the Library Advisory Committee:-

Councillors:- D. Kinsella, F. Hynes, N. O'Neill, G. Jones, M. Weadick, J. Miley, V. Blake, K. Ryan and E. Miley.

Others:- Michael Miley, J. Giff, Canon Crinion, Wicklow, Rev. V.F.H. Vanston, Arklow, F. Kearney, Wicklow, Mrs. Rynne Arklow and Dermot Greene.

ITEM 14 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council was informed under Section 22 (2) of National Monuments Act, 1930, that every local advisory committee shall consist of such number of persons not less than three nor more than five, as the local authority by whom the same is established shall appoint to be members thereof.

Accordingly, the following persons were nominated to constitute the National Monuments Advisory Committee:-

Councillors:- R. Miley, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Miley

Others:- B. O'Riordan, Burgage More, Blessington
M. Gann Renard-Goulet, Herbert Road, Bray
K. McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Valleymount
Christopher Bryan

Agreed.

ITEM 15 APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE

The following were nominated to constitute the Sheep Dipping Committee:-

Councillors:- P. Deering, V. Blake, R. Miley, T. Keenan, F. Hynes,
D. Kinsella, J. Miley and K. Ryan

Others:- J. Carney, C.A.O., County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture
P. McGrath, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture,
Wentworth Place, Wicklow
J. Roche, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Carrigower, Kilpedder
J. Whelan, Knockananna, Arklow
M. Cullen, Redcross
C. Keegan, Ballinagee House, Enniskerry
F. Cousins, Veterinary Inspector, District Veterinary Officer,
15, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, 2
C.J. Yorke, Veterinary Inspector, Department of Agriculture,
Poplar Square, Naas, Co Kildare.

Agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Liam Murphy
CHAIRMAN

9/7/49
DATE

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 21ST JUNE, 1979, AT THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 7th May, 1979 and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 14th May, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

BALLYTEIGE ROAD:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired what the position was in regard to Ballyteige Road and was informed by the County Secretary that Senior and Junior Counsel had been engaged. The Law Agent was presently taking statements from various residents living on or using the road to be used in evidence.

ITEM 2 BORD FAILTE EIREANN GRANTS, 1979 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES PROGRAMME 1979

The Council was informed that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation had indicated that grant assistance would be forthcoming from Bord Failte Eireann towards the following four projects, subject to a contribution of equal amount by this Council in each case.

	Bord Failte Eireann Grant	County Council Contribution	Total
Lough Bray Road - provide laybys	£1,000	£1,000	£2,000
Russborough - widening of road to main road	£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
Blessington - Lake Drive Car Park and Picnic area	£3,000	£3,000	£6,000
Brittas Bay - Development Scheme	£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
	£9,000	£9,000	£18,000

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12th JULY 1979, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WICKLOW

Councillor G. Murphy, T.D., Chairman
Councillors V. Higgins, J. Byrne, H. Collins, P. Deering, J. Gill,
P. Hyman, G. Jones, J. Kavanagh, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella,
J. Leeson, Doctor J. McManus, J. Miley, A. Murphy,
Miss M. O'Sullivan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and Mrs.
Margo Wadick.

Mr. J. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T.J. Donovan, S.E., County Engineer,
Mr. A. Higgins, County Accountant,
Mr. J. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section
Mr. V. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Roads Section
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section

CONCILIATION OF MINUTES

The proposed minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th May 1979, were presented and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th May 1979, be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Kinsella, that the County Secretary be informed that the County Secretary had been engaged. The proposal was agreed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

The Council was informed that the Western Regional Tourism Organisation had indicated that grant assistance would be forthcoming from Bord Fáilte Éireann towards the following four projects, subject to a contribution of equal amount from the Council in each case.

County Council Contribution	Bord Fáilte Éireann	Total
£1,000	£1,000	£2,000
£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
£3,000	£3,000	£6,000
£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
£2,000	£2,000	£4,000

As no provision was made in the Estimates of Expenses for 1979 for any expenditure on the above works, it was indicated to the Council that it was now necessary for the members to re-allocate finance as follows to enable the schemes to proceed on the basis of equal County Council contribution.

£3,000	Transfer of part of £10,000 'Amenity Schemes' provision
£2,500	Brittas Bay Scheme, finance from capital receipts
£2,000	Transfer of total 'Derelict Sites' provision
£1,000	Transfer of part of £2,000 'Grants for recreational facilities for Youth' provision
£ 500	Transfer of total 'Miscellaneous' provision

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and agreed following explanation sought and obtained by Councillor Ryan. Councillor Dr. McMahon enquired if an application had been received from Bog Meadow, Enniskerry residents for a Community Centre. Mr. Louis Brennan, Administrative Officer, indicated that suggestions had been received from An Foras Forbartha in regard to trees and shrubs but that no plans had to date been received for a Community Centre. He gave details of meetings that had taken place.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. suggested that the Council should request the County Development Officer to approach ANCO with a view to obtaining a grant from them since schemes operated by them were intended for the relief of unemployment.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that the Council be kept informed of the progress of these works and that a report be submitted to the members every six months.

ITEM 3 KILCOOLE NEW WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - RAISING OF LOAN OF £227,000

It was indicated to the Council that the Kilcoole New Water Supply Scheme had been advertised for tenders and the latest date for receipt of same was the 20th July, 1979. It was now necessary that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £227,000 to finance this scheme. It was proposed by Councillor John Byrne, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed that a loan of £227,000 be raised in order to finance this scheme.

SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - 1979 PROGRAMME

The Council was informed that the Department of the Environment had determined the Council's allocation for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes in 1979 at £50,000 and it was now necessary that approval be given to the raising of a loan of £50,000. It was proposed by Councillor E. Miley, seconded by Councillor John Byrne and agreed that approval be given to the raising of a loan of £50,000.

Councillor G. Timmins requested that a report be submitted on the pipe connection at Coolruss.

ITEM 4 CONCILIATION AGREEMENT ON 12% INCREASE IN SALARIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGINEERING STAFF

The Council was informed that in letter EL 11/79, dated 22nd May, 1979, received from the Department of the Environment, it was indicated that agreement had been reached at conciliation on 18th April, 1979, between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, on the one hand and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board on the other in relation to the salaries of Engineers and Officers of cognate professional grades and having regard to the Staff side's assent to the implementation of the productivity/flexibility measures indicated in paragraph 1.1 of the agreement contained in the Engineers' Working Party Report and in Annexes 1 to 1V inclusive to that agreement, sanction may be assumed for the payment of an increase of 12% with effect from 1st July, 1978. as provided for in paragraph 4.1 of the conciliation agreement.

no provision was made in the Estimates of Expenses for 1978 for any contribution on the above works, it was indicated to the Council that it was necessary for the members to re-allocate finance as follows to enable the schemes to proceed on the basis of equal County Council contribution.

Transfer of part of £10,000 'Amenity Schemes' provision	£5,000
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It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and Councillor J. Hynes, that the Council should request the County Development Officer to approach WBC with a view to obtaining a grant for the schemes. It was agreed that a report be submitted to the members every six months.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. suggested that the Council should request the County Development Officer to approach WBC with a view to obtaining a grant for the schemes. It was agreed that a report be submitted to the members every six months.

Councillor J. Hynes requested that the Council be kept informed of the progress of these works and that a report be submitted to the members every six months.

It was indicated to the Council that the Wicklow New Water Supply Scheme had been approved by the Department of the Environment and the latest date for receipt of a loan was 1978. It was now necessary that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £130,000 to finance this scheme. It was proposed by Councillor John Hynes, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed that a loan of £130,000 be raised in 1978 to finance this scheme.

WICKLOW NEW WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - RAISING OF LOAN OF £130,000

Councillor Hynes requested that the Department of the Environment had determined the Council's contribution for the Water and Sewerage Schemes in 1978 at £50,000. It was now necessary that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £130,000. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor John Hynes, and agreed that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £130,000.

Councillor G. Timmins requested that a report be submitted on the pipe connection.

WICKLOW NEW WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - RAISING OF LOAN OF £130,000

Councillor Hynes requested that the Department of the Environment had determined the Council's contribution for the Water and Sewerage Schemes in 1978 at £50,000. It was now necessary that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £130,000. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor John Hynes, and agreed that approval be given for the raising of a loan of £130,000.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that this increase be paid, as stated.

ITEM 5 ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79 OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This item was adjourned until the next meeting.

ITEM 6 NOTIFICATION OF DELEGATION OF CERTAIN MANAGERIAL FUNCTIONS TO COUNTY SECRETARY

The Council was informed of the Managerial functions delegated to the County Secretary.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7 OF THE HARBOURS ACT, 1947

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., the following resolutions were passed in accordance with the terms of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947:-

- (1) "That Wicklow County Council contribute a sum of £15,000 per annum to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to assist them with the re-development of Wicklow Harbour. This contribution should only be paid while an examination of their accounts on a year to year basis indicated that the payment continued to be necessary."
- (2) "That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, we, the Wicklow County Council agree to assist Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £130,000 repayable over a period of 30 years intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour, in the County of Wicklow, and also guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable thereon on the said principal of £130,000 at such rates or a rate as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and interest that may become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant of Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935 and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee."

ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Corpus Christi Procession, Rathnew

Councillor F. Hynes indicated that he had been asked by the people of Rathnew to thank the County Engineer and his Assistant for the work which they did in Rathnew prior to Corpus Christi Procession.

New Council Offices

Councillor P. Deering enquired what was happening to the table in the Council Chamber which had originally come from West Wicklow and was informed by the County Manager that it was not possible to locate it in the New Council Chamber. It was indicated that it was envisaged that the New Offices would be ready for occupation by the end of August.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that this increase be paid, as stated.

ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79 OF NATIONAL HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The item was adjourned until the next meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF DELEGATION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS TO COUNTY SECRETARY

The Council was informed of the Managerial functions delegated to the County Secretary.

TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7 OF THE HARBOUR ACT, 1947

The proposal of Councillor P. Ryan, seconded by Councillor L. J. J. Ryan, that the following resolutions be passed in accordance with the terms of Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1947:-

"That Wicklow County Council contribute a sum of £15,000 per annum to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to assist them with the re-development of Wicklow Harbour. This contribution should only be paid while an examination of their accounts on a year to year basis indicated that the payment continued to be necessary."

It was in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1947, that the Wicklow County Council agreed to assist Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £150,000 repayable over a period of 20 years intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour, in the County of Wicklow, and also guaranteeing the payment of the interest on such loan shall be payable thereon on the said principal of £150,000 at such rates or a rate as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1932, and in the event that any become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1932, and he hereby resolve to give effect to the said guarantee."

COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council discussed the proposal of Councillor P. Ryan, seconded by Councillor L. J. J. Ryan, that the following resolutions be passed in accordance with the terms of Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1947:-

After P. Ryan's proposal, which was supported by the people of Rathnew to the County Engineer and his Assistant, the work which they did in the prior to Corpus Christi Procession, the Council discussed the proposal of Councillor P. Ryan, seconded by Councillor L. J. J. Ryan, that the following resolutions be passed in accordance with the terms of Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1947:-

Postal Dispute

Councillor Doctor McManus stated this was his first meeting of the County Council and he had not received the Agenda until the 20th June. He, therefore, requested that the Government negotiate with the Postal Workers in order to have the dispute settled.

Results of Election

Details of the results of the Local Election held on the 7th June were circulated to the members for their information.

Carnew Sewerage Scheme

Councillor K. Ryan requested that Carnew Sewerage Scheme be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

9/7/79