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HELD ON

MONDAY, JANUARY, 2nd, 1961

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd January, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters.

The following members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness, and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA:

1. Supplementary Grants for repair and improvement of houses and for provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities —Particulars regarding applications received to date.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant for house at Mill St., Carnew.
3. Derelict Sites — Letter from Department of Local Government dated 7th December, 1960, regarding Scheme of Grants for clearance of and provision of public amenities on derelict sites (copy of Scheme circulated).
4. Carnew Housing Scheme—Alternative Site for Scheme.
5. Application to purchase Cottage at Coolahullen, Aughrim, under Cottage Purchase Scheme.
6. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Repairs to Cottages carried out during December, 1960, and cottages to be repaired in January, 1961.

Illness of Councillor.

The Secretary stated that an apology for inability to attend had been received from Councillor C. W. Hudson who was ill. The Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor Hudson for his speedy recovery.

Vote of Congratulations.

On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Quigley, the Council passed a Resolution expressing their congratulations to Terence Byrne of Kiltegan on his winning the contest for "Young Farmer of the Year." The Council also congratulated his teachers.

ITEM No. 1—Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and for Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities.

The County Secretary stated that to date 558 grants had been allocated, 464 being in respect of repair and improvement of house, 21 in respect of new houses and 73 for provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities. The total value of the grants allocated to date amounted to £42,098. 379 grants had been paid to date at a total cost of £25,988. The amount of loans raised by the Council

was £50,000 and the Council was at present considering applications for Supplementary grants amounting to 92. About 400 grants have been allocated by the State in respect of which application for Supplementary Grants had not been received. The County Secretary stated that if the Scheme were being continued on the same basis in the coming year it would be necessary for the Council during the coming financial year to raise a further loan. It appeared from the present figures that the rate in the £ which would be required for loan charges in respect of Supplementary Grants in the coming financial year would be about 4d. The Council noted the position in the matter regarding Supplementary Grants and that it would be necessary to raise a further loan in due course.

Councillor Miss Walsh enquired regarding an application of Miss Theresa Lawlor, Greystones, for a grant for the provision of private sewerage facilities. The County Secretary explained that it had not been intended under the Council's Scheme to make grants available for connections to existing water supplies or existing sewerage systems as in most cases such connections did not involve heavy expenditure. Where the applicant had to sink a well and possibly provide an electric pump for the purposes of a private water supply the cost could be substantial and where the applicant had to provide his own septic tank for the purposes of a sewerage scheme the Council agreed that in such cases supplementary grants were payable. In the case of the application referred to by Councillor Walsh it was understood that the cost of laying the sewer was more than normal. Clr. Miss Walsh said that she would consider the matter further and might hand in a notice of motion for the amendment of the Council's Scheme to allow making grants in such cases.

ITEM NO. 2.—Application for Supplementary Grant for House at Mill Street, Carnew.

It was proposed by Clr. J. J. McCrea, seconded by Clr. R. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £55 in respect of repair and improvements to house of Mrs. L. Cullen, Mill Street, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3.—Derelict Sites.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from Department of Local Government dated 7th December, 1960, and copy of Scheme for Derelict Sites Grants, copies of which had been circulated to the members. The object of the grants was to encourage the carrying out on Derelict Sites of work to help to improve the appearance and amenities of towns, villages and countryside. Grants would be paid to Local Authorities, private persons, local development associations and other bodies carrying out the work. The grants would be 50 per cent. of the cost of the work as approved by the Minister subject to a maximum grant of £100 but no grants would be payable where the approved cost of the works was less than £30. The Council agreed that the Health Inspectors and Assistant County Engineers be asked to report on eligible sites in their areas and that the reports be considered by the members of the Council for the various electoral areas at Local Meetings.

ITEM NO. 4.—Carnew Housing Scheme—Alternative Site for Scheme.

The County Secretary referred to the previous report to the Council indicating that the site which the Council had proposed to acquire for Housing Scheme at Carnew was not available and the Council's agreement that another site would be sought. The Assistant County

Engineer had reported on two possible sites, one on the Gorey-Coolattin Road and another which was owned by a Mr. Correll. The Assistant County Engineer, however, stated that there were other possible sites but he would require further time to examine them. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned and that the Engineer examine and report on other possible sites and that the matter be considered by the local members at their next meeting.

ITEM NO. 5.—Application to Purchase Cottage at Coolahullen, Aughrim, Under Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that Owen Smith, who is a Sergeant in the Defence Forces, had submitted an application to purchase cottage No. 92/10 at Coolahullen, Aughrim, of which he was the tenant. Enquiry had been made from the Department of Local Government as to his eligibility to purchase the cottage and the Department had directed attention to the terms of Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, as amended by Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956. These Sections empowered the Council by Resolution to determine that a tenant was an agricultural labourer for the purposes of the Section and a qualified person for the purpose of the purchase of the Cottage.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Quigley.

Resolved—That under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, we hereby declare that Owen Smith, tenant of cottage No. 92/10 at Coolahullen, Aughrim, is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications for submission to the Council.

ITEM NO. 7.—Repairs Carried Out To Cottages During December, 1960, and Cottages to be Repaired in January, 1961.

Particulars of the cottages repaired during the month of December, 1960, and of the cottages to be repaired during the month of January, 1961, were submitted to the Council. Clr. J. Everett, T.D., asked if the County Manager was satisfied that there were no cottages in the Wicklow Area requiring any repairs as no cottages in the area were listed for repair in January, 1961. He enquired was it due to the illness of the Clerk of Works. The County Manager stated that the illness of the Clerk of Works had given rise to difficulty in regard to repairs. In reply to an enquiry from Clr. Everett regarding a complaint from a person in Kilmacanogue concerning work carried out on a cottage and asking that the work be examined before payment was made to the Contractor, the County Manager stated that no payment was made to a contractor in respect of cottage repairs unless it had been certified by the Council's Engineer that the work had been satisfactorily carried out. The County Secretary noted particulars of cottages requiring repair handed in by members of the Council.

Baltinglass Cemetery.

Clr. Timmins referred to inconvenience caused by the lack of paths in the new Cemetery at Baltinglass and asked that arrangements be made to provide proper access paths. Clr. P. McCarthy referred to the lane leading to Kilcarra Cemetery which, it appeared, was not maintained by the Council and asked if this laneway could be taken over and improved. He stated that the laneway also served a number of houses. It was agreed that the Council's Engineer report on the matter.

E.S.V. Schemes.

Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., asked that particulars of the amounts made available for E.S.V. Grant works for the Carnew and Rathdrum areas be submitted to the Council at the next meeting and also particulars of the numbers of men employed on such works.

Road Works.

Clr. J. Miley asked that the amount of monies expended on materials for Road Works during the past nine months and also the numbers of men employed and the balances on Road Works Schemes available be submitted to the next meeting of the Council. Councillor Hadden also referred to the need for reducing the cost of production of chippings, particularly in the Quarry at Carnew, and asked that the Engineer submit his recommendations.

Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—

1. "That I or someone for me will move a motion requesting the County Council to postpone the payment of monies to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee until a further full investigation of the needs for two additional Vocational Schools in West Wicklow is clarified and until the present transport service is guaranteed to be continued to serve Rural West Wicklow and further, that that the whole matter of the financial position of the Vocational Committee is reviewed by the Council."
2. "I, or some for me, will move a motion asking the County Council to suspend Standing Orders to withdraw the granting of 2d. in the £ to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and instead to allow only 1d. in the £ for this year as it is noted that part of the increase as covered in the 2d. is due to additional expenses which are not required."

Clr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the first Notice of Motion was out of order but that the second Notice of Motion which asked for a suspension of Standing Orders was accepted and would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Miley was submitted and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I or some member of this Council will move for me that road at Manor Kilbride be taken over and maintained by the County Council."

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Quigley was submitted and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I, or someone for me, will move that the Council fence off lane leading to Mulhall's holding at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, where road widening and other improvements have taken place."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th January, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. The following members attended

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. E. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 7th and 14th November, and 5th December, 1960.
2. To fill vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee—Letter from Clerk to the Sub-Committee.
3. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
4. To fix date for Estimates Meeting for 1961/62.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor James Miley for taking over of road at Manor Kilbride.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley re fencing off of lane leading to Mulhall's holding at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, where road widening and other improvements have taken place.
7. Road Works Scheme for 1961/62 as determined following meetings of Local Committees (copy circulated).
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., regarding production of chippings during months of January, February and March, 1961, for the purposes of 1961/62 Road programme.
9. Works carried out under Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1960/61—Details of grants and employment afforded.
10. Improvement Works at Greystones—Proposed agreement with Bórd Fáilte Éireann.
11. Pensions (Increase) Act, 1960—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding increases in certain Local Authority Pensions, with effect from 1st August, 1960.
12. Revision of Salaries for certain officers.
13. Provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority in respect of Mental Health Services.
14. Letter from Department of Health re increase in maximum weekly rate of allowance to Disabled persons.
15. Notification from Department of Health of increase in approved rate of payment for maintenance of children in Catholic Institute for the Deaf.

16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill as follows:—"I, or someone for me, will move a motion asking the Co. Council to suspend Standing Orders to withdraw the granting of 2d. in the £ to the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and instead to allow only 1d. in the £ for this year, as it is noted that part of the increase covered in this 2d. is due to additional expenses which are not required."
17. Particulars regarding numbers of patients receiving treatment for Tuberculosis as requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
18. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in relation to Malicious Injury Claims.
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in relation to Public Rights-of-way.
20. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council.
21. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden, seconded by J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 7th and 14th November and 5th December, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—FILLING OF VACANCY ON RATHDOWN No. 2 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Co. Secretary submitted letter from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee stating that the Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment of Mr. James Moran, Farrankelly, Delgany, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. James Moran, Farrankelly, Delgany, to fill vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

The County Engineer stated that the Chief Fire Officer had inspected Cinemas at St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew, The Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, The Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass, The Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and the Lakes Cinema, Blessington, and had no objection to the renewal of licences.

It was proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences for the following Cinemas: St. Brigid's Hall Carnew, Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, Ormonde Cinema, Baltinglass, Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, The Lakes Cinema, Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—TO FIX DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING FOR 1961/62.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to fix the date on which the Estimates meeting for 1961/62 would be held. In recent years it had been the practice to hold the Estimates meeting about the third Monday in the month of February. The 20th February would be the third Monday in that month. It was indicated by some of the members that this date would be inconvenient.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 27th February, 1961, at 2 p.m. as the date for the Estimates meeting of the Council to consider the Estimates for the year 1961/62.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JAMES MILEY FOR TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT MANOR KILBRIDE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Miley the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road was a cul-de-sac situated at Kilbride and known locally as the Kilbride Banks Road. Its total length was 1,530 yards. The present condition of the road was extremely bad and there was difficulty in regard to drainage. The County Secretary suggested that the matter might be deferred pending a further report from the Assistant County Engineer. Councillor Miley stated that he appreciated that provision for the expenditure on this road had not been made in the Estimates for 1961/62 as provisionally determined but nevertheless he would seek that the road be taken over. The Council agreed to defer the matter for a further report from the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY re FENCING OFF OF LANE LEADING TO MULHALL'S HOLDING AT BALLYSHONOGUE, TINAHELY WHERE ROAD WIDENING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE.

The County Secretary stated that a report had not as yet been received from the County Engineer on the matter and suggested that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting. The Council agreed that the Notice of Motion be adjourned for consideration to next meeting.

ITEM No. 7—ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR 1961/62 AS DETERMINED FOLLOWING MEETINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Road Works Scheme for 1961/62 as provisionally determined had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Secretary pointed out that no provision had been made in the Roads Estimates for any scavenging service in Greystones and an enquiry on the matter had been received from the Greystones District Civic Association. The Assistant County Engineer had estimated the cost of providing a scavenging service with a twice weekly collection in the Northern Engineering District at £3,800. If the Council wished the matter could be further considered at the Estimates meeting. Councillor E. Byrne suggested that the matter might be left for further examination by the local members. The Council noted the provisional Road Works Scheme as submitted.

ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., REGARDING PRODUCTION OF CHIPPINGS DURING MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1961, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 1961/62 ROAD PROGRAMME.

In connection with the figure of £9,870 for value of materials at 31st March, 1960, referred to at the previous meeting the County Sec. stated that this figure included stocks of materials such as road signs, matchsticks, cats eyes, protective clothing for workmen, paint and tools, etc. at a cost price of £3,830. The value of stone and chippings in quarries and depots was £3,500 in respect of 2,000 cubic yards of chips, stone, etc. and 4,000 cubic yards of uncrushed stone. There was a debit balance in respect of the cost of production of stone in the previous year amounting to £2,550 due to the costs of production being higher than the rate charged to works. The County Secretary added that the stocks of road signs included 500 signs of the old type which had been superseded by the new regulations in regard to road signs and it must now be regarded as over-valued to the extent of £412 10/-.

The County Engineer in his report stated that allowing for the amount of materials in stock he would recommend that 3,000 cubic yards of chippings be produced in Ballinclare, 1,500 at Tomacork and Coolroe and 1,000 in the Western Area during the months of February and March to provide a sufficient reserve of chippings and stone at the commencement of the coming financial year. The total estimated cost of production of this quantity of chippings would be £6,500. The total requirements for materials for the coming financial year were calculated as follows:—From Ballinclare, 18,000 cubic yards; from Tomacork and Coolroe, 7,000 cubic yards, and from the Western Area, 2,200 cubic yards. These figures did not include quantities of material which could be taken from and purchased from local sandpits for sand/gravel roads nor materials from outside sources or tarmacadam in the Western Area. The Council asked that the report be circulated to the members and agreed that it be considered further at the next meeting. Following a discussion in regard to the cost of production of materials in quarries

It was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That a Sub-Committee be set up from members of the County Council to investigate the costs of production in Council quarries—the Committee to consist of one member from each area and the Chairman:—

Councillor J. Temple, Councillor J. Gregory, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor J. Miley.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the SubCommittee would meet at Wicklow on Monday, 23rd January, 1961, at 11.30 a.m. Councillor J. Miley asked that details be submitted of the cost of production of chippings in each quarry. Councillor Hadden asked that details of plans to reduce the cost of production of chippings also be submitted. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, asked that particulars of the expenditure on wages in respect of roadworkers, quarry workers and lorry drivers and expenditure on materials to 31st December, 1960, be submitted to the Committee and also the charges for lorries and other machines charged to roadworks and the costs of repairs to machinery. Councillor J.

Everett, T.D., asked that particulars of the cost of hired machinery for the years 1958/59, 1959/60 and 1960/61 be submitted to the Council. It was agreed that the report of the Committee be submitted to the February meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 9—WORKS CARRIED OUT UNDER EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE, 1960/61—DETAILS OF GRANTS AND EMPLOYMENT AFFORDED.

The County Secretary stated that grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote amounting in all to £1,600 subject to a local contribution from the Council of £535 had been made available in the present financial year. The total expenditure of £2,135 was to be expended in 8 different areas; works costing £265 were carried out at Bray environs, Kilcoole, Newtownmountkennedy-Killadreenan, Rathdrum and Rathnew-Merrymount and works costing £270 at Ashford, Baltinglass and Carnew. The total number of men employed amounted to 75, being 67 unskilled, 6 skilled and two carters. Particulars of the number of men employed in each scheme were given to the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that there had not been 12 men employed in the Carnew area at the beginning of the Scheme but he was satisfied now that 12 men had been employed during the course of the work. The County Engineer stated that about 38 per cent. of the grant was utilised on materials and machinery leaving only 62 per cent. for labour. The amount available in each area was sufficient only to employ a limited number of men. The Council noted the report on the matter.

ITEM No. 10—IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT GREYSTONES—PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BORD FAILTE EIREANN.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received from An Bord Fáilte Eireann a Schedule of Improvement Works at Greystones of a total cost of £25,880 towards which the Board were giving grants for part of the cost. The Board asked that the Council enter into an agreement to complete the works within a specified time and to maintain the works when carried out. Councillor J. Temple stated that the matter required some thought and suggested that the details be circulated to the members. The Council agreed that particulars of the works be circulated to the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the matter be considered at a meeting of the members for the area.

ITEM No. 11—PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1960—LETTER FROM FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING INCREASES IN CERTAIN LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSIONS WITH EFFECT FROM 1st AUGUST, 1960.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had referred to the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1960, which authorised increases with effect from 1st August in certain State and Local Authority Pensions and had indicated that Local Authorities wishing to do so might grant Pension increases within the limits set out in the Department's letter and where this was done the specific sanction of the Minister to the grant of any such increase need not be sought. The intention of the Act was to allow pension increases of 7½ per cent. to persons who retired prior to 29th May, 1948 and 5 per cent. to those who retired between that date and 1st November, 1955. In the case of County Council road workers the second date could be taken as the

latest date preceding the 3rd April, 1956, on which a general wages increase came into operation for them. The cost of increases in pensions was calculated at about £420, the major part being in respect of increases in pensions to road workers.

It was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 12th December, 1960, from Department of Local Government regarding Pensions (Increase) Act, 1960, we approve of the payment of increases in pensions to persons entitled with effect from 1st August, 1960, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increases in pensions.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—REVISION OF SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to revise the salaries of certain officers of the Council and it was understood that the proposed revised salary scales would receive the sanction of the appropriate Minister.

The proposer new scales were as follows:—

County Medical Officer	£1,880 x £65 to £2,140
County Engineer	do.
Asst. Co. Medical Officer	£1,350 x £40 to £1,550
County Dentist	£1,300 x £40 to £1,550
District Medical Officer	£ 900 x £50 to £1,250
County Accountant	£1,065 x £40 to £1,345

The gross cost of the proposed revisions of salaries would be £6,140 in a full year and allowing for recoupment from the Health Services Grant in respect of salaries of Medical staff the net cost would be £3,165 in a full year. It is proposed to apply the revised salary scales from 1st August, 1960, and in the present year the gross cost would be £4,092 and the net cost £2,110. The County Manager stated that the proposed revision of these salary scales were consequent on the revision of salary scales of senior members of the Civil Service. He pointed out that the only senior officer excluded was the County Secretary. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates and he did not favour payment of increased remuneration retrospectively. Councillor J. Temple stated that when such increases had been introduced and paid in other counties it would seem that the Council should also approve of them. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the matter be deferred to the Estimates meeting and that in the meantime the Council ascertain the position in other Counties. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting and in the meantime to ascertain from other Counties whether similar applications had been made and granted.

ITEM No. 13—PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the December meeting had agreed to the proposed method of apportionment of the expenses of the Dublin Health Authority in respect of Mental Health Services for future years but as it was not then anticipated that an agreement could be completed by all Local Authorities concerned by 31st Dec., 1960, the Council had agreed to the proposed apportionment of

the expenses for the coming year in relation to the net expenditure as shown in the abstract of accounts of the different Local Authorities for the year ended 31st March, 1960. It had now been proposed by the Dublin Health Authority that for the coming financial year the expenses be apportioned in proportion to the net cost of maintenance of patients from each of the areas of the contributing bodies. This basis was in fact the basis of apportionment which had applied to Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board and had seemed a reasonable and equitable method. The effect of the change in the method of apportionment in the coming year would result in an increase of £253 on the provisional estimated demand.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 6th January, 1961, from the Dublin Health Authority we hereby rescind Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on 12th December, 1960, in so far as it approves of the basis of apportionment of the expenses under the Mental Treatment Acts for the year 1961/62 and resolve that the agreement to be made under Section 11 (1) of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, between the bodies liable to contribute to the expenses of the Dublin Health Authority for the purposes of the Mental Health Service shall provide that in respect of the Local financial year in which that Authority was established, i.e., year ended 31st March, 1961, the expenses of the Authority be contributed in proportions determined in accordance with the basis on which such expenses would have been contributed if the Health Authorities had not been enacted.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Dublin Health Authority had forwarded the provisional estimate of expenses for mental health services for the coming financial year. The amount of the estimated Demand as amended was £41,366. This represented a substantial reduction on the previous year's Demand but it arose from a reduction in the expenditure on Mental Health Services during the current year consequent on St. Loman's Hospital, Ballyowen, not being occupied throughout the whole of the financial year. The Council would not, however, obtain the full benefit of the reduction in the demand as the receipt from Health Grant in respect of the current year would be reduced in proportion to the reduction in expenditure. The exact effect would be reported to the Council at the Estimates meeting. The Co. Secretary pointed out that the services as a whole showed a net increase of £7,936. It was mentioned also in the report that the Authority was committed to a sizeable programme of capital works and that it was obvious that loan charges arising therefrom would show an appreciable increase within the next few years.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered provisional estimate of expenses of the Dublin Health Authority and Draft Demand dated 19th December, 1960, we hereby confirm the provisional estimate of expenses and adopt the Draft Demand in the amended figure of £41,366 in respect of Mental Health Services.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE INCREASE IN MAXIMUM WEEKLY RATE OF ALLOWANCE TO DISABLED PERSONS.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had forwarded a copy of the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) Regulations, 1960, which provided for an increase from 20/- to 22/6 in the maximum weekly rate of allowance which might be paid. The increased rate of allowances would come into operation on 1st January, 1961. The estimated cost of the increase of 2/6 per week in the allowances being paid at present amounted to £390 for the present financial year and would be equivalent to £1,560 for a full year. One-half of the cost would be recoupable from Health Services Grant.

It was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we note letter of 30th December, 1960, from the Department of Health forwarding copy of Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) Regulations, 1960, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increase in the maximum weekly rate of allowance from 20/- to 22/6 with effect from 1st January, 1961, and note that the estimated additional cost in the present financial year is £390.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—NOTIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF INCREASE IN APPROVED RATE OF PAYMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had indicated that the Minister had approved of payment at the rate of £150 per annum as from 1st October, 1960, for children maintained in the Catholic Institute for the Deaf, Cabra. The previous approved rate of payment was £85. The Council was at present maintaining 11 children in the Home and consequently the cost for six months of the increase in the rate of payment was £357 10 0.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Quigley, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we note Circular letter of 23rd December, 1960, Ref. 55/60 from Department of Health approving of payment at the rate of £150 per annum with effect from 1st October, 1960, for children maintained in the Catholic Institute for the Deaf, Cabra, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure estimated at £357 10 0 to meet the cost of maintenance of children in the Institute in the current financial year.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL AS FOLLOWS: "I OR SOMEONE FOR ME, WILL MOVE A MOTION ASKING THE CO. COUNCIL TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO WITHDRAW THE GRANTING OF 2d. IN THE £ TO THE COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND INSTEAD TO ALLOW ONLY 1d. IN THE £ FOR THIS YEAR, AS IT IS NOTED THAT PART OF THE INCREASE COVERED IN THIS 2d. IS DUE TO ADDITIONAL EXPENSES WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED."

It was proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended to withdraw the granting of 2d. in the £ to County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and instead to allow only 1d. in the £ for this year as it is noted that part of the increase as covered in this 2d. is due to additional expenses which are not required.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. J. McCrea (5).

AGAINST—Councillors Ed. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh (13).

The motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 5 votes in favour.

ITEM No. 17 — PORTICULARS REGARDING NUMBERS OF PATIENTS RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that there were 82 patients receiving treatment for Tuberculosis in Sanatoria. 95 patients were receiving treatment either at their homes or at Dispensaries. Each patient was visited on average once a month. The Council noted the information submitted.

ITEM No. 18—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL REGARDINGG RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Council's General Council had considered at their meeting on 16th December, 1960, the Resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in regard to Malicious Injury Claims. In a letter from the County Council's General Council

it was stated that the General Council was so divided on motions dealing with the Malicious Damage Acts that it was decided to adjourn the motion pending receipt of the views of the individual County Councils. Accordingly it was requested that the Council at their next meeting submit their views on (a) the repeal of the Malicious Damage Acts, (b) the retention of the Acts and (c) reasonable amendments of the said Acts. It was stated that if the Council had any views on amendments of the Acts the Secretary of the County Council's General Council would be particularly glad to hear them. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the Acts should be amended as it was not fair that ratepayers of Wicklow should have to pay for damage caused to a car in Wicklow which had been stolen in Dublin. Councillor Hipwell suggested that the Acts should be repealed in their entirety and said that they were outmoded and that the matter should be left to Insurance Companies. Councillor Hadden stated that he would not favour a complete repeal of the Acts but would be in favour of amendments to them. The County Manager suggested that the Council might wish to have a report on the instances which had come before the Council in the past in respect of Malicious Injury Claims and also the views of the Council's Solicitor. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting for submission of these reports.

ITEM No. 19 — LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL REGARDING RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

The Council noted that the County Council's General Council at their meeting on 15th December, 1960, had adopted the following motion:—

"That Local Authorities be empowered to sue in public nuisance, particularly where public rights of way are interfered with or obstructed."

ITEM NO. 20—MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

The County Secretary submitted the Minutes of the County Councils' General Council held on 4th August, 1960, and 29th September, 1960. The Council noted the submission of the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 21—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGERS' ORDERS.

The Council noted the summaries which had been circulated of the Principal Orders made by the County Manager during the month of December, 1960.

LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEES.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that it would be desirable that meetings of the members for the Electoral Areas be held once each quarter to consider matters in relations to roads.

MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The County Manager stated that there were some matters requiring consideration by the Consultative Health Committee, including the proposed use of the Hospital Building at Wicklow. It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 16th January, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARDA SERGEANT, DUNLAVIN.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that congratulations be conveyed to Sergeant Joseph Glennon, of Hollywood, on his efficiency in bringing to justice a person who had attacked a young girl. The Council agreed that the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána be informed of the Council's expression of congratulations.

LETTER BOX AT RATHDRUM.

Councillor R. Miley asked if representations could be made for the restoration of a letter box which had been located at the school at Rathdrum. It was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs asking that this letter box be restored.

FLOODING AT AVONDALE PARK.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge again drew attention to the flooding which was occurring at Avondale Park, Bray, and asked that the matter receive immediate attention.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Temple and H. B. Hipwell was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—"Please take notice that I, or someone on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the present system of fortnightly payment to roadworkers be suspended, and that payment on a weekly basis shall be made effective as from the first pay period in April, 1961."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th February, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended :

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

Councillors A. H. Hadden, P. Brennan, T.D., and C. W. Hudson were absent due to illness.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Proposed Sale of Cottage at Tinnakilly, Aughrim.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant towards erection of new dwelling.
3. Application for additional public light at Avoca.
4. Report on expenditure on Cottage Repairs, 1960/61.
5. Repairs carried out to cottages in January, 1961, and repairs to be carried out in February, 1961.

ITEM No. 1—PROPOSED SALE OF COTTAGE AT TINNAKILLY, AUGHRIM.

The County Secretary stated that in August, 1959, Mr. Thomas Tanham, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, had received the permission of the Council to dispose of his vested cottage to a Mr. Denis Newsome for the sum of £200 subject to the usual conditions. This sale apparently fell through and Mr. Tanham had now applied for permission to sell the cottage to Charles Jordan of Tinnakilly for the sum of £200. Mr. Jordan was employed as a miner at St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca, and Mr. Tanham intended to go to England to join his family.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of permission being granted to Thomas Tanham, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, to dispose of his interest in his vested cottage to Charles Jordan of Tinnakilly, for the sum of £200."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW DWELLING.

The application of Mrs. Bridget Byrne, Borkle, Kiltegan, for a Supplementary Grant towards the erection of a new dwelling was considered by the Council. The County Secretary stated that the valuation of Mrs. Byrne's holding was £17 15s. 0d. and that her husband Michael Byrne had transferred his holding to his son. On the basis of the valuation of £17 15s. 0d. Mrs. Byrne would be entitled to a grant of £82. The County Secretary stated it was not clear whether the son was getting married and that this was the reason for the erection of the new house. Councillor Timmins pointed out that the father had transferred his lands to his son and this was a case where the Council should make the grant available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £82 0s. 0d. to Mrs. Bridget Byrne, Borkle, Kiltegan, in respect of the erection of a new house."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to certain cases where a State Grant had been paid in respect of the reconstruction of a house but that due to the use of unsatisfactory materials or inferior workmanship a State Grant was reduced slightly and the Council grant was refused. He considered that where the State Grant was paid the Council should pay a similar grant. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council could not make a grant available unless the Department had first given a grant. The Council had prepared their own Scheme in regard to the making of Supplementary Grants and had set out in the Scheme certain works which would not be included for the purposes of the Supplementary Grant. It was necessary that the Council have a report from their own Engineer that the work was carried out satisfactorily and in accordance with the estimate before the Supplementary Grant could be paid. In certain cases where corrugated asbestos roofing had been used for a dwelling, as this material was not considered of a satisfactory standard for such purpose, the State Grant had been reduced and in such instances the Council had not paid a Supplementary Grant. The County Manager explained that when the Scheme had been considered by the Council the matter of the use of inferior materials had been discussed and it was agreed that corrugated iron or corrugated asbestos would not be accepted as suitable material for roofing of dwelling houses. Such material did not give proper insulation and the Council in many cases where such materials had been used in the past had been required to take people out of such houses due to their being unfit for habitation. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that many people would not go ahead with works of repair unless they were sure of getting the grant from the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That the Council accept the report of the Department's Inspector regarding work carried out for Reconstruction Grants and the amount determined by the Department as the basis for payment of Supplementary Grants and that the Council's Scheme be amended accordingly."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT AT AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made for the provision of additional light at Avoca Village near the Parochial House. The estimated cost of installing the extra light would be £37 but it would serve only one house. The Assistant County Engineer in his report of 3rd November, 1960, indicated that in his opinion the light was unnecessary. It seemed rather heavy expenditure for providing one light which would serve only one house. The Council agreed that the light be not installed. Councillor P. McCarthy enquired if a report was available regarding the provision of a light at Templarney, Arklow, and the County Secretary stated that the estimated cost was not yet available.

ITEM No. 4—REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON COTTAGE REPAIRS, 1960-61.

The County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Cottage Repairs amounted to £7,360. Of this sum loan charges accounted for £2,565 leaving the amount available for actual repairs at £4,795. For the period to 31st January, 1961, the total expenditure was £4,588 18s. 7d. Allowing for expenditure already incurred but not yet paid there was less than £200 available to meet repairs during the remaining two months of the year. The County Secretary suggested that authorisation might be given for expenditure of a further £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates. Councillor Haughton complained of the condition of certain cottages in his area and also stated that some repairs carried out were not satisfactory. He did not consider the present system of carrying out repairs by Contract as being satisfactory. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that particulars be made available of the total amount spent on repairs to cottages over the past 10 years and Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that particulars be given of the number of houses repaired during the present financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That having considered report re expenditure on cottage repairs for the current financial year we hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the extra cost arising in the current financial year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT TO COTTAGES IN JANUARY, 1961, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN FEBRUARY, 1961.

Particulars of the Cottages repaired during the month of January, 1961, and of the cottages to be repaired during the month of February, 1961, were submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated it was proposed to invite tenders for repairs to cottages for the coming financial year. As in previous years tenders would be invited on the basis of a Schedule of Prices and each tenderer could quote for carrying out the repairs on the basis of the Schedule or with an addition of a percentage. For the purposes of tendering the County had been divided into 10 areas in the present year. Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, stated that he had experienced difficulty in having repairs done in the present year as the Contractor for one part of his area resided in Tullow. He suggested that tenders be invited for repairs in his Engineering District as a whole. Councillor Miley proposed that tenders be not invited for the West Wicklow area where repairs had been carried out by Direct Labour in the past year. The County Secretary stated that it would be desirable to invite tenders for all districts and the Council could then determine the matter when tenders were available. The Council agreed that tenders might be invited.

TREES AT AVONDALE PARK

Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., asked if some trees on the Council's Housing Scheme at Avondale Park could be removed as the roots were causing difficulties to tenants in cultivating their gardens. The County Manager pointed out that this Housing Scheme had been built to a special design so that the trees could be preserved and their removal might affect the amenities of the district. It was agreed that the matter would be examined.

BALLYMANUS BRIDGE

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Miss M. Walsh the County Secretary stated that the reconstruction of the bridge would be financed by way of loan.

GRADED RENTS SCHEME

Councillor Haughton asked if any reply had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed revision of the Graded Rents Scheme. The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received. Councillor Haughton asked that a reminder be sent to the Department and that the matter be submitted to the Council at the next meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillors J. O'Toole, T.D., and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:

That dangerous bend to Lakes near former President's Residence be removed.

In the name of Councillor J. Temple:

That the recent ruling in connection with the issue of Medical Cards by the Manager, i.e. that a person who may have 6 children and earning over £8 10s. 0d. is not entitled to this medical treatment, is unreasonable and should be amended.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:

That the Council make application to the appropriate Department under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts or any other enabling legislation in order to prevent flooding at Aughrim and its consequent damage to crops as it is believed this flooding has been aggravated by the cleaning of the river at Kilpipe and its tributary at Tomanerrin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th February, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 12th December, 1960, and 2nd January, 1961.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961—To consider applications received and letter from Mr. Aodh O'Broin.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. O'Toole, T.D., and Mrs. M. Ledwidge that dangerous bend to the Reservoir near former President's Residence be removed.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that the Council fence off lane leading to Mulhall's holding at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely.
5. Application for taking over by the Council as a public road of Mangans Lane, Tinahely.
- 5a. Water Supplies—Special Survey for entire County.
- 5b. Wicklow Regional Water Supply—Enlargement of Supply (Extension of Filter Beds).
6. Provision of stocks of materials in advance for Road Works Scheme, 1961-62.
7. Agreement with Bord Failte Eireann regarding works at Greystones.
8. Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of Road Workers, reduction in working hours and introduction of 5-day working week, weekly payment of wages and introduction of Sick Pay Scheme.
9. (a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Temple and H. B. Hipwell that present system of fortnightly payment to road workers be suspended and that payment on a weekly basis be made operative as from the first pay period in April, 1961.
(b) Application from Irish Transport and General Workers Union for payment of wages weekly.
10. Revision of salaries of certain officers of the Council.
11. Revision of Coroners Salaries and of Salaries of Veterinary Inspectors.
12. Revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel.

13. Graded Rents Scheme—Reply from Department of Local Government regarding Council's proposals.
14. Payment of Rates by instalment—Letter from Department of Local Government.
15. Letter from Dublin Health Authority re disqualification of member.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Temple that the recent ruling in connection with the issue of Medical Cards by the Manager, i.e. that a person who may have 6 children and earning over £8 10s. 0d. is not entitled to this medical treatment, is unreasonable and should be amended.
17. Malicious Injury Claims—Report of Council's Solicitor and report regarding claim received.
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that the Council make application to the appropriate Department under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts or any other enabling legislation in order to prevent flooding at Aughrim and its consequent damage to crops as it is believed this flooding has been aggravated by the cleaning of the river at Kilpipe and its tributary at Tomanerrin.
19. Institute of Public Administration—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding payment of subscription.
20. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 12th December, 1960, and 2nd January, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961—TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND LETTER FROM MR. AODH O'BROIN.

The County Secretary stated that 74 applications to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships had been received, 48 being in respect of boys and 26 in respect of girls. In the previous year the total number of applications was 78 of which 47 were from boys and 31 from girls. The Council proceeded to examine in Committee the applications received. In the case of two applicants the Council noted that the necessary reference had not been given by the teacher and that consequently these two candidates could not be accepted. In cases where the father of an applicant was working in England the County Secretary stated that the Council had previously allowed a deduction of £150 from income in determining the income limits under the Scheme. This figure had been taken as representing approximately £3 0s. 0d. a week. The Council agreed that the figure be increased to £3 0s. 0d. per week, i.e. £156 a year and accordingly subject to the sanction of the Minister allowed the application of Margaret Mary Murphy, 12 St. Peter's Place, Arklow. The Council also allowed the application of Francis Michael McGettigan where the income of the parent was less than £1 0s. 0d. over the limit of income shown in the Scheme, this being also subject to the sanction of the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That having considered applications received under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools we approve of the applications submitted with the following exceptions:—

The following applicants are refused as not complying with the terms of the Scheme:—

Michael Thomas Boyle, 18 Scott Park, Bray.
Mary Ann Breslin, 9 Wexford Road, Arklow.
Patrick Joseph Cleary, 8 Myrtle Grove, Bray.
Mary Rosarie Theresa Doyle, Tomanerrin, Aughrim.
Carmel Hempenstall, 21 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany.
Anne Kelly, 49 Templecarrig Upper, Greystones.
Mary Honoria Murray, 33 Ledwidge Crescent, Bray.
Daniel Oliver Maguire, Colmcille, Novara Ave., Bray.
Martin Vincent Maguire, Colmcille, Novara Ave., Bray.
Christopher Paul Reilly, Shanganagh House, Shankill, Dublin.
Peter Daniel Reilly, 29 Putland Villas, Vevay Road, Bray.
Michael Declan Walker, 76 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
Dermot O'Neill, Claddagh, Newcourt Road, Bray.

The following applications are deferred for further examination:—

Mary Catherine Byrne, 13 Grattan Park, Greystones.
Thomas Anthony Byrne, 3 Castle Ave., Wicklow.
Patrick Paschal Fitzgerald, 13 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
Bridget Anne Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow.
Bridget Mary Hickey, 33 Main Street, Arklow.
William Kavanagh, 17 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
Matthew Jenkinson, 107 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
John Jos. Kinsella, 37 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter from Mr. Aodh O'Broin was submitted:—

Rathcoyle N.S.,
Rathdangan,
Baltinglass.
22/1/61.

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you would bring before the Council at its next meeting this application which requests the Council to issue to me Application Forms for Scholarships in Secondary Schools to enable some pupils of this school to apply for admission to the Examination for these Scholarships. I also ask the Council to take the necessary steps to have these application forms accepted when fully returned.

Through a mistake of mine in taking the last day for receiving applications as the 15th instead of the 5th my application for entrance forms was late.

I wish to ask the Council kindly to extend the date for receiving application forms and to ask the Minister to sanction this change. I have been entering pupils for 17 years and this is the first time the application was late—due entirely to an oversight.

I hope the Council, in the interests of these pupils will see its way to grant this request.

Mise, le meas,

Aodh O'Broin.

The County Secretary stated that applications could not be accepted after the latest date as given in the Scheme. The Department required that all applications be submitted to them before the end of January but had agreed in the case of County Wicklow that they be submitted immediately following

the Council meeting. In the circumstances it would not be possible he suggested to accept any further applications at this stage. The Council agreed with regret that Mr. O'Brien's application would have to be refused.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. O'TOOLE, T.D., AND MRS. M. LEDWIDGE THAT DANGEROUS BEND TO THE RESERVOIR NEAR THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE BE REMOVED.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion Councillor O'Toole asked if the dangerous bend near the Reservoir at Roundwood and adjoining the former President's residence be removed. He pointed out that the matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and that the bend was dangerous. He felt it could be removed at very little cost. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge supported Councillor O'Toole in the matter. The County Engineer stated that the bank at this place had been lowered but he would have the matter re-examined.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT COUNCIL FENCE OFF LANE LEADING TO MULHALL'S HOLDING AT BALLYSHONOGUE, TINAHELY.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Quigley the County Engineer reported that the Council in carrying out road operations had not interfered with Mr. Mulhall's fence and that he did not feel that the Council could justifiably be held responsible for the erection of a fence. Supporting Councillor Quigley, Councillor Hadden stated that in this case the road had been raised and was now level with the top of the fence and that in consequence it was dangerous to drive stock out on to the road. It was agreed that the County Engineer re-examine the matter and submit a report.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR THE TAKING OVER BY THE COUNCIL AS A PUBLIC ROAD OF MANGAN'S LANE, TINAHELY.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from residents and users of Mangan's Lane, Tinahely, requesting that the Council take over the lane as a County Road and stating that its present condition was deplorable. It was stated also that there was a right-of-way over the laneway to the County Council filter beds and the Forestry plantation. The County Secretary stated that the matter of the taking over of this laneway had been before the Council on a previous occasion and had been referred to the Local Roads Committee. It had not been found possible by the Local Committee to make any provision for repairs to the laneway if it were taken over. The County Secretary pointed out that the Engineer had reported that the lane was approximately 1½ miles in length and was extremely narrow with high embankments and hedges on both sides. The cost of widening would be substantial as also would be the provision of proper drainage. The estimated cost of widening, draining and fencing and providing a suitable surface would be approximately £3,000. The total valuation of houses on the lane was £16 15s. 0d. with a land valuation of £101 10s. 0d. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would be taking over a very big liability if this laneway were made a public road. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the persons residing on the lane might approach the Rural Improvements Scheme for a grant to have the work carried out. It was agreed that the County Secretary suggest to the applicants that they apply for a Rural Improvement Scheme Grant.

ITEM No. 5a—WATER SUPPLIES—SPECIAL SURVEY FOR ENTIRE COUNTY.

The County Secretary stated that in the original circular received by the Council from the Department of Local Government regarding the Water Supply Scheme and the Survey of the County it had been pointed out that it would be necessary to prepare a map showing the position in relation to existing water supplies and areas which could be served by them and by other proposed

schemes. It had been indicated recently to the Council's officers that it was essential that this Survey be completed before 1st April. The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to the recruitment of three temporary Engineers for the purpose of preparing the Survey and also preparing works which could be carried out in the various areas. As already reported to the Council there had been difficulty in recruiting Engineers and one Engineer took up duty on 12th September but the remaining two Engineers did not take up duty until January. The County Engineer recommended that the three temporary Engineers engaged for water supply schemes and also the temporary Engineer engaged on Road Survey work be now assigned to complete the details for the Survey in order that the complete map could be ready for submission to the Department before 1st April. The County Manager stated that while the survey was being carried out the Engineers were also endeavouring to carry out plans for extensions to existing supplies but it had now been indicated by the Department that priority must be given to the Survey and the map.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report regarding the completion of the survey for water supplies and preparation of required maps we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the assignment of the four Temporary Engineers employed by the Council for the purpose of completing the necessary documents before 1st April, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5b—WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY—ENLARGEMENT OF SUPPLY (EXTENSION OF FILTER BEDS).

The County Manager stated that it was now found necessary to extend the Regional Water Supply to cater for an increased demand in Wicklow town for Industrial Purposes. It was proposed that the Scheme be extended by providing additional Filter Beds at Cronroe and it was suggested that the work could best be carried out by the County Council and the cost refunded by Wicklow Urban District Council. The estimated cost was £6,000. It was proposed to engage Professor P. F. Purcell as Consulting Engineer as Professor Purcell had designed the original Scheme. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked what steps were being taken to ensure that the County Council would be recouped the full cost by the Urban District Council and felt that the County Council should not accept any liability in the matter. The Council decided that since the proposed works were for the purpose of providing additional supply for Wicklow Town only that any necessary works be carried out directly by the Urban District Council.

ITEM No. 6—PROVISION OF STOCKS OF MATERIALS IN ADVANCE FOR ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1961-62.

The County Secretary stated that the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to enquire into the cost of production of materials in quarries had had two meetings but had not yet completed their report. In order however that the County Engineer might proceed with the work of providing a stock of materials in advance for the purposes of the 1961-62 Road Works Scheme it was suggested that the Council might authorise expenditure of £6,500 in the current year to meet the cost of providing these materials as suggested in the report of the County Engineer of 7th January, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hiwells,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure of £6,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year for road services for the purpose of providing stocks

of chippings in the Council's quarries at Ballinclare, Tomacork and Coolroe and in the Western Area for use during the coming financial year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—AGREEMENT WITH BORD FAILTE EIREANN REGARDING WORKS AT GREYSTONES.

The County Secretary referred to the proposed Agreement to be entered into with Bord Failte Eireann in regard to the carrying out of development works at Greystones and stated that the matter had been considered by the members of the Council for the area. It was suggested that the Council might enter into the necessary Agreement but subject to the following conditions:—

1. That items Nos. 5 and 16 in the Schedule of Works which involve the acquisition of lands be excluded pending satisfactory arrangements being made for the acquisition of the properties and a detailed estimate being available;
2. That detailed estimates be prepared and agreed with the County Engineer for works to be carried out under Items 20, 21 and 22, i.e. landscaping, provision of bathing facilities at Marine Road and provision of shelters on the South Beach;
3. That the approval of the Minister for Local Government be received to the works proposed under Item 4 (Road Works at Victoria Road) and the provision of any appropriate grants therefor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered correspondence with Bord Failte Eireann in regard to Development Works at Greystones and Schedule of Works enclosed with the Board's letter of 25th November, 1960, we agree with the Board to carry out the works mentioned in such Schedule of Development Works within reasonable time and to indemnify the Board against all actions, suits, expenses, claims and demands by whomsoever made, arising out of or in the course of the execution of the said work and to maintain such works in good order, repair and condition subject to the following conditions:—

- "1. That items Nos. 5 and 16 which involve the acquisition of lands be excluded pending satisfactory arrangements being made for the acquisition of the properties and a detailed estimate being available.
- "2. That detailed estimates be prepared and agreed with the County Engineer for works to be carried out under Items 20, 21 and 22.
- "3. That the approval of the Minister for Local Government be received to the works proposed under Item 4 and the provision of any appropriate grants therefor.

"That we approve of the affixing of the Seal of the Council to an Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Resolution."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS, REDUCTION IN WORKING HOURS, INTRODUCTION OF 5-DAY WORKING WEEK, WEEKLY PAYMENT OF WAGES AND INTRODUCTION OF SICK PAY SCHEME.

The following application from the Federation of Rural Workers was submitted to the Council:—

Head Office, 6 Gardiner Place,
Dublin.
12th January, 1961.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I wish to make application on behalf of our members employed on your Roads Staff for:

- (a) an increase in wages of 15/- per week;
- (b) a reduction in working hours to 44;
- (c) the introduction of a 5-day working week for 9 months of the year;
- (d) weekly payment of wages, and
- (e) introduction of a Sick-Pay Scheme for pensionable servants.

Our representatives will be available to meet you to discuss those matters at an early convenient date.

Yours faithfully,
James Tully, M.C.C.,
General Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of an increase of 15/- in wages would amount to approximately £15,000 per annum. The reduction in working hours was calculated to cost about £11,000. In reply to Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Secretary stated that the last increase in wages given by the Council applied as from 1st April, 1960. The County Secretary stated that an application had also been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union for the introduction of weekly payment of wages. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting when representatives of the Union could be met. The County Secretary suggested that the matter might be considered at the Estimates Meeting. It was agreed that the application be deferred for further consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on 27th February, 1961.

ITEM No. 9 (a)—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS J. TEMPLE AND H. B. HIPWELL THAT PRESENT SYSTEM OF FORT-NIGHTLY PAYMENT TO ROAD WORKERS BE SUSPENDED AND THAT PAYMENT ON A WEEKLY BASIS BE MADE OPERATIVE AS FROM THE FIRST PAY PERIOD IN APRIL, 1961. (b) APPLICATION FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES WEEKLY.

Councillor J. Temple stated that in view of the application from The Federation of Rural Workers and from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union he would withdraw his Notice of Motion.

ITEM No. 10—REVISION OF SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of revision of salaries of certain officers of the Council had been deferred at the previous meeting with a view to ascertaining if similar increases had been granted in other counties. Replies had been received from 22 County Councils and of the total 15 Councils had granted the increases and the matter was either under consideration or deferred to the Estimates meetings in the other cases. All the increases granted applied from 1st August, 1960. Particulars of the proposed revisions of salaries were again given to the Council and it was indicated that the total cost in a full year would be £5,140 and the net cost £3,165. The County Manager pointed out that the only Senior Officer of the Council not included was the County Secretary. It had been the view of the Council on a previous occasion that the County

Secretary should be on the same scale as the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer. The Council agreed that the revised salary scale for the County Secretary on the same basis as that for the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer be included. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor E. E. Byrne as to whether there was any revision of salary of the County Manager, the County Manager stated that in his case the salary was fixed by the Minister and an increase had been sanctioned but he had not availed of it. The Council approved of the payment of the revised salary scale to the County Manager.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the following revised salary scales for officers of the Council with effect from 1st August, 1960:—

County Medical Officer	... £1,880 x £65	— £2,140
Asst. County Medical Officer	... £1,350 x £40	— £1,550
County Dental Surgeon	... £1,300 x £40	— £1,550
District Medical Officers	... £900 x £50	— £1,250
County Engineer	... £1,880 x £65	— £2,140
County Accountant	... £1,065 x £40	— £1,345
County Secretary	... £1,880 x £65	— £2,140

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revisions of salaries."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—REVISION OF CORONERS SALARIES AND OF SALARIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Justice in letter of 10th January, 1961, had indicated that the Minister was prepared to sanction increases in salaries of Coroners similar to those which had been granted to other officers of the Council. There were two posts of Coroner in Co. Wicklow, Coroner for East Wicklow and Coroner for West Wicklow. The only increases granted on the salaries originally fixed in 1949 had been 12½%. If increases were now granted similar to those granted to other officers the total cost for the full year would be £80 7s. 6d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 10th January, 1961, from the Department of Justice we hereby approve of the revision of salaries of Coroners for East Wicklow and West Wicklow and approve of revised salaries of £122 in respect of post of Coroner for East Wicklow and £144 in respect of the post of Coroner for West Wicklow to take effect as from 15th December, 1959. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such revision of salaries."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the increase of 84% on existing salaries which had been granted to other officers of the Council had not been applied to Veterinary Inspectors and it seemed appropriate that a similar increase should be granted to these officers. The total cost in a full year would be £161 0s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of revision of salaries of Veterinary Inspectors by allowing an increase of 84% on existing salaries, the revised salary to apply as from 15th December, 1959, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such revision of salaries."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase in the rates of remuneration of part-time Fire Brigade staff. It was pointed out that there had been an increase in the rates of wages for fitters with which the rates of remuneration of Fire Brigade staff was associated. The County Secretary stated that the rate of wages of fitters had increased by 3½d. per hour as from 17th November, 1959. Revised rates of remuneration of Fire Brigade staff based on this increase in wages of fitters would result in increases in the annual retaining fees by £4 0s. 0d. to Station Officer and Sub-Station Officers and Drivers and by £3 0s. 0d. in respect of Fireman. The fees for attendance at fires would be increased by 10d. for the first hour and 5d. for subsequent hours and the stand-to arrangements which applied in Bray Urban District only would be increased by 2/3d. per week of duty. It was proposed that the revised rates would apply as from 1st April, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union we approve of the payment of the following increases to Fire Brigade personnel to take effect as from 1st April, 1961:—

Retaining Fees:	Station Officer	... £4 0 0
	Sub-Station Officer	... £4 0 0
	Drivers	... £4 0 0
	Firemen	... £3 0 0
Fees for Attendance at Fires:	10d. for the first hour and 5d. for subsequent hours.	
Stand-to Arrangements:	2/3d. per week."	

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—GRADED RENTS SCHEME—REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath,
6th February, 1961.

27/19/1.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding a proposed revision of a scheme of graded renting operated by the Wicklow County Council in respect of certain rural type cottages and to state that, having considered the proposal in all its aspects, he is of the opinion that existing rents scheme in County Wicklow compares favourably from the point of view of the tenants with schemes of graded renting operated in other areas. For example, the weekly basic rents payable by tenants in Wicklow with assessable incomes of £4 10s. 0d. and £6 10s. 0d. per week are 4/- and 9/- respectively, compared with 6/6 and 10/- per week payable by tenants with similar incomes in corresponding areas. Furthermore, it is noted that, in calculating the assessable income for rent purposes, the Wicklow Scheme provides for generous abatements in the gross weekly family income. It is noted, also, that the implementation of the present proposal would result in a reduction of about £1,850 in the annual rental revenue which would result in a charge of 2d. in the £ on the rates. This potential loss in revenue must be viewed in the light of the slow progress being made in Wicklow with the vesting of cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936. In this connection it is observed that as at 31st March last only 27% of the cottages provided by the housing authority had been vested

in the tenants, whereas the average figure for the country as a whole was 51% while in some comparable areas vestings are in the region of 80%. It is observed, also, that 1,142 applications for vesting were on hands at the above mentioned date.

In the circumstances it is suggested that the housing authority might reconsider their proposal in conjunction with a review of their housing policy generally with special reference as to whether the broader interests of the general body of both the tenants and the ratepayers would not best be served by devoting the greatest possible proportion of the monies which can reasonably be raised from the rates for housing purposes towards the financing of schemes of repairs to cottages in respect of which applications have been received for vesting rather than towards the subsidisation of rents which cannot be regarded as onerous. This review could appropriately be undertaken in conjunction with the Council's consideration of the estimates for the coming year.

Mise, le meas.

In reply to Councillor Miley regarding the loan raised for the repair of cottages for the purpose of vesting the County Manager stated that a loan of £20,000 had been raised by the Council and 338 cottages had been repaired and these cottages had since been vested in the tenants. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that if all the cottages for which applications for vesting had been received were vested in the tenants about two-thirds of the cottages would be vested. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that at one stage it seemed that tenants were indifferent about vesting cottages and there had been up to some years ago very few applications. The Council agreed that every effort should be made to expedite the vesting of cottages particularly those where no repairs were required. Councillor Haughton pointed out that he had submitted the proposal that the Graded Rents Scheme be amended and urged that the Council should proceed with the proposed amendment of the Scheme. He again stated that the Graded Rents Scheme was causing hardship to tenants. Councillor H. J. Byrne disagreeing stated that it was generally regarded that a man could pay up to one-sixth of his earnings by way of rent and County Council rents did not approach this figure. The amount of monies that the Council could provide for repairs to cottages was limited by reason of the low income from rents. He did not feel that a case had been made for a change in the Differential Rents Scheme. The Council decided to adhere to their previous decision in relation to the amendment of the Graded Rents Scheme.

ITEM No. 14—PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENT.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 3rd January, 1961, from Department of Local Government regarding the payment of rates by instalments. In the letter the Minister suggested that consideration might be given to the formulation of schemes for the payment of rates by instalments which could be introduced for the financial year commencing on 1st April next and for future years. The types of rating to which the facility should apply and other details could be arranged by the Council in collaboration with their Rate Collectors. While the arrangements might give rise to some additional work in relation to checking and issue of Interim Receipts it was suggested that this would be offset by a reduction of work in connection with recovery of current rates and arrears and that Local Authority funds should benefit from a more regular inflow of Rates money. Councillor P. McCarthy suggested that the County Secretary and the Manager might discuss the matter with the Rate Collectors. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that Rates should be paid quarterly instead of half-yearly. The County Manager agreed that this would be a good suggestion and the Council agreed that the matter of a Scheme based on quarterly payments be examined and proposals submitted to the Council.

ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY RE DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBER.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 21st January, 1961, from the Dublin Health Authority indicating that in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 (1) of the First Schedule to the Health Authorities Act, 1960, Councillor

McCarthy was disqualified for attendance at meetings of the Dublin Health Authority with effect as from 19th January, 1961. The County Secretary stated that he understood that the Dublin Health Authority were not at present authorised to pay travelling expenses to members but that this matter was under discussion with the Department of Health.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That having noted letter of 21st January, 1961, from Dublin Health Authority regarding disqualification of Councillor P. McCarthy from attendance at meetings we hereby re-appoint Councillor P. McCarthy as one of the Council's representatives on the Dublin Health Authority."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. TEMPLE THAT THE RECENT RULING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS BY THE MANAGER, i.e. THAT A PERSON WHO MAY HAVE 6 CHILDREN AND EARNING OVER £8 10s. 0d. IS NOT ENTITLED TO THIS MEDICAL TREATMENT, IS UNREASONABLE AND SHOULD BE AMENDED.

Councillor Temple stated that a number of persons in the Bray area had had their Medical Cards cancelled recently. He maintained that many of these persons were not in a position to pay 10/6d. or 12/6d. to a doctor out of their wages. He submitted particulars of a budget of a labourer in Bray earning £7 14s. 7d. per week. Councillor Temple stated that cases such as this pointed to an existence at a low subsistence level and that the figures spoke for themselves. He suggested that the Council should recommend that in such cases the minimum income should be taken as £10 10s. 0d. per week for the purpose of Medical Cards. The County Manager pointed out that it had been the experience that in County Wicklow there was a much higher percentage of the population covered by Medical Cards than in the country as a whole. Approximately 37% of the population in Co. Wicklow were registered for Medical Cards whereas the average for the entire country was only 27%. He stated that there was a certain amount of dissatisfaction in regard to the issue of Medical Cards but this was due to a mistaken impression that had been given that Medical Cards would be available for everyone. He pointed out that hospital treatment was available free for a great part of the community and that treatment of infectious diseases was free for everyone. Maternity treatment was also available to the bigger part of the community free of charge. The country would not be in a position to provide medical services which would be free for everyone regardless of their income. The resources of the country would probably be quite strained to achieve that. If a wider Medical Card Service were to be provided it would mean almost the elimination of private medical practice and increased remuneration would have to be paid to District Medical Officers. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which reference was made to the existing basis of assessing means of households for the purpose of determining eligibility for medical cards,

It was,

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That the present basis of assessing means of a household for the purpose of determining eligibility for Medical Cards be reviewed by increasing the limit of income by 25%."

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne, dissenting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Estimates for the year 1961-62 was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th February, 1961, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Accountant attended.

A copy of the Table Explanatory of the Estimates and copy of the County Manager's Statement in relation to the Estimates had been circulated to each member.

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961.

The Council considered again representations received from Aodh O'Brein, Uas., N.T., Rathdangan, for an extension of the time for receipt of applications under the Council's Scholarship Scheme, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That we request the Minister for Education to allow the Council to receive further applications to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools."

Passed unanimously.

DEPUTATION FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Council received a deputation from the National Farmers' Association. The Deputation was represented by Major J. P. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. Dunne. Major Kelly stated that the prices of farmers' goods were falling and farmers found it difficult to pay rates at the present level. He pointed out that there was no guaranteed minimum price for farm produce and suggested that the Government should fix minimum prices. He complimented the Council and County Manager in the efforts they had made to keep the rates at a reasonable level and asked that every effort be made to avoid any increase. He stated that the National Farmers' Association would give the Council all the help possible and if rates were kept down they would increase employment. Mr. A. Dunne supported Major Kelly. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Council would do all in their power to ensure that rates were kept at the lowest possible level but it was necessary for the Council to maintain essential services.

REMUNERATION OF ROAD WORKERS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS, ETC.

Councillor P. McCarthy pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates as submitted for any increase in wages of roadworkers which had been brought to the notice of the Council at the previous meeting. He understood also that an application had been made for revision of salaries of certain officers. Councillor McCarthy also stated that no provision had been made in connection with the Council's recommendations regarding Medical Cards and the Graded Rents System and suggested that these matters should be dealt with in the Estimates. Councillor J. Temple also referred to the question of Medical Cards and asked if any provision had been made to meet any additional expense involved. The County Manager pointed out that in his Statement he had referred to the increase in wages and that no provision had been made as no decision had been reached by the Council on the matter. As regards the matter of differential rents as any revision of the scale had not yet been sanctioned it had not been possible to make any provision in the Estimates in this regard. No

special provision had been made under Health Services Estimates in relation to the revision of medical cards but the County Manager pointed out that while such revision might involve extra duties for District Medical Officers any increase in the estimate for the supply of medicines should not be substantial. The Council then proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail.

ROAD SERVICES.

The County Manager gave details of the reasons for variations in the separate items in the Estimate as compared with the amount provided in the current year. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposed that the amount for travelling expenses be reduced by £1,000. The County Manager pointed out that the amount included in the Estimates was to meet the cost of vouched travelling expenses of Engineering staff generally.

In regard to Weighbridge receipts Councillor J. Haughton suggested that charges for weighings be increased with a view to covering the cost of outlay on the provision of the weighbridge.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Councillor Haughton referred to an instance of a man who had been six weeks in Baltinglass Hospital after being certified fit for work. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be investigated if Councillor Haughton would give the name of the person concerned. In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Manager stated that the whole question of the use of Council Institutions was being examined and a report would be submitted to the Council at an early date. No decision had yet been taken as regards the use of the County Hospital buildings. The possibility of the Council having their own Mental Hospital would also be considered. Councillor Temple asked if negotiations could be opened with the authorities of St. Columille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, to receive Bray patients at a reasonable charge.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we provide an additional £800 in the Estimates for Health Services to enable an increase of 2/6 per week to be made in the allowances for boarded-out children."

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

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, J. J. McCrea—12.

Against: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—8.

The Resolution was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 8 votes against.

The County Manager stated that there would be a net increase of £400 in the amount to be provided as 50% of the cost of maintenance of boarded-out children was met from Health Grant.

In regard to retiring allowances and gratuities Councillor Haughton suggested that the Council should put aside a sum each year to meet such contingencies when they arose. The County Manager stated that a report would be submitted on the matter.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ROADWORKERS, ETC., AND APPLICATION OF SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

The Council agreed to receive deputations from the Federation of Rural Workers, the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and Irish Local Government Officials' Union at the adjourned Estimates meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on 6th March, 1961. The meeting then adjourned.

ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING—6th MARCH, 1961.

The Adjourned Estimates meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on 6th March, 1961, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, Miss Mary Walsh, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

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

DEPUTATIONS FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS AND IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION REGARDING WAGES OF ROADWORKERS, ETC.

The Council received deputations from the Federation of Rural Workers and from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union. The Federation of Rural Workers was represented by Messrs. Pollock and Murphy and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union by Messrs. Browne and Connolly. Applications for increases in wages of roadworkers amounting to 15/- and £1 0s. 0d. per week respectively had been received. Mr. Browne of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union stated that the first part of the claim before the Council was for a change in the method of payment from fortnightly payments to weekly payments. He stated that in various other counties wages were paid on the weekly system and stated that fortnightly payments brought a certain amount of hardship on workers. The second part of the Union's claim was for an increase of 20/- per week in wages. The Union considered that the present wage of £6 3s. 0d. per week was inadequate and compared this wage with the average wage for industrial workers. Mr. Browne stated that the Union had submitted wage claims to various local authorities and stated that an increase of 10/- per week in wages had been granted by Leitrim County Council, 7/6 by Westmeath County Council, 4/- by Sligo County Council and that an offer of 5/- had been made by Kerry County Council. Mr. Pollock, on behalf of the Federation of Rural Workers, stated that the Federation considered that roadworkers should be paid at the rate of builders' labourers. He compared the present remuneration of Forestry Workers which it was stated was higher than that now paid to roadworkers. In regard to other counties Mr. Pollock stated that an increase of 10/- had been agreed by Clare County Council but not yet sanctioned. In the case of Tipperary they were assured that the increase would not be less than 7/6. The Federation was also seeking a reduced working week from 48 hours to 44 hours and a 50% increase in the differentials paid to road overseers and members of the supervisory road staff. These differentials had been fixed in 1950 but now required revision. The Federation also asked for the introduction of a sick-pay scheme.

DEPUTATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.

The Council received a deputation from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union represented by Mr. Lyons. Mr. Lyons stated that, following long negotiations with the County Managers' Association, during the past three weeks some measure of agreement had been reached regarding the Union's application for revision of salary scales. He asked the Council to provide in the Estimates for the revision of salary scales as agreed with the County Manager's Association. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, assured the members of the deputation that the Council would consider the points made when discussing the Estimates.

The Council then proceeded with the examination of the Estimates in detail.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The Council noted that the amount provided represented the sum payable to the Dublin Health Authority in accordance with the Estimate as already approved.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor G. Timmins and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Manager stated that the Council did not receive any recoupment of salaries of Assistance Officers although the greater part of the time of these officers is now devoted to Health Services. The Council agreed that a Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils urging that 50% of the salaries of Assistance Officers be recouped to the Council under the Health Grant.

SANITARY SERVICES.

On the Proposal of Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council reduced the provision for maintenance of Water Supplies, etc., by £600.

BURIAL GROUNDS.

It was
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,
Resolved:—
"That Fees for Gravespaces in Burial Grounds be increased generally by 50% excluding Arklow and Greystones."
Passed unanimously.
It was agreed that the Estimate for receipts from Burial Fees be increased by £150.

HOUSING SERVICES.

It was
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,
Resolved:—
"That the provision for Cottage Repairs be reduced by £6,900."
Passed unanimously.
Councillor Temple suggested that an arrangement might be made between the Urban District Councils and the County Council for providing a wholetime staff to carry out repairs to houses in all areas and asked that this suggestion be examined.

In the course of a discussion regarding the vesting of cottages and the position in County Wicklow as compared with other counties the County Manager pointed out that up to about 10 years ago very few cottages had been vested in County Wicklow. The Council urged that the vesting of cottages be expedited, and a report submitted as regards the matter of mapping of sites.

The Council asked that a report be submitted as to the number of cottages for which applications had been made for vesting and the number of these for which maps were required and the number for which repairs were required.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS.

Councillor Haughton raised the matter of the provision to be made to enable effect to be given to the proposed revision of the Graded Rents Scheme.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Resolved:—
"That we reduce the amount provided in the Estimates for Rents of Labourers' Cottages by £1,850 to allow for the revision of the Graded Rents Scheme."

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, J. Temple, J. McCrea—7.

Against: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—11.

The Motion was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 7 in favour.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

In regard to the provision for Fire Brigades the County Manager stated that there was an increase under that heading part of which was accounted for by the proposed purchase of a new fire engine for the town of Wicklow. Councillor Temple stated that he felt that charges under this heading could be reduced and referred to the Bray Fire Brigade having been called to fires on numerous occasions and the Greystones Brigade subsequently attending. He asked that this matter be investigated.

SHEEP DIPPING.

Councillor J. Miley supported by Councillor Timmins urged that a Sheep Dipping Bath be provided at Rathdangan. The County Manager explained that it was not the practice of the Council to erect Sheep Dipping Baths but the Council previously had made grants in certain cases towards the cost of erecting new baths which were made available for public dipping. The County Manager suggested that the local people concerned might arrange to erect a bath and consideration could be given by the Council towards making a grant towards the cost. It was agreed that the matter be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

Councillor Haughton asked that the attention of Veterinary Inspectors be drawn to the necessity of supervising the dipping of sheep in all instances.

COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY.

Councillor Miss Walsh enquired if any special provision had been made for the repair of Tinahely Courthouse and the County Secretary stated that a figure of £700 provided in the estimates covered Courthouse repairs generally. Councillor Hadden stated that repairs were urgently needed to the Courthouse. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that an estimate of the cost of repairs be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR PARISH HALL.

Councillor J. Miley seconded by Councillor Deering urged that provision be made for a grant to Vallemount Parish Council for a parish hall. The County Manager pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates for this purpose and that as far as he was aware grants had not been made by any County Council for the provision of parish halls.

SEPARATE CHARGES.**Vocational Education:**

The County Secretary pointed out that provision was included in the Estimate for Vocational Education for the taking over of loans amounting to £11,419 6s. 8d. which had been raised by the Vocational Education Committee over previous years. The amount provided in the Estimates was £720 which represented about .6d. in the £ in the Rates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the making of a grant of £11,419 6s. 8d. to repay loans raised by the Vocational Education Committee subject to sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

Malicious Injury Claims:

The County Secretary stated that since the circulation of the Estimates further Decrees had been given in respect of Malicious Injuries and it was necessary to make provision for these Decrees. One Decree on the County-at-Large amounted to £18 and a Decree on Bray Urban District to £14. In addition it was necessary to provide for the levying of a sum of £53 on the Rathdangan and Ballingule District Electoral Division which had not been levied previously. The Council agreed that these items be included in the Estimates.

The Council then adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to the meeting to be held on 13th March, 1961.

FURTHER ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON 13th MARCH, 1961.

The further adjourned meeting of the Council to deal with the Estimates for the year 1961-62 was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th March, 1961, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary were present.

The County Secretary stated that the amendments made by the Council in the Estimates to date effected a reduction in the Estimates as submitted by a sum equivalent to approximately 7d. in the £. The County Secretary stated that as had been notified to members the Road Grants for the coming financial year would be as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant £68,000, Main Road Improvement Grant £32,900. The actual amount of grants allocated to the Council during the current financial year were County Road Improvement Grant £60,000; Main Road Improvement Grant £29,000. The total amount of extra grants was therefore £11,900. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the first question to be considered by the Council was to determine what action was to be taken in regard to the deputations received by the Council at the previous meeting. Increases for roadworkers and the Council's staff were involved. In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that an increase of 1/- per week in wages was equivalent to approximately 1d. in the £ in the Rates. In addition to the proposed increase in wages the County Secretary pointed out that the application for an increase of 50% in the differential for Overseers, Gangers and Chargehands was estimated to cost about £2,500 in a full year. The cost of applying the revised salary scales for Clerk-Typists, Clerical Officers, Staff Officers, Assistance Officers, Superintendent Assistance Officer, Assistant Librarian, County Librarian and County Accountant with effect from 1st August, 1960, would amount to about 4d. in the £.

Roadworkers Wages:

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That an increase of 7/6 per week be given in wages of Road Workers."

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That an increase of 10/- per week be given in wages of Road Workers."

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, J. J. McCrea—9.

Against: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—10.

The amendment was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 9 votes in favour.

The original Resolution in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was declared passed on the same voting.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne as to whether the extra grants allocated to the Council could be set off against the increase the County Manager stated that the Council could reduce the quantity of work which would have the same effect.

Increase in Differentials to Supervisory Road Staff:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That having considered representations from Employees' Unions we approve of the payment of increases of 25% in differentials to supervisory road's staff with effect from 1st April, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

Revision of Salaries of Officers:

The County Secretary stated that the total cost involved in a full year would be £2,825 or approximately 2½d. in the £. The cost of applying the increases from 1st August, 1960, would be £1,853 equivalent to about 1½d. in the £. The total cost would therefore amount to approximately 4d. in the £.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we allow an increase in salaries of the staffs as submitted by 50% of the increase sought with effect from 1/4/61."

As an amendment

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the payment of the revised salary scales submitted as agreed by Officers' organisations with representatives of County Managers."

As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That any increase in remuneration granted at this meeting to officers or employees apply only from 1st April, 1961."

Following a discussion on the matter Councillor Haughton withdrew his amendment. The amendment in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy was submitted to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—12.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, J. J. McCrea—8.

The amendment was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 8 votes against.

The amendment was then put as a substantive Resolution and a vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—12.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, J. J. McCrea—8.

The Resolution was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 8 votes against. In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy as to whether an application had been received for revision of remuneration of nursing staff the County Secretary stated that the Council had received notice of an application but full details were not yet available. In reply to Councillor McCarthy the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Medical Officers had indicated that the increase in salary scale recently approved was not acceptable.

Domestic Scavenging Service:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association regarding the matter of a Scavenging Service for the area and a similar application had also been received from the Enniskerry Area. No provision had been made in the Estimates for the provision of this service. Councillor E. Byrne suggested that a general report be prepared and submitted to the Council giving details of the cost of providing a Domestic Scavenging Service in all towns and villages in the county. He agreed with the County Manager's suggestion which had been conveyed to the Department of Local Government that a greater part of the cost of maintenance of roads be met from the proceeds of Motor Taxation so as to allow the Council to devote a corresponding sum of monies towards providing scavenging and other amenity services. It was agreed to await the views of the Department on the suggestion made by the County Manager.

Foreshore at Wicklow:

The County Secretary referred to the application received from Wicklow Urban District Council requesting a contribution towards repairs of Foreshore Protection Works. The County Secretary stated that it was doubtful if the Council would have legal authority to expend monies for this purpose. He understood that a Bill would be introduced in the Dail at an early date to deal with coast erosion. The Council agreed that it would be advisable to await the introduction of the legislation which was proposed.

Medical Cards:

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy the County Manager stated that the proposed revision of the matter of the basis of allocation of Medical Cards was under examination but that if any extra cost were involved it would come under the heading of Medicines.

Contribution to General Council of County Councils:

The County Secretary submitted an application from the County Council's General Council for increase in the contribution by the County Council to £30 in respect of the year 1961-62.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 22nd February, 1961, from the County Councils' General Council we approve of payment of £30 0s. 0d. as Council's contribution in respect of the year 1961-62 subject to the approval of the Minister under Section 14 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960."

Passed unanimously.

Contribution to Institute of Public Administration.

The application of the Institute of Public Administration for contribution towards costs of the Institute by way of the Councils becoming Corporate Member was submitted again to the Council. The Council decided not to make any subscription at present.

Blind Welfare Scheme—Contribution to Board for the Employment of the Blind:

The County Secretary referred to the Council's decision at the meeting held on 17th June, 1957, that they would be prepared to contribute a sum equivalent to 4d. in the £ in Rates towards the expenses of the Board for the Employment of the Blind provided that an equivalent amount was contributed by way of an increase in State Grant. As no indication had been received from the Department of Social Welfare that the Department were prepared to increase the amount of State Grant provision had not been made in the Estimates for any contribution to the Board. The Council noted the position and agreed that no provision be made in the Estimates for the purpose.

Public Convenience, etc., at Brittas Bay:

The County Secretary stated that an application from the Brittas Bay Development Association for the provision of public conveniences and public lighting had been received. No provision had been made in the Estimates for these items but as the Council were aware a plan for the area was in course of preparation and would be ready shortly. The matter of providing these amenities could then be considered.

Determination of Rate in the £:

The County Secretary stated it was assumed that no extra provision was being made for increase in remuneration of roadworkers and that the quantity of work to be carried out would be adjusted accordingly. The Council noted that the additional grants available of £11,900 would enable a larger quantity of work to be carried out in the coming year and still allow of the payment of the proposed increased rates of wages. The County Secretary informed the Council that the Rate in the £ required to meet the Estimates as now amended was 35/6, that is a reduction of 3d. in the amount as submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses as amended the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table C and Column 15 of Table D to be Rates in the £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1962:—

Roads	...	9/10.47
Health	...	9/0.28
Mental Health	...	2/9.74
Public Assistance	...	1/4.42
Sanitary	...	2/9.22
Housing	...	3/7.57
General Purposes	...	6/0.30
Separate Charges		
Vocational Education	...	1/5.73
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	...	0.65
Criminal Injuries:—		
County-at-Large	...	3.23
Carnew D.E.D.	...	1/8.98
Enniskerry D.E.D.	...	1.73
Greystones D.E.D.	...	1.37
Delgany D.E.D.	...	2.96
Rathdangan and Ballingale D.E.D.	...	3.79
Total General Rate	—	35/6d. in the £.

Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1962, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,153	9,395	1,766
Health	5,477	23,905	4,494
Mental Health	1,584	6,912	1,300
Public Assistance	1,054	4,602	865
General Purposes	854	3,729	701
Separate Charges	1,089	749	894

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, supported by Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and other members congratulated the County Manager on the manner in which the Estimates had been presented and on his efforts to keep the rates as low as possible.

The following Statement by the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the members and details of the Estimate as adopted are set out hereunder:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
17th February, 1961.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1961-62.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1962, together with tables giving details of how the totals for each service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £906,673. Receipts are estimated at £397,875. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £508,798.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were:—Gross Expenditure £931,191; Receipts £434,067; Net amount to be met from Rates £497,124.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 35/9d. in the £ which would be an increase of 1/2d. over that levied in the present year, which is 34/7d.

The rates in the £ for the various services, resulting from the Estimates now presented to you, would compare as follows with those for the present year:—

Service	1960-61	1961-62	Inc./Dec.
Roads	9/10.47	9/10.08	.39 dec.
Health	9/1.64	8/11.57	2.07 dec.
Mental Hospitals	2/11.39	2/9.74	1.65 dec.
Public Assistance	1/3.42	1/3.42	—
Sanitary	3/0.71	2/9.73	2.98 dec.
Housing	2/10.51	4/1.73	1/3.22 inc.
General Purposes	5/4.86	5/10.73	5.87 inc.

The Estimates for 1961-62 would as now submitted require an increase in the Rate over the present year of 1/2d. in the £. Briefly the increase is due to additional provision which is being made for Housing and to a number of items which come under the heading of General Purposes. In the case of Housing it is necessary in the first instance to provide for a debit balance of about 2d. which arises in the present year because of the necessity to make provision in excess of the sum provided in the current year's Estimates for Housing Repairs.

It will be recollected that as the Estimate was insufficient the Council at a recent meeting had to vote £2,000 extra for repairs. The matter of Housing Repairs is one which is discussed at almost every meeting of the Council. It seems to be the view of many members that if the Purchase Scheme arrangements under which tenants took over the ownership and maintenance of the houses they occupy were to be expedited additional outlay on repairs could not be avoided as the Council is required before a cottage is vested in a tenant to put it in a condition of good repair. In consequence it has now been thought advisable to include additional provision for Repairs to the extent of about 11d. in the £. More and more people are availing of the Supplementary Grants which the Council make available for repairs and improvements of dwellings and as a result about 2d. extra has to be provided next year for this purpose. In all therefore the additional cost of Housing shown in the Estimates comes to about 1/3d.

Under the heading of General Purposes there are a number of items showing additional costs. The largest item is the additional provision for what are known as the Diseases of Animals Acts. Here again the Council during the course of the last year were kept informed of developments which would result in an additional levy from local rates. The increase in this respect is about 3d. in the £. The Demand from the Committee of Agriculture shows a rise of 1d. in the £; it is necessary to make additional provision for Superannuation at a cost of 2½d.; whilst the Fire Brigades will require 1½d. extra. All these come to 8d. in the £ but there is an offset of 2d. by reason of the fact that in the current financial year provision had to be made for Local Elections—a non-recurring item. General Purposes consequently will be found to account for an increase of 6d. in the £. There are slight reductions in respect of most of the other Services amounting in all to about 7d., and deducting these leaves the net increase at 1/2d. in the £.

But the details given above relate to the general Rate only and in addition regard must be had to Separate Charges which in the coming year will involve much additional outlay for the Council—an outlay over which the Council itself can exercise no control. The increase for Separate Charges will be almost 6d. Of this, 4½d. is necessary to meet the additional cost of Vocational Education. Decrees given by the Courts for Malicious Injuries will also have to be met in the coming year and will require an additional Rate of about 1½d. in the £. It should be stressed that in the present year the Council had to raise about 2½d. for Malicious Injuries so that in the coming year a Rate levy of about 4d. would be necessary.

ROADS.

The Rate for Roads for 1961-62 is estimated at 9/10d. which shows a slight reduction on that for the present year, and results from the liquidation of some loans. The total outlay on roads is estimated at £269,090 of which £122,013 would come from State Grants. The amount included in respect of State Grants corresponds to that received in the present year. These State Grants of course are derived from Motor Taxation. During the present year many new Improvement Works were carried out apart from normal maintenance such as tar surface dressing, pothole repairs and drainage. Some of the principal improvement schemes on main roads which were in hands during the present year were:—

- Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—New road constructed to avoid bad corner at Kiltimon Glen.
- Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—Road realignment south of Newtownmount-kennedy.
- Bray/Greystones Road—Widening and realigning main road between Greystones and Windgates.
- Aughrim/Carnew Road—Road diversion and construction of new bridge at Rosnastraw.
- Wicklow/Arklow Road—Removing dangerous variations in levels and resurfacing road south of Jack White's Crossroads.
- Wicklow/Brittas/Arklow Road—Major Scheme for widening, surfacing and bridge building.

Blessington/Baltinglass Road—Road diversion and construction of new bridge at Merginstown.
 Blessington/Baltinglass Road—Realigning and widening of road near Tuckmill, Baltinglass.
 Greystones/Delgany Road—Road diversion and widening and construction of new car park.
 Rathdangan/Aughavannagh Road—Side filling, levelling and surfacing.

It is expected that work will start at a fairly early date on major improvements north of Blessington which will result in easing a number of difficult corners on this main road. It is hoped also to start work shortly on improvements to the Enniskerry/Glencree road which would result in the removal of some difficult corners. The necessity for providing new footpaths or improving existing ones on the main roads in the vicinity of towns and villages has also been borne in mind by the Council and in the present year a considerable amount of work of this type was undertaken. New footpaths were provided at Newtownmountkenedy, south of Bray, at Greystones, at Wicklow (Marlton Road), Rathnew, Enniskerry and Blessington.

The programme for the reconstruction of County Roads has now been in progress for almost 12 years and in the current year 47 miles of County Roads were completely remade and given tarred smooth surfaces suitable for all types of traffic. By the end of the present financial year 584 miles of County Roads will have been reconstructed and this represents about 65% of the total mileage of County Roads. As mentioned in previous reports very little work of this type was done prior to 1949 and in fact less than 10% of the mileage of County Roads had tar surfaces. This comparatively rapid programme of reconstruction moreover would not have been carried out if it had not been for the fact that a much improved type of plant had been available and modern techniques resulting in quicker methods of construction and much lower costs had become available.

The quantities of road materials being used nowadays both for new road construction and for maintenance or restoration of existing surfaces is very much in excess of that required about 14 or 15 years ago. The types of material used also have changed. Whereas in former times there was much use of large roughly broken stone, nowadays a finer type of material such as small-grade chippings and graded types of gravel are necessary. To produce this type of materials modern and costly quarry plant and other equipment would be essential. Furthermore the cost of production of this finer type of material will, it is evident, be dependent on the volume of production. Whilst in order to achieve a low price of production there has been a concentration of effort in a smaller number of quarries in the county it has been found however that in the smaller type quarry the plant used for a limited production can scarcely be expected to give a unit price which would compare with that in quarries in which the scale of activity is ever so much greater. Apart from the fact that the Council itself is anxious to keep production costs at satisfactory levels the Department of Local Government which administers the Road Fund, from which grants are supplied to the Council, require that costs be kept a slow as possible and this nowadays will only be achieved if material can be produced in larger quantities with modern plant. In the carrying out of road works the Council also has been following a policy of securing the maximum use of such machinery as they provide, and this has led to quite a reduction in the outlay which formerly was being incurred on hire charges.

The affording of employment is an aspect of roads administration which has been ever-present in the minds of the Council and it has been accepted that it is desirable from the social and economic standpoint that such employment should be as regular as possible and not of the intermittent type which often obtained in former times. However it is not always easy to secure that continuous and regular employment can be arranged seeing that there is such stress on the carrying out of the tarring programme during a comparatively short period of the year. There is scarcely any type of road work which it would not be more satisfactory to carry out during the period of the year when days are longer and weather probably might be expected to be more favourable but if continuity of employment is to be achieved then it is evident that works must

be so arranged that a reasonable part of the programme can be carried out in the period of say, November to March. The Council, it is felt, would not wish to return to the position under which there was a peak period of employment from about May to September with a marked falling off for the remainder of the year.

Road Improvements have involved the re-building of bridges in some instances. Where the bridge carries main road traffic the cost could be considerable and that part which is to be met by the Council, after allowing for such Government grants as may be available, is usually met by borrowing. The rebuilding of Ashford and Laragh Bridges entailed very considerable loan charges but in the coming year one of the loans for Ashford Bridge will be liquidated and consequently there is a reduction of almost 1d. in Loan Charges. During the present year surveys and trial borings to determine the most suitable method of widening and improving the main road bridge in Arklow were carried out and it is hoped that in the coming year it will be possible to proceed with this work. Unfortunately the old stone bridge at Ballymanus, Aughrim, was washed away in a storm some time ago and it has been necessary to re-build it. In addition a new bridge is being built at Avoca which apart from carrying normal road traffic will be of much service to a local industry (St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.).

It should be mentioned that recently the Unions representing the employees have submitted claims for not only an increase in wages but also a reduction in working hours, a five-day week and weekly payments. The Council has not been in a position so far to take any decision in these claims and consequently they have not been taken into account in the present Estimates.

HEALTH SERVICES

It is unusual to find that the Health Services show any decrease but as it happens the Rate required for the coming year will be about 3½d. less than that at present levied. The reduction is ascribable to the extent of 2d. to the Health Services administered by the Council and to the extent of 1½d. to the demand for Mental Hospitals. The total cost of the Health Services, apart from Mental Hospitals for the coming year, is estimated at £299,880. After allowing for receipts from Government Grants of £137,494 and from other sources of £20,296 the net requirement will be £142,090. The Rate required would be just about 9/-.

The Health Services which the Council are obliged to provide make provision for all types of treatment—in dispensaries, at home and in institutions—for persons in the so-called Lower Income Group, i.e. for persons who from their own resources could not be expected to meet any part of the cost. A wide range of services is also being provided for persons in the Middle Income Group, these being persons and their dependants whose yearly means do not exceed £800 or farmers whose valuations do not exceed £50. For persons in this Group medical care is provided free of charge for mothers and infants, free specialist services are available subject to a nominal charge and hospital treatment is afforded at a charge not exceeding 10/- per day, which is less than half the normal charge in public hospitals. In practice, however, many persons in this Group may not contribute at the rate of 10/- per day towards the cost of hospital treatment, and in a large number of instances where it is considered that such a contribution would impose hardship, the Council meets the full cost. Where persons may have to remain long periods in hospitals or institutions the Council also may meet part of the cost even though incomes may be beyond the limits already mentioned. Children attending national schools are provided with treatment free of charge in respect of defects found during the course of school medical inspections; B.C.G. Vaccinations and Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are also arranged without charge.

Infectious Diseases are treated free of charge. Tuberculosis is a disease which accounts for by far the greater part of the cost under this heading. In addition to arranging for free treatment, maintenance allowances are paid by the Council to persons and their dependants where it is found that the circumstances may require them.

The latest information shows that the number of Medical Cards issued by the Council and which entitle persons and their dependants to all services free of cost covers 37% of the population. This compares with an average of 26% for the country as a whole. It is thought fit to mention here, however, that even though applicants sometimes may not be successful in their applications for Medical Cards there are services other than dispensary treatment which are available to them without cost (or at a very low charge) such as Hospital Treatment, Medical Care for Mothers and Infants (with choice of doctor), and all types of Specialist Services.

General Medical Services :

The amount required under this heading is £37,061 and is £8,380 more than in the present year. The item mainly accounting for this rise in costs is the recent increase in the remuneration of District Medical Officers, but outlay is also affected by the rising cost of medicines. Many new and costly types of medicines have been introduced in recent years and it seems that there is much recourse to them. It is evident indeed that many ailments which in former times would have been regarded as serious can now be effectively treated in a short time with new drugs. But it has from time to time been contended that the costs of some of these preparations is too high and that an undue proportion of their price is absorbed by advertising.

Institutional Services :

These are of two types :—

- (a) Those provided by the Council in their own institutions; and
- (b) Those afforded in hospitals in Dublin.

Under this heading Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Hospitals are included. The total cost of treatment in hospitals and other institutions is estimated at £172,900; in the present year the Council allowed £181,936.

County Institutions :

The costs of running the Council's own institutions, viz. District Hospital, Wicklow; District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, do not show much change from the present year. In the year ended 31st March, 1960, the costs of maintenance in them worked out at :—

County Hospital, Wicklow	...	£8 6 7
District Hospital, Baltinglass	...	£10 9 0
St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	...	£2 19 10

The former Fever Hospital, Wicklow, was reconstructed some time ago with the intention that it be used in future as a General Hospital but it has not been possible so far to arrange for the transfer of patients from the existing building because of the necessity to determine the future use and programme of improvements for buildings used in Rathdrum and Wicklow in connection with the Health Service.

Much thought has been given by the Council and the Consultative Health Committee to the manner in which existing buildings might best be used or be adapted to future requirements with the carrying out of some improvements as economically as possible. It might here be of help to review the position generally. About 12 years ago it was decided that the Hospital at Baltinglass should be extended and improved and a new County Hospital be erected outside Wicklow. The Baltinglass Hospital part of the scheme was carried out in succeeding years and to such an extent that the present institution bears scarcely any resemblance to that which formerly served the western part of the county. Modern hospital facilities have been provided and a wide range of hospital services, including surgical and maternity, are now provided at Baltinglass. The hospital is always fully occupied. The proposal to provide a new County Hospital at Rathnew was abandoned because of the number of beds which increasingly became available in institutions in Dublin City and vicinity. The falling off in the incidence of tuberculosis and the provision of new sanatoria had resulted in beds in general hospitals, which formerly had been used for T.B. cases, becoming available for general hospital purposes. Moreover there has

been a steady growth in the number of specialist institutions which has meant that the shortage of beds in general hospitals was relieved. Nowadays there are specialist institutions for diseases in children and the treatment of many types of ailment, especially those of a chronic type, which in former years led to beds in general hospitals being occupied by such patients for long periods. Another difficulty which would have arisen in connection with a new County Hospital at Wicklow would be that of providing the wide variety of specialist staffs which nowadays are essential for such an institution.

As there were vacant beds in Newcastle Sanatorium it was decided about 4 years ago to close down St. Kevin's Sanatorium at Rathdrum and to use the buildings instead as an adjunct to St. Colman's Hospital. This change made available about 50 beds which nowadays are used as a Female Infirmary for St. Colman's Hospital. But the Council has been anxious to carry out many further improvements at Rathdrum for the 200 or so cases which normally are accommodated there. Some years ago an outline scheme which provided for extensions and many improvements such as central heating was prepared but it was found that such improvements would be very costly. Of late both the Council and the Consultative Health Committee again have had before them some alternative proposals for the use of existing hospital buildings in the County. It has also been suggested that the Council should give consideration to a proposal that mental patients might be provided for in some of the existing institutions in Co. Wicklow and thereby relieve overcrowding in Dublin Institutions. These revised proposals would involve using the existing hospital at Wicklow as a clinic or for some other purpose in connection with the Health Services. It would be evident that the Council in a matter such as this must be in a position to dispose as they may think fit of the existing buildings in their charge with a view to improving the Health Services for which they are responsible. As was mentioned when the Estimates were being submitted last year the problem at the moment is that of seeing that any accommodation in existing institutions which may be in excess of immediate or foreseeable requirements may be used with the greatest advantage to the Health Services and with a view to avoiding the heavy capital costs which would follow from the construction of new buildings.

Fuel for County Institutions :

It was decided again last year that the Council would endeavour to provide turf from bogs in Glenmacnass and Ballinagee for their own Hospitals and also for many of the other buildings in which they have to provide heating. It has for many years been the policy of the Council to endeavour to meet fuel requirements through local turf production and it has been considered that in this way some further employment within the County is afforded—even if it be only of a seasonal type. But it must be admitted that the efforts to provide home-produced fuel have not always met with success and in addition involved extra cost to the Council. The Council as a matter of policy decided to use local turf in lieu of imported fuel, but in recent times it has been found that turf can be obtained elsewhere of a better quality and at a cheaper price than it is possible to obtain from the Council's own production. Very little coal is ever used nowadays in the Council's institutions or offices but it is found that the standards of heating in institutions sometimes could not be maintained at a reasonable level if fuel produced within the county only were to be used.

Extern Institutions :

These include General Hospitals in Dublin City and County; Maternity Hospitals in Dublin; Newcastle Sanatorium and a few other Tuberculosis Hospitals; Special Homes for Mental Defectives; Special Institutions for treating children's ailments; Homes for Deaf and Dumb Persons and a variety of other institutions which nowadays provide special forms of treatment. The Estimate for these Extern General Hospitals is £101,600 which shows a reduction of £11,783 over that for 1960-61.

The reductions mainly come under two headings, General Hospitals about £9,000 and Tuberculosis Hospitals £2,500. In comparing the costs for the two years it must however be borne in mind that in the present year the Council

had to provide £13,000 to meet additional hospital costs which derived from previous years. These additional costs became payable in the current year mainly because of the very high rate of charge which was determined for treatment in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, after the Hospital Accounts had been audited—until the final charges had been taken out the weekly charge in this Institution was on a provisional basis. The Council found that the costs in St. Columcille's Hospital tended to show such an unexpected rise each year and to be subject to such excess charges because of revisions in respect of previous years that it was eventually decided last year to terminate the existing arrangements for treatment in that Institution. This decision was only taken after the matter had been examined at length by the Consultative Health Committee which was representative of the Council's own medical advisers and of the medical practitioners in the county and after lengthy consideration by the Council. It seemed at the time that adequate accommodation could be found elsewhere in other hospitals for patients from County Wicklow and that probably one of the reasons for the relatively high costs in Loughlinstown Hospital might be that the accommodation in it was not being fully occupied. It is accepted the unused accommodation in a hospital can very materially affect the level of costs, as overhead charges remain stationary even though the number of patients may decline. A number of patients coming within the category of accident and emergency cases are still being sent from Wicklow County to Loughlinstown Hospital, but these nowadays are only being paid for by the Council at the same rate as is approved for the General Hospitals in Dublin. It, however, has been found that the Dublin Health Authority which now controls this Institution is sending accounts to Wicklow County Council based on what is calculated by them to be the average daily cost for maintenance and which is about twice as high as that in Dublin Hospitals. If the County Council had to accept this basis of charge the extra costs involved thus far would be about £10,000. It has of course been indicated to the Dublin Health Authority that the Council having terminated the former arrangement will not accept accounts nowadays calculated on what is described as the average daily cost for maintenance.

The cost of treating patients in Tuberculosis Institutions shows a reduction of £2,500. Very few patients are maintained in any Institutions outside of Newcastle Sanatorium, the numbers being at present, Newcastle Sanatorium 70; Other Institutions 12. The number undergoing institutional treatment has shown a falling off in the past year and this is the reason for the reduced cost.

Maternity and Child Health Services:

Medical care and hospital treatment is provided for:—

- (a) Mothers, and infants (up to 6 weeks);
- (b) Children until they reach school-going age (i.e. 5 or 6 years) through clinics, dispensaries and domiciliary visits from nurses and doctors; and
- (c) Children attending national schools by periodic inspections in such schools by the Council's medical, nursing and dental staff and the subsequent provision of any necessary treatment.

Mothers both in the Lower and Middle Income Groups can obtain medical care with choice of doctor. This means that the existing Health Services provide maternity services for almost all mothers as the number outside the Lower and Middle Income Groups is comparatively small. The fees payable to medical practitioners for this service in the coming year is estimated at £6,000 which shows an increase of £1,000 over that in 1960-61. The other items which come under the heading of Maternity and Child Health Services are: Midwifery and Nursing Services; Obstetrical Requisites; Milk for Mothers and Children; Maternity Cash Grants; Child Welfare Service and School Health Service. Almost all of these show a slight upper trend with the result that the cost of the Maternity and Child Health Services for the coming year is estimated at £22,740 as against £21,850 in the current year. The cost of Maternity Hospitals is shown under the heading of Extern Institutions apart from the cost of the Maternity Unit at Baltinglass. This latter item shows a reduction of £1,000 in the coming year but this is ascribable not so much to a reduction in numbers as to a somewhat shorter stay on the part of patients in hospitals.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

Here the cost of £1,060 shows a reduction of about £700 on that for the current year. Under this heading the following services are included: Dispensary and Clinical Services for Tuberculosis; Special Domiciliary Visits by Medical and Nursing Staff to Tuberculosis Patients; Mass Radiography Examinations; B.C.G. Vaccination Service; and Maintenance Allowances. The reduction in cost in the coming year is due to a falling off in the outlay on Maintenance Allowances which are paid towards the support of persons suffering from Infectious Diseases (mainly Tuberculosis).

B.C.G. Vaccination which has materially helped as a protective measure in reducing the incidence of Tuberculosis was continued during the past year. Other measures such as inoculation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough were also carried out whilst vaccination of children against Poliomyelitis was another scheme in which the Council's medical staff were engaged. During 1960 the number of persons who had X-rays taken with the Mass Radiography Service was 3,522. This still must be regarded as a disappointing response and it is to be regretted that much greater numbers do not avail of a free service which can be of such great help in finding Tuberculosis or other chest ailments, thus leading to early treatment with a very much shorter term being required to provide a cure and return to normal occupation.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

The cost is estimated at £3,720 which shows an increase of about £400 over the present year. The whole-time dentist who is employed by the Council is almost completely occupied in connection with School Dental Treatment. The number of children for whom School Dental Treatment was provided by the County Dentist in 1960 was 2,414. In addition to a whole-time dentist the services of part-time dentists are also now being availed of and it is felt that this should result in a greater number of children being afforded treatment. For ophthalmic work the Council nowadays engages the services of specialists on a sessional basis.

In referring to some of the services afforded to school children attending national schools it should be mentioned that the number of schools inspected by the Council's medical and nursing staff in the year 1960 was 69, a higher number than in previous years. It is found that the children in national schools are now being inspected about once in every 18 months and it is understood from the Chief Medical Officer that this frequency of medical inspection can be regarded as a satisfactory standard.

Specialist Services:

The cost at £5,000 shows little change from the present year. The greater part of the cost is attributed to the payments for specialist services afforded through the outpatient clinics attached to Dublin hospitals. In the year ended 31st March, 1960, 3,812 persons attended these outpatient clinics.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The granting of these allowances to disabled persons was introduced about 6 years ago and the number availing of the scheme has shown a continuous rise together with the costs. At present the number receiving such allowances is 240 and the cost for the coming year is estimated at £13,500.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:

The cost, which is estimated at £6,000, shows no change and includes provision for a new ambulance to replace one at Wicklow which is now almost twelve years in use and no longer can be expected to give satisfactory service. The Council at the present time maintains 4 ambulances. During the present year a new ambulance is being provided at Baltinglass.

Supervision of Food and Drink :

The provision for this purpose at £2,350 is the same as in the present year. The two Health Inspectors who are employed by the Council serve both the rural areas and the Urban Districts. Their sanitary duties relate to water supplies, sewerage, infectious diseases and the Housing Acts. Recently they have been engaged on a special Housing Survey which the Department of Local Government asked that each Local Authority carry out for their area. The Food Hygiene Regulations also are administered by them and the duties formerly discharged by members of the Garda Síochána as Food and Drugs Inspectors are now assigned to Health Inspectors. It is of interest to note that in 1960 all samples of food and drink which were taken and sent for analysis were found to be genuine.

Contributions to Societies :

The Council at present is paying subsidies to six District Nursing Associations in the following areas : Arklow, Bray, Powerscourt, Kilbride and Boghall; Greystones, Newtownmountkenedy and Wicklow. The cost for the coming year will be £1,250.

Receipts :

Of the total receipts of £157,790, the amount estimated as coming from State Health Grants is £137,494. It will be evident from the figures in the Estimates that the State Health Grant is substantially less than 50% of the total cost of the Health Services which come to £299,880. The reason for this is that all Health expenditure is not regarded as admissible for recoupment by the State, the outlay on Loan Charges, for example, being excluded.

Treatment in Hospitals and Other Institutions :

In accordance with the practice of previous years the number of patients admitted to institutions for treatment is set out below :—

Year ended	Council's Own Co. Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Special Homes	Tuberculosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
31/3/57	1,991	1,906	4	161	628
31/3/58	2,088	2,029	6	134	704
31/3/59	2,127	2,799	9	109	720
31/3/60	2,248	2,611	6	99	738

It will be found from the foregoing figures that the number of patients being admitted to institutions generally has shown a continuous rise over the period. If the total number of hospital admissions be related to the population of the county as a whole then it will be found that institutional care and treatment is being widely availed of nowadays. The number of persons included in these admissions who would be contributing anything towards the cost of hospital treatment would be very small. These figures might be taken as evidence as to the character and scope of some of the Health Services which the Council is nowadays providing.

The Rate which would be required for Health Services if Mental Hospitals be included would be 12/1d. and this is more than one-third of the total rate levy.

MENTAL HOSPITAL

In former years the gross costs of running Grangegorman Mental Hospital and its auxiliary Institutions were apportioned against Wicklow County Council on the basis of the number of patients from County Wicklow maintained in them. The receipts by way of Grant under the Health Act were then deducted—the net sum so derived being the charge to Wicklow County Council. Under this system gross costs, receipts and net requirements would consequently be shown. For example, in 1960-61 the gross cost chargeable to Wicklow County Council was shown as £90,681, the Grant under the Health Act was £42,763 and the net requirement to be raised from Rates in consequence was £47,918 of which £36,683 was chargeable to the County Health District, the balance being

contributed by the Urban Districts. For the coming year, however, the demand of the Dublin Health Authority, which has taken on the functions of the former Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, shows only the net requirement to be supplied by Wicklow County Council. For the coming year the amount to be contributed from the County Health District is £34,957, which would require a rate of 2/9.74d.

Some time ago the former Sanatorium at Crookslings, Co. Dublin, was taken over for mental cases and the former Preventorium at Ballyowen, Lucan, which had been intended to cater for cases of tuberculosis in children was assigned to a like use. Notwithstanding the additional accommodation which thereby became available it is understood that overcrowding still exists in the Mental Institutions under the charge of the Dublin Health Authority. The number of patients from County Wicklow at present being maintained in the Mental Institutions under the charge of the Dublin Health Authority is 344 and shows little change from previous years.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The services included under Public Assistance are of a welfare character, i.e. social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions. The amount required for the coming year is estimated at £26,129 which is almost the same as the requirement for the current year. The rate in this instance consequently shows no change. Whilst there is no alteration in the amount required for assistance it must be borne in mind that many new cases have been allowed Disability Allowances under the Health Acts and additional provision has had to be made for them next year.

In addition to assistance there is also included here the Footwear Scheme under which footwear may be provided for families in need; the cost of burials; and the scheme for supplying fuel to necessitous households. Finally, there is the cost of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages which is defrayed from Rates and amounts to £825. Fees for certificates, however, amount to £300 so that the net cost to the Council would be £525.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross cost of these services for the coming year is estimated at £44,098 and the major item in it would be the Loan Charges for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes which come to almost £20,000. There are receipts of £9,152 which leaves the net cost at £34,946 requiring a Rate of 2/9.73d. Last year the Rate for this service was 3/0.71d. but in the latter levy provision had to be made for a debit balance arising from Loan Charges on new works and costs of maintenance in excess of those anticipated.

Public Lighting :

The Estimate for the coming year is again £3,600 and this is required to meet the cost of lighting 48 towns, villages and hamlets.

Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes :

Whilst for the coming year the cost of maintenance of existing water supplies and sewerage services and the Loan Charges arising from Capital Costs show little change it can be expected that these items will show an upward trend later if the programme for rural water supplies and sewerage services is to make progress. At present a survey which is intended to serve in determining how new water supplies may be provided in rural areas in the coming year is being carried out. Difficulty was found in recruiting special staff to do this work but it is hoped to have it completed at a fairly early date. Through this survey it is hoped to be able to divide the County into a number of regions in which having regard to configuration and levels it would be possible to supply water from sources which might be regarded as adequate having regard to present and future needs. Some of the projected schemes might be of a major type whilst others would be comparatively small supplying only limited areas. But it would not be possible to supply all rural homesteads with water through schemes derived from this survey and it would be evident that because of their position there would be many rural dwellings for which independent sources of supply

will have to be used. Owing to the scattered character of rural housing in Ireland the provision of water through Regional Schemes will only meet part of the rural water supply problem.

In addition to the survey the Council decided last year to improve and augment a number of existing water supplies which were not regarded as satisfactory and to provide extensions of pipelines which would bring water from existing supplies to new consumers. Some progress was made during the year with the planning of these extensions and improvements. In a few areas water supply connections were made to Council cottages which were near to existing watermains, the tenants making a contribution by means of a weekly payment, in addition to rent, to meet part of the cost involved. It is hoped to be in a position to carry out further schemes of this type within the next year or two but it must be expected that a reasonable contribution towards the cost will be made by the persons who benefit from the new services.

The Council has also given material assistance to the provision of water supplies to isolated rural dwellings by making Supplementary Grants available. The State Grant for this purpose is £50 and subject to certain conditions the Council may allow a similar grant under their scheme. In addition an extra £25 by way of State Grant and a similar grant from the Council may be obtained where sewerage is installed. Thus far quite a number of such grants have been made by the Council.

It was decided last year to engage a consultant to prepare a scheme for supplying water to Avoca and the surrounding area. The consultant has been engaged on preliminary surveys and the possibility of arranging for a scheme which would supply a rather large area in south-east Wicklow is at present being explored. The Council's own engineering staff have also been engaged on a number of projects, quite apart from surveys, such as augmentation of Blessington Supply, new supply for Annamoe/Laragh District, extensions in Rathnew Area and in Tinahely District. The capital costs of the many new projects which may have to be carried out in the next 5 years or so can be expected to result in a substantial further outlay on Loan Charges even though nowadays 50% of the cost may be met by State Grant.

A provisional sum of £200 has been included to meet loan charges on proposed extensions to the Wicklow Regional Water Supply, but as any such extensions would be solely for the purpose of serving the town of Wicklow, the cost involved would be recouped by Wicklow Urban District Council, and no charge would fall to be met from the rates levied by the County Council.

Dumping Grounds:

Much difficulty has been found in recent times in finding suitable dumping grounds for towns and villages. It is hoped that the Council may be in a position to provide a new dumping ground for Enniskerry during the coming year; it has frequently been stressed by local residents that one was badly needed for this area.

Amenity Schemes:

Some further works which will result in the provision of amenities for visitors were carried out last year or are at present in hands. The main item is the making of better provision for heavy summer traffic near the seafront in Greystones. The present scheme includes the construction of a fairly large car park adjoining the Greystones/Delgany road and a grant towards the cost of this work is being obtained from An Bord Fáilte. New seats were provided last year in a number of public places whilst in recent months trees have been planted in a number of towns and villages—a work in which local residents have shown much interest and enthusiasm especially in the case of Carnew and Blessington.

At present large scale and costly improvements are being carried out to the roadway adjoining the seafront at Brittas. The Local Development Association at Brittas have asked the Council to provide special services in this area. The Council, however, felt that it would be desirable to have a plan for Brittas district which would show the lines along which suitable development could take place in the coming years—by suitable is meant a type of development which would be in the long-term interests not only of the district itself but also of County Wicklow as a whole.

As a result of the commitments of the Council in respect of amenity services in places resorted to by visitors it is necessary in the coming year to increase the provision for this purpose by £300, but even then the outlay is quite modest having regard to the impact which the existence of such services may have on tourist attractions.

From time to time demands for the provision of household refuse collection services have been received from some of the towns and villages in the county, in particular from built-up areas in the north-eastern part of the county. It is clear, however, that such services could not possibly be afforded unless by substantial additions to existing costs. A point at issue is whether the cost of such services should be a county charge or a local charge which would be levied on the area which benefits. This is a matter on which it has not been possible to reach agreement. Aside from the costs which could arise from household refuse collection services it is clear that other amenity schemes such as water supply and sewerage, public sanitary conveniences, small parks, bathing places, shelters, seats, litter removal and maintenance of existing structures at tourist resorts will materially add to the outlay on sanitary services in the next 5 or 6 years. The members for one electoral area felt that some part of the additional cost should be met by the substitution of outlay on amenity schemes for some of the present very heavy expenditure on road maintenance and improvement. The viewpoint here is that nowadays a large proportion of the community whether living in urban or rural areas is contributing to the cost of roads through motor taxation—a great number of households nowadays have a taxed vehicle of some type whether it be a car, a tractor, truck, or a motor cycle or scooter. The increasing revenue from motor taxation, might, it is thought, meet larger part of the cost of road maintenance; at present roughly one-half of the cost comes from motor taxation and from rates. If the proportion to be met from local rates were reduced then local authorities without a marked increase in the rates could use for amenity schemes the money saved on road works. In this connection it may not always be appreciated that road maintenance imposes an unusually heavy burden in Ireland by reason of the abnormally high road mileage in proportion to population. In County Wicklow, for example, the existing road mileage works out at about one mile for every 50 persons. Not only is it expected that the greater part of this mileage be maintained to a very high standard but recently the mileage is being added to by the taking over for public maintenance of further stretches of rural roads which thus far have not been in the charge of the local authority.

HOUSING

The total cost of Housing as shown in the Estimates submitted to you is £123,391 and after deducting receipts estimated at £73,875 the net requirement is £49,516; the rate required would be 4/1.73d. In this instance the gross outlay and the Rate to be levied shows a substantial increase and is due in the main to the additional provision which is being included for repairs to Council houses.

Last year it was decided to allow £7,360 for Housing Repairs but the amount was found to be inadequate and recently it was necessary to vote £2,000 extra to meet the additional costs in the present year. This excess expenditure results in it being necessary to provide for a debit balance of £2,000 in the coming year. From the provision made last year moreover it was necessary to assign £2,565 for Loan Charges on a loan of £20,000 borrowed for Repairs 6 years ago and this left only £4,795 for actual repairs in the current year. The sum now included for Repairs is £19,311 and deducting Loan Charges of £2,411 which would be payable next year the amount available for Repair Works would be £16,870.

The total number of Council houses is 3,312 and of these 1,018 are vested in the tenants as owners under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. This means that the Council is liable for repairs to the remaining 2,294 houses. If the provision for repairs is calculated at £5 per house the sum required would be £16,870. It was felt, however, that it would be necessary to make special provision for a number of old houses which would require costly repairs and 120 of these are included at £50. each.

Last year there was a proposal that the system of Differential (or Graded) Rents be modified by the giving of larger abatements in respect of dependants.

It was found that this proposal would result in a reduction of rent receipts of £1,850 and the Department of Local Government in a recent letter have indicated that in lieu of alterations in rental assessments which would result in a reduction in receipts the Council should retain the existing system but apply a greater part of the income towards the cost of repairs which would then serve to assist in expediting cottage purchase. The Estimate now submitted to you does not take account of a reduction in receipts which would follow from the adjustment of rents proposed last year and if this were to be done a further increase in the Estimate would be required. A special report on the difficulties arising in connection with Cottage Repairs was submitted 7 years ago when the Council were arranging to borrow a capital sum for the repairs programme. It was then stressed that whereas the cost of repairs had been continuously rising there had been no corresponding increase in rental income. Furthermore for many years previously very little provision whatever had been made for repairs and consequently the outlay required in recent times had become all the greater.

The Contract System for carrying out repairs was used in most parts of the county again last year. In West Wicklow, however, contractors were not available and it was necessary to resort to Direct Labour. The Contract System operates on the basis of a Priced Schedule for Repairs which the Contractor may accept or quote at a percentage addition or discount. It was found that the system can simplify the giving of contracts to contractors, the pricing of jobs, estimating of costs and paying for work done. Moreover it was the experience of the Council that Direct Labour involved heavy outlay on transport costs. Some complaints, however, have been received in recent times regarding the quality of the work done by contractors. It would be unfortunate if the Contract System did not prove successful as undoubtedly the expenditure on Direct Labour where supplies and tradesmen have to be taken from central depots over rather long distances always entails heavy transport costs.

Housing Reconstruction Grants:

The scheme for the making of grants for the reconstruction and improvement of dwellings has been largely availed of in the past few years. Not only are existing buildings being brought to a satisfactory standard of maintenance but the grants also are being used for such valuable improvements as provision of water supply and sewerage, construction of bathrooms and the provision of better living accommodation. The grants are given in addition to those made by the State and subject to the condition that the applicant would meet at least one-third of the cost of the work involved. The total number of grants which have been approved so far by the Council is 558 but in addition there is a large number of applications on hands—about 100. These figures give an idea of the assistance which is being afforded through these grants. It is to be expected that many more applications will be received during the coming year. The Council already has borrowed £50,000 for this purpose, the last loan of £25,000 being approved a few months ago. The Loan Charges payable in the coming year are estimated at £3,670 which is roughly about twice the outlay in the present year. It is considered that the making available of these special State and Supplementary Council Grants has materially reduced the housing demand which the Council otherwise might have had to meet through the provision of new houses. As mentioned over 550 houses have already been improved in this way.

The total housing indebtedness of the Council for new houses now is £906,484 and these have required assistance from the Rates, which in the present year comes to about 3/10 in the £. The commitments in respect of the reconstruction, repair and improvement of dwellings for which Supplementary Grants have been given involved a charge in the Rates of less than 2d. in the present year and will require about 3½d. in the coming year.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans:

No new loans were made during the past year and the total number remains at 97. The Loan Charges of £6,700 do not involve any charge to the Rates as they are met in full by the repayments from borrowers. It should here be mentioned, however, that considerable difficulty is being found in securing repayments from some borrowers and this difficulty is added to by the fact that

the Council has to ensure that fire insurance and ground rents are paid—in some instances because they were in arrear the Council had to pay these charges and then endeavour to recover them from the borrowers.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Under this heading are shown the costs of the Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Secondary and University Scholarships, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare Scheme, Drainage Schemes, Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes, Electoral and Jurors' Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals Acts (Sheep Dipping, Bovine T.B., etc.), Courthouses and other expenses which might be taken as illustrating the great variety of services which a County Council nowadays has to administer.

The net charges after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-Large, including Urban Districts—£22,729; Chargeable to County Health District—£56,334. The corresponding charges in the Estimate for the present year were—£21,150 and £51,501. The rate required would be 5/10.73d. as compared with 5/4.86d. in the present year—i.e. an increase of 5.87d. The additional Rate would be required mainly for outlay under the Diseases of Animals Acts, Fire Brigades, Superannuation and Committee of Agriculture.

Committee of Agriculture:

The amount of the demand is up by £1,031 or roughly 1d. in the £.

Fire Brigades:

Last year additional provision had been made for Fire Brigades because of the purchase of new fire engines for Carnew and Baltinglass. For the coming year £1,626 extra will be required. The Chief Fire Officer has recommended that a new fire engine costing £3,200 be purchased for the town of Wicklow and this would involve loan charges of £476. The revision of the rates of remuneration to members of the fire brigades recently agreed to, would cost £658, the maintenance of fire engines, including fuel, oil and servicing together with the extension of the fire brigade alarm system is expected to cost an additional £492. The total cost of the fire brigades as now shown in the Estimates is £12,261 of which £3,051 would be chargeable to the Urban Councils.

Superannuation Charges:

The net cost of Superannuation Charges shown under Pensions at £3,789 shows an increase of £2,489. This is due to provision to be made for persons retiring from the Council's staff in the coming year.

Diseases of Animals Acts:

The items which come under this heading include remunerations of Veterinary Inspectors, the Sheep Dipping Scheme which is operated by the Council and the statutory contribution to what is known as the General Cattle Diseases Fund and compensation paid to owners of cattle slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order. In all the total cost for the coming year comes to £5,334 towards which nowadays the only recoupment received from State Funds is £1,000 in respect of compensation paid for animals slaughtered because of Bovine Tuberculosis. The balance of £4,334 has to be met completely from Rates. In previous years the Council received a measure of recoupment—usually about £1,000 or so—towards the cost of the Veterinary Inspectorate Scheme and Sheep Dipping. At the meeting of the Council held on 10th October, 1960, information was given as to the effect on Council expenditure of the passing of the new Act known as the Diseases of Animals Act, 1960. Hitherto the Department of Agriculture maintained what is known as the General Cattle Diseases Fund and County Councils were obliged to contribute to it—the contributions being about ¼d. to ½d. in the year. Normally the amount to be contributed by this Council was about £350. Last year, however, an additional £350 was assessed on the Council and had to be voted at the meeting in October, 1960. For the coming year it is necessary to provide a contribution of £1,400 towards the Cattle Diseases Fund whereas the amount provided for last year was only £340.

Sheep Dipping:

The Sheep Dipping arrangements operated by the Council were recently reviewed and it was decided that increased payments for sheep dipped in private and public baths should be made, that the remuneration of the Sheep Dipping Inspectors would be revised and that additional provision be made for repairs to sheep dipping baths. The total additional cost involved in respect of sheep dipping arrangements is found to be £861 over the outlay in the present year.

Coast Erosion at Wicklow:

Some time ago Wicklow Urban District Council asked that the County Council might give some assistance towards the cost of works to prevent coast erosion along the seafront. It was submitted that even though a Government Grant which would meet a good part of the cost be obtained the balance to be raised by the Urban Council would result in a heavy rate for loan charges. It was stressed also that already the Urban Council is levying a heavy rate to meet the costs of capital works carried out in previous years and to provide for annual repairs to protective works. When this matter came before the County Council it was decided to defer it until the Annual Estimates were under consideration. In the absence of any decision in the matter no amount is included in respect of it in the Estimates.

SEPARATE CHARGES**Vocational Education Committee:**

The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge as Bray Urban Council has its own scheme. The total cost of Vocational Education for the coming year is made up of Demand from Committee £16,866. Repayment of Loans £6,315, and Retiring Allowances £873, making a total of £24,054. The recoupment available to the Council from the Department of Education towards the cost of Loan Charges comes to £3,158 and there are other receipts of £767 making in all £3,925. The net cost which has to be levied from Rates is £20,129 and this represents a Rate of 1/5.73d. Last year the Rate was 1/1.38d. so that there is an increase of 4.35d. Apart from the increase in the Committee's Demand the erection of new Vocational Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin has required that additional provision would be made for Loan Charges. It can be expected that the current expansion in Vocational Education will require Rate increases in the coming years. It is notable, however, that there has been a marked increase in the numbers attending Vocational Schools.

Criminal Injuries:

Last year the Council had to meet the cost of eight Malicious Injuries Decrees coming in all to £2,792, of which £2,584 was charged to the County-at-Large and the balance to smaller areas. In the coming year nine new Malicious Injuries Decrees have to be provided requiring a levy of £4,378 from the County-at-Large and £607 from specified local areas. The rate for the County-at-Large portion of the Decrees will be 3.23d. which is an increase of 1.32d. over the present year.

The Financing of Public Services:

The main variation in the Estimates for the coming year as compared with the current one is the additional provision made for Housing and even though some other services such as some of those coming under General Purposes show a rise in costs the additional rate of 1/2d. which would be necessary if the Estimates were approved is mainly ascribable to Housing Repairs.

With the moneys provided last year further improvements have been effected in many ways quite apart from normal maintenance. The assistance given through Supplementary Housing Grants has improved living accommodation and amenities for many rural households, many more rural roads have been reconstructed, while long-distance traffic has been given ease and safer conditions

for travelling by the improvements on main roads. The Water Supply Survey which is now being completed might be taken as being a preliminary towards helping to remove an element of drudgery from rural life and bringing the amenities of the countryside more into line with those for long available in the towns. The difficulties which may arise in financing the amenity services, which are obviously so essential both for the permanent resident and the visitor, have been touched on in this Report and will require much consideration together with—if one might so describe it—a measure of vision on the part of public authorities and their advisers, if they are to be overcome.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further details in addition to the information given in this report will be furnished when they are being considered at the Estimates meeting of the Council on 27th February, 1961.

It is only fitting that I should now express my sincere appreciation for the valued assistance and guidance which the Council have so readily afforded at all times in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

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ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Ordinary Road Works :				
Maintenance and Reconstruction	82,534	82,534	69,783	69,783
Loan Charges	1,681	1,681	3,049	3,049
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works :				
Road Fund	29,000	32,900	60,000	68,000
Other Purposes :				
Salaries, etc. of County Engineer and Assistants	3,660	3,660	4,798	4,798
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries, Clerical Staff, County Engineer's Office			2,107	2,508
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers			538	538
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Servants	3,100	3,100	2,350	2,350
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	50	50	400	400
Postage and Telephone	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£121,905	£125,805	£147,185	£155,586

ROADS—continued.

Nature of Income	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	33,013	33,013		
Road Fund—Special Grant	29,000	32,900	60,000	68,000
Other Receipts :				
Estate Duty Grant			1,200	1,200
Road Openings and other Refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistant Engineers, chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,305	2,305	3,299	3,299
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Railway overbridges	75	75		
Contributions from established servants (Local Government Superannuation Act, 1948)	750	750	1,500	1,500
	£65,683	£69,583	£67,759	£75,759

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HEALTH			To which Urban Areas Contribute	
Purpose of Expenditure			Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
General Medical Services :				
Salaries—District Medical Officers	...	...	24,350	24,345
Fees for Professional Assistance	...	...	50	50
Medicines	...	...	6,000	6,000
Medical and Surgical Appliances	...	...	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	...	...	2,711	2,711
Insurances, etc.	...	...	450	450
Loan Charges	...	...	1,500	1,500
			(37,061)	(37,061)
Institutional Services :				
District Hospital, Wicklow	...	...	13,500	13,500
District Hospital, Baltinglass	...	...	22,500	22,500
Home for Aged and Infirm, St. Colman's, Rathdrum	...	...	35,300	35,300
			(71,300)	(71,300)
Extern Institutions :				
General Hospitals	...	...	50,250	50,250
Maternity Hospitals	...	...	9,500	9,500
Tuberculosis	...	...	29,500	29,500
Fever Hospitals	...	...	4,000	4,000
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc.	...	...	6,850	6,850
Homes for other persons	...	...	1,500	1,500
			(101,600)	(101,600)
Maternity and Child Health Services :				
Medical care for Mothers and Infants :				
Fees to Medical Practitioners	...	...	6,000	6,000
Fees for Professional Assistance	...	...	50	50
Midwifery and Nursing Services	...	...	5,700	5,700
Obstetrical Requisites	...	...	850	850
Milk for Mother and Children	...	...	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants	...	...	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	...	...	1,500	1,500
School Health Service	...	...	2,790	2,790
			(22,740)	(22,740)
Carried Forward	...	...	£232,701	£232,701

HEALTH—continued.

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Brought Forward	£232,701	£232,701
Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :		
Tuberculosis :		
Salaries	2,910	2,910
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	1,950	1,950
Domiciliary Welfare Service :		
Food, Clothing, Bedding	1,000	1,000
Mass Radiography Service	950	950
B.C.G. Service	1,000	1,000
Provision of Extra Rooms (Chalets)	50	50
Other Expenses :		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases :		
Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease	500	500
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of		
Clothing and Bedding	300	300
Notification and Prevention of Disease	150	150
Maintenance Allowance to Persons suffering from Infectious Diseases	2,200	2,200
	(11,060)	(11,060)
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	2,000	2,000
Fees for Professional Services	1,000	1,000
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances	600	600
Extern Institutions—Out Patients Services	20	20
Furniture and Equipment	50	50
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	50	50
	(3,720)	(3,720)
Specialist Services :		
Salaries and Fees	50	50
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	4,250	4,250
Other Expenses :		
Analysis of Specimens	700	700
	(5,000)	(5,000)
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons :		
Cash Grants and other Expenses	13,500	13,500
	(13,500)	(13,500)
Boarding Out, Etc., of Children :		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education	5,250	6,050
Approved Schools	450	450
	(5,700)	(6,500)
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients :		
	6,000	6,000
	(6,000)	(6,000)
Carried Forward	£277,681	£278,481

HEALTH—continued.

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Brought Forward	£277,681	£278,481
Supervision of Food and Drink :	2,350	2,350
	(2,350)	(2,350)
Contributions to Societies :		
(District Nursing Associations) ...	1,250	1,250
	(1,250)	(1,250)
General Administration :		
Salaries—County Medical Officer and Staff	3,720	3,921
Salaries—General Office Staff	3,780	4,702
Travelling Expenses	610	610
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage and Telephone Charges	950	950
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	200	200
Insurances	100	100
	(10,810)	(11,933)
Assessment—Nurses' Act, 1950 :	30	30
	(30)	(30)
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities :	5,633	5,633
	(5,633)	(5,633)
Other Expenses :		
Fees and Travelling Expenses :		
Mental Treatment Act	400	400
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,226	1,226
Loan Charges	500	500
	(2,126)	(2,126)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£299,880	£301,803

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	137,494	138,455
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services	8,750	8,750
Extern Institutions	1,500	1,500
Other Receipts :		
Hire of Ambulances	250	250
Sale of Farm Produce	1,500	1,500
Sales of Offal and Old Stores	50	50
Rents and Insurance Refunds, etc.	272	272
Officers Emoluments	6,350	6,350
Contributions to Superannuation	1,124	1,124
Miscellaneous	500	500
	£157,790	£158,751

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Money to be supplied to Dublin Health Authority	41,366	41,366

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	17,360	17,360
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	825	825
Salaries	5,250	6,618
Retiring Allowances	285	285
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
TOTAL	£27,420	£28,788

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

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries—Office Staff	1,217	1,441
Caretakers: Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds and Sanitary Conveniences	2,894	2,894
Burial Grounds	1,043	1,043
Engineering Staff—Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses	2,451	2,451
Shops Acts—Inspectors	8	8
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	50	50
Superannuation	385	385
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	8,600	8,000
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	600	600
Burial Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	1,600	1,600
Public Lighting	3,600	3,600
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	19,850	19,850
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£44,098	£43,722

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	5,392	5,392
State Grants—Contributions to Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	2,500	2,500
Contribution by Wicklow U.D.C. to costs of Extension of Regional Scheme	200	200
Burial Fees	550	700
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£9,152	£9,302

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Salaries	1,885	2,377
Retiring Allowances	868	868
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	3,876	3,908
Rent Collectors Poundage	4,030	4,030
Cottage Repairs	19,311	12,411
Loan Charges	66,896	66,896
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	13,550	13,550
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	305	305
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	300	300
Office Expenses	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing Reconstruction Grants	3,670	3,670
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£123,391	£117,015

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Labourers Cottages	38,250	38,250
Housing Subsidy	28,175	28,175
Other Receipts	400	400
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	£73,875	£73,875

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GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			9,279	9,279
Public Libraries			5,642	6,025
Town and Regional Planning Acts			220	220
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships: Secondary	2,183	2,183		
University	1,545	1,545		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme			5,000	5,000
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	4,710	4,710	9,701	11,184
Cost of Rate Collection, Commission and Assessment			11,866	11,879
Cost of Rate Collection, Superannuation			1,160	1,160
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees Pensions			600	600
Pensions:				
Late Union Officers'	445	445		
Late R. D. Council's Officers'			25	25
Co. Officers' and Servants'	125	125	3,789	3,789
Franchise and Jurors Lists	2,000	2,000		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	450	450		
Postage and Telephones	400	400	800	800
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	75	75	800	800
Assessments:				
(1) Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act	416	416		
(2) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	295	295		
Carried Forward ...	£13,319	£13,319	£50,282	£52,161

GENERAL PURPOSES—Continued.

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Brought Forward ...	13,319	13,319	50,282	52,161
Fire Brigades			12,261	12,261
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	400	400		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	200	200		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts			783	783
Road Fund Expenses	575	575		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	1,331	1,331		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	808	808		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	2,126	2,126		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	1,400	1,400		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouse and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	400	400	400	400
Courtkeeper's and Office Attendants	200	200	400	400
Loan Charges	820	820	446	446
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses—County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraught:				
General Account			4,500	4,500
Miscellaneous	30	30	300	300
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expenses (Balance)				
	£30,731	£30,731	£70,697	£72,576

GENERAL PURPOSES—Continued.

Nature of Income	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Grants—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes			5,000	5,000
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	64	64		
Licence Fees : Poison Cinematograph	6	6	7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Act	50	50		
Public Libraries			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme : Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments : Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	385	385		
Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	750	750		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			3,051	3,051
Diseases of Animals : Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Act—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Fees refunded by County Secretary—Franchise & Jurors	250	250		
Motor Registration Recoupment	2,063	2,475		
Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Law Agents' Salary, chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services			700	700
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services	100	100		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			4,155	4,155
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	800	800	700	700
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£8 002	£8,414	£14,363	£14,363

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1962.

SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Vocational Education Committee : Demand	16,866	16,866		
Repayment of Loans	6,315	6,315		
Retiring Allowances	873	873		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			310	310
Criminal Injuries : County-at-Large	4,396	4,396		
Carnew D.E.D.			404	404
Enniskerry D.E.D.			43	43
Greystones D.E.D.			86	86
Delgany D.E.D.			74	74
Rathdangan and Ballyguile D.E.D.'s			53	53
Total for Separate Charges	£28,450	£28,450	£970	£970

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Recoupment from Department of Education—one half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	3,158	3,158		
Recoupment Proportion of Pensions : Department £416				
Leitrim 10				
Sligo 7				
Kildare 53				
Carlow 1	487	487		
Superannuation Contributions	280	280		
	£3,925	£3,925		

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £247,881 0s. 0d.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th March, 1961, following the termination of the adjourned Estimates Meeting.

The following members attended:—

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

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 9th January, 1961.
2. Overdrafts on General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 30th June, 1961.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961—To consider applications deferred from last meeting.
4. Authorisation of expenditure in respect of year to 31st March, 1961.
5. Application for closing of road at Enniskerry for purposes of Motor Hill Climb.
6. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—To adopt Scheme for the season 1961.
7. To receive tenders for Repairs to Cottages for year 1961-62.
8. Application from George Tighe, Kilpedder, for vesting of cottage.
9. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Killacloran, Aughrim former tenant, Edward O'Brien, deceased.
10. Report from County Medical Officer and Assistant County Engineer in regard to cottage occupied by William Byrne, Bahana Whaley, Ballinaclash.
11. Report of Committee appointed by the Council to investigate the cost of production of materials in quarries.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for taking over by the Council of Kilcarra Lane.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and A. H. Hadden that very dangerous bend at Lugduff on road leading to Killavaney Parish Church be removed or visibility be improved by removal of hedges and replacement with wire.
14. Report of Assistant County Engineer re Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley in relation to flooding at Aughrim.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley, that Council take over land for extension to cemetery at Glendalough.
16. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 9th January, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR QUARTER TO 30th JUNE, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1961, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1961, shall not exceed £6,850."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961—TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING.

The Council considered in Committee applications to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961, which had been deferred from the previous meeting. Following an examination of information received in each case,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That having given further consideration to applications for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961, we hereby accept the following applicants :—

Mary C. Byrne, Greystones.

Matthew Jenkinson, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.

The following are rejected as not coming within the provisions of the Scheme :—

Thomas Byrne, 3 Castle Avenue, Wicklow.

Patrick P. Fitzgerald, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.

Bridget Anne Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow.

Bridget Mary Hickey, 33 Main Street, Arklow.

W. J. Kavanagh, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.

John J. Kinsella, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted letter dated 27th February, 1961, which had been received from Mr. D. O'Neill in regard to the application of his son, Dermot O'Neill, Claddagh, Newcourt Road, Bray. The Council was not prepared to alter their recommendation that this application did not come within the limits of the Council's scheme and was rejected.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 6th March, 1961, from Department of Education stating that it was far too late at the present stage to consider extending the closing date for the receipt of completed forms of application under the Council's scheme and expressing regret that the Minister could not accede to the Council's request in the matter. The Council noted the decision of the Minister.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 4th March, 1961, from Department of Education indicating that the Minister approved of allowing £156 to persons earning their livelihood abroad which allowance would not be included in income for scholarship purposes and approved of the acceptance of the candidate Margaret Mary Murphy. It was suggested that a clause covering this point be incorporated in future schemes. The Minister also approved of the acceptance of the application of Francis M. McGettigan since the income of the candidate's father was only 11/9 in excess of that allowed in the relevant clause of the scheme. The Council noted the Minister's decision in these matters.

ITEM No. 4—AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved :—

"That having considered report of County Accountant we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates under the following headings :—

Roads				£
Special Grant Works				
Road Fund	...	...	...	7,000
Government Grants	...	...	...	23,230
				£30,230
Health				£
General Medical Services	...	...	...	3,000
Institutional Services	...	...	...	8,000
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	...	...	...	3,120
				£14,120"

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR HILL CLIMB.

The County Secretary submitted application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the consent of the Council to the closing of public road at Enniskerry for the purposes of the Annual Hill Climb on 29th April, 1961, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Club stated that they would make the usual arrangements with local residents and make provision for the necessary insurance cover. The County Engineer had reported that he saw no objection to granting permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of Public Notice being given of the Council's intention to close to Public Traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 29th April, 1961, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of Motor Car Hill Climb."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME—TO ADOPT SCHEME FOR THE SEASON 1961.

The County Secretary submitted draft scheme for the making of loans to persons for the purpose of purchasing Seeds and Fertilisers for the year 1961. The scheme was in similar terms to that adopted in 1960.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby adopt scheme for the making of loans under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts as submitted to this meeting on terms similar to those in the scheme operated for the year 1960."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—TO RECEIVE TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR THE YEAR 1961-62.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the opening of the tenders received for carrying out of repairs to cottages during the year 1961-62 to the meeting to be held on 20th March, 1961. The Council asked that the County Engineer report on his experience of the operation of the Contract System for repairs.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FROM GEORGE TIGHE, KILPEDDER, FOR VESTING OF COTTAGE.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. George Tighe, Kilpedder, to purchase his cottage. Mr. Tighe was a member of the Defence Force. In a similar case the Council passed a Resolution under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, declaring that a particular tenant who is a member of the Defence Force was a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we note the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, and we hereby declare that George Tighe, tenant of Cottage No. 275/6 at Kilpedder West is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT KILLACLORAN, AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Mary McAteer, 3 Mass Rock Lane, Ballyholland, Newry, Co. Down, had succeeded to the title of cottage No. 121/10 of which the tenant-purchaser was the late Edward O'Brien. She had applied for permission to sell the cottage to Mr. Patrick Keogh, a native of Killacoran and at present resident in Manchester. It had been indicated that Mr. Keogh wished to return to Ireland. The proposed purchase price was £200. The cottage had been erected on 2nd June, 1916, and was vested in Edward O'Brien on 1st February, 1954.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,
Seconded by Deputy J. Everett,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of permission being granted to Mrs. Mary McAteer, 3 Mass Rock Lane, Ballyholland, Newry, Co. Down, to dispose of her interest in cottage No. 121/10 at Killacoran, Aughirm (former tenant purchaser: Edward O'Brien, decd.) to Mr. Patrick Keogh, Killacoran, for the sum of £200 subject to compliance with the general conditions imposed by the Council in regard to the granting of such consent."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—REPORT FROM COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING COTTAGE OCCUPIED BY WILLIAM BYRNE, BAHANA WHALEY, BALLINACLASH.

The County Medical Officer reported that the condition of the cottage was poor, there was dampness present in all rooms, the roof tiles were broken and defective and chimney stacks cracked as were both gables. The eave runs were defective and there was no proper ventilation under the floors. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the cottage was constructed about 1931 by contract and tiles were not carried out over the walls as is the present practice of the Council and as the concrete barge had cracked in a few places the water was getting in there. As well there were some cracks in walls which were filled some years ago but this had not been completely effective. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that the barge be taken off and the tiles carried out, that the cracks be raked out and pointed and all the plaster hacked off and

the walls replastered. A channel should be sunk on the upper side of the cottage to carry off the water. The total cost of the work would be £69. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had seen this cottage with Councillor Quigley and considered that it was in a very bad state of repair and expressed doubt as to whether it was worth while repairing. Before approving of any repairs he asked that the County Engineer inspect the cottage also and say if he was satisfied that repairs proposed would be effective.

ITEM No. 11—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS IN QUARRIES.

The County Secretary stated that the Committee were still examining the matter and a report was not yet available.

ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR TAKING OVER BY THE COUNCIL OF KILCARRA LANE.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had submitted a report on the matter but the cost of maintaining the lane had not been received as yet. The Council asked that the Engineer report as to the cost and that the matter then be referred for examination by the Local Committee.

ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS MISS M. WALSH AND A. H. HADDEN THAT VERY DANGEROUS BEND AT LUGDUFF ON ROAD LEADING TO KILLAVANEY PARISH CHURCH BE REMOVED OR VISIBILITY IMPROVED BY REMOVAL OF HEDGES AND REPLACEMENT WITH WIRE.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he examined the bend in question and estimated the cost of removing the ditch and erecting chainlink fencing to improve sight distance only at £130. Councillor Hadden stated that there appeared to be an error as to the bend referred to by Councillor Miss Walsh and himself and it was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer meet the members concerned.

ITEM No. 14—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER RE NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY IN RELATION TO FLOODING AT AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that in his opinion any flooding at Aughirm was not caused by the drainage done some years previously by the Council in the Kilpipe and Tomannerrin districts. This was borne out by the fact that there were only two floods in the last 30 years, one in 1947 and one in 1960. On each of these occasions there was very severe rainfall and the sudden flooding which was held up by the weir which served Aughirm flour mills. The flooding backed up the river and poured over the retaining wall behind Lawless's Hotel flooding the hotel and washing across the road and flooding the cottages at Killacoran. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there was no remedy to prevent this except putting in a sluice in the weir which would be a very expensive business or raising the retaining walls above the weir which might cause flooding elsewhere and might involve the Council in a claim for compensation. The gardens of the Killacoran cottages occasionally got flooded and this could be relieved by deepening the river down-stream of them but this again would probably involve interference with the bridge serving the mills. If the owners of Lawless's Hotel raised the retaining wall at the rear of Lawless's Hotel and Mr. Morrissey strengthened the wall at the rear of his premises there would be no flooding of Lawless's Hotel or of the cottages. The Council noted the report on the matter and asked that a scheme for the relief of flooding be prepared and submitted to the Department with an application for a grant under the Local Authorities Works Acts.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR R. MILEY THAT COUNCIL TAKE OVER LAND FOR EXTENSION TO CEMETERY AT GLENDALOUGH.

The Council decided to defer this matter for consideration at the meeting to be held on 20th March, 1961.

ITEM No. 16—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council deferred this item for consideration at the meeting to be held on 20th March, 1961.

RATHCLAREN TURN, BRAY.

Councillor Temple asked that a report in regard to the matter of the proposed abandonment of section of road at Rathclaren, near Bray, be submitted to the meeting on 20th instant.

Notice of Motion:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:

"That I, or some member of the Council, ask to have cottage of McCarthy's, Baltyboys, vested under the scheme and conditions as intended before being replaced by E.S.B. in 1938. The cottage was prepared under 1935 scheme."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on 20th March, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of dealing with items adjourned from the previous meeting and with housing matters.

The following members attended:

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

The County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh attended.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager conveyed his apologies for being unable to attend as he was engaged on the preparation of the Estimates of the Urban District Councils.

AGENDA.

1. Report on progress on erection of cottages at Kirikee, Glenmalure.
2. Tenders for Cottage Repairs for year 1961-62.
3. Cottage Repairs carried out during the month of February and cottages to be repaired during the month of March, 1961.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley that the Council take over an extension to cemetery at Glendalough.
5. Circular from Department of Agriculture re Dogs Act, 1960.
6. Report re proposed abandonment of road at Rathclaren Turn, near Bray
7. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE, GLENMALURE.

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported that the three cottages at Kirikee were progressing satisfactorily and it was expected that all three would be completed within 3 to 4 weeks. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 2—TENDERS FOR COTTAGE REPAIRS FOR YEAR 1961-62.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he did not consider it necessary in the present year to make any amendments in the cottage repairs schedule as regards the prices of the various items. He pointed out that in any case contractors had the opportunity by means of their percentages when tendering to offset any items which might necessarily need revision in the schedule. As regards the suggestion put forward by Councillor Temple the County Engineer stated that the proposed arrangement between the Urban Councils and the County Council for a joint scheme for cottage repairs to be operated by a whole-time staff would require some considerable time to investigate and he was not in a position to do so at the moment. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that a number of tradesmen would be interested in applying for the work of carrying out the repairs but felt it would be impossible to do the work at the rates set out in the schedule. He suggested that the scheduled rates should be amended. Councillor Temple also agreed that rates in the schedule were too low and should be revised. He suggested that a preferable system would be for each Engineer to prepare a list of repairs in respect of particular cottages and arrange for a price with suitable tradesmen for carrying out such work. The County Secretary stated that tenders were invited based on the schedule prepared by the County Engineer. Tenderers were entitled to tender either at the Scheduled rates, at a percentage in addition to the scheduled rates or at a percentage lower than the rates. Even if the specification were revised there was nothing to prevent a person tendering at a percentage less than the scheduled rates. The County Secretary pointed out that before recommending any tender for acceptance by the Council the County Engineer would satisfy himself that the tender was a reasonable one and that the tenderer was in a position to carry out the work satisfactorily. As regards the existing contracts in some cases repairs had not been carried out as they should have been and reductions were made in the payments to the contractors. Delay had been experienced in the case of one contractor who resided

outside the county. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to a later meeting and to obtain a report from the County Engineer as to experiences with the Contract System and comparison of costs with carrying out of repairs by Direct Labour.

ITEM No. 3—COTTAGE REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1961.

The Council noted the list of cottage repairs as circulated to the members.

ILLNESS OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he had just learned that Councillor J. Everett, T.D., had been taken ill and had been removed to hospital. The members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for his speedy recovery.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR R. MILEY THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE OVER AN EXTENSION TO CEMETERY AT GLENDALOUGH.

In accordance with Notice of Motion

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we accept the offer of Mr. Wynne to give $\frac{1}{4}$ acre at Glendalough for the purpose of an extension to the burial ground."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miley stated that Mr. Wynne of Glendalough was prepared to offer $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre of land adjoining the present burial ground free of charge to the Council for the purposes of an extension. He referred to representations which had been made in 1955 on behalf of persons residing in townlands in Rathdrum parish immediately adjoining the boundary of Roundwood parish who were seeking grave spaces in the burial ground and urged that the land offer be accepted and that applications from the persons referred to for grave spaces be accepted also. The County Secretary pointed out to the Council that a Public Inquiry had been held by an Inspector of the Department of Local Government in 1951 into the proposal of the Council to acquire land at Glendalough for the purpose of extending the burial ground. In deciding to refuse the Council's petition the Department had indicated that it had been borne in mind that responsible and disinterested opinion was to the effect that the proposed extension while in accordance with local sentiment would not be in the national interest. Furthermore having regard to past experience of the demand for grave spaces in the burial ground at Glendalough the extension proposed at that time could not be expected to be effective for a greater period than say 20 years and a similar situation would then arise. It was pointed out that approval of the Council's proposal would afford only a temporary respite from the necessity of providing a separate burial ground during which irreparable harm might be done. Reference was also made by the Department to the significance of the Glendalough foundation as one of the country's ecclesiastical treasures of prime archaeological interest. It was stated also that ignoring the question of sentiment all other considerations suggested that a new burial ground nearer the parochial centre at Roundwood would be desirable. The Council's application at that time for authority to acquire land compulsorily was refused. Since the date of the Inquiry 120 additional grave spaces had been provided at Glendalough by the removal of a boundary ditch and 68 of these had been purchased to date. The County Secretary pointed out that a burial ground had been provided by the Council at Rathdrum in 1946 which contained 1,038 grave spaces but only 141 of these had been purchased. The Resolution was put to the Council and passed unanimously. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to have the land examined to ascertain whether it would be suitable or not for the purposes of a burial ground.

ITEM No. 5—CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RE DOGS ACT, 1960.

The Council noted letter of 17th February, 1961, from Department of Agriculture and enclosed copy of advertisement in regard to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act, 1960. The Council noted that the usual notices regarding the regulations made by the Council were being issued.

ITEM No. 6—REPORT RE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF ROAD AT RATHCLAREN TURN, NEAR BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that a report on the matter of the proposed abandonment of the road at Rathclaren Turn, near Bray, had been submitted to the meeting of the Council held on 19th May, 1960. Some of the landowners had agreed to the proposals but at that time one person was not prepared to accept any responsibility in regard to the old section of road and expected that the Council would continue to maintain it. Since that date the objection made by the person concerned had been withdrawn but the solicitors for one landowner whose land adjoined the road had asked that the Council meet the cost of investigating title. The Council could not agree to accept such costs which might be substantial. If agreement had been reached with all the persons concerned the ownership of the land forming part of the road would be acquired by the Council and application then made to the Minister for extinguishing the right-of-way over the road. When the right-of-way had been extinguished the land could then be given back to the persons concerned. The cost of providing fencing at either end with gates and a fence across the middle of the road dividing it into two parts was estimated to cost about £50. Councillor J. Temple stated there had been many complaints about indiscriminate dumping on this section of road. As the matter had been discussed at Bray Urban District Council on a number of occasions he suggested that a report on the matter be forwarded to the Town Clerk, Bray, and the Urban District Council would see if a solution to the problem could be arrived at. The Council agreed that a report be forwarded to the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council.

ITEM No. 7—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

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

TURF PRODUCTION, 1961.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer suggested that 400 tons of turf might be produced at Ballinagee Bog and 600 tons at Glenmacnass making a total of 1,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That turf be produced at Ballinagee and Glenmacnass for the Council's institutions."

Passed unanimously.

The Council indicated that it was their opinion that the County Engineer should produce as much turf on these bogs as would be required for the Council's institutions if that were feasible.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The County Secretary mentioned that some applications in respect of the University Scholarship Scheme had been received after the final date as prescribed in the scheme. The Council agreed that it would be creating an undesirable precedent to extend the time limit and decided that any applications received after the final date could not be accepted.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PATIENT.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the matter of the proposed removal of a patient from a special home at Clonsilla to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and stated that the parents felt that the proposed change would be very undesirable. The County Secretary stated that a review of long-stay cases in special homes had been carried out recently and following consultation between the County Medical Officer and the Medical Officers of the Institutions concerned it had been recommended that patients who could not receive any further special treatment in the special homes might be transferred to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The cost of maintaining a patient in these special homes was upwards of £4 10s. 0d. per week whereas the cost at Rathdrum was about £3 per week. The removal of patients from special homes it was felt would enable accommodation to be available in them for patients who could benefit from the special treatment provided. The members of the Council felt that it was scarcely desirable to remove these patients and asked that the matter be re-examined.

EXAMINATION FOR CLERK-TYPISTS.

In reply to Councillor G. Timmins the County Secretary stated that it was probable that examination for Clerk-Typist would be held about September. Councillor G. Timmins supported by Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that the examinations be held as soon as possible following the school term in the summer.

HOUSES FOR FARMERS.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., enquired whether it would be possible for the Council to provide houses for small farmers with valuations of from £8 to £10. He thought that it would be possible to do so under the "specific instance procedure." Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the matter be examined and stated that he would submit a Notice of Motion at a later meeting.

RETIREMENT OF LORRY DRIVER.

Councillor J. Miley stated that a lorry driver in West Wicklow was retiring and suggested that applications for the post be invited by advertisement. Councillor P. McCarthy and Councillor J. Temple pointed out that it would be a more desirable practice to give preference to appointment as lorry driver to any Council employee who was duly qualified and it was agreed that this would be done if a suitable person were available.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea was handed in and accepted by the Chairman.

"That I, or someone for me, will propose that a supply of water be provided at Ballinglen and Rosbawn where the Medical Officer had reported that the water supply from the existing pumps is unfit for human consumption."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th April, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hudson,

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA

1. Application from John Doyle, Coolruss, Tinahely for permission to dispose of his interest in vested cottage at Coolruss.
2. Application of Thomas Shannon, Drumdangan, Glenealy for permission to dispose of his interest in vested cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley re conditions of vesting for cottage of Mr. McCarthy, Baltyboys.
4. To adopt Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 4 in respect of cottages erected under 1952 Scheme.
5. Tenders for repairs to cottages for year 1961/62 and report of County Engineer.
6. Cottages repaired during the month of March, 1961 and cottages to be repaired during April, 1961.

TRANSFER OF PATIENTS FROM SPECIAL HOMES

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the discussions at the previous meeting regarding the proposed transfers of mentally handicapped people from special homes to St. Colman's Hospital and the recommendation made that the County Manager and County Medical Officer should re-consider the decision. He referred to a reply he had received from the County Manager, indicating that the Council was satisfied that the patient would not receive any special benefit from further treatment in the home and that a patient could receive satisfactory treatment in St. Colman's Hospital. Councillor McCarthy protested against the decision and stated that the parents of the patients were very perturbed at the matter. Councillor O'Neill referred to a similar case in his district. Councillor Temple also objected and stated that the Consultative Health Committee had not been consulted on the matter nor had the members been consulted. He pointed out that the Government was so concerned about the matter of the mentally handicapped that a Commission had been set up to consider the matter and considered that the report of the Committee should have been awaited before the action of transferring patients was taken. The County Manager indicated that the decision in regard to these patients had been taken as a result of medical advice. The County Medical Officer felt that there was nothing special which could be provided by way of treatment in the Homes in which patients were and that they could be satisfactorily treated in St. Colman's Hospital. Patients were sent to special Homes for treatment and training and in the cases referred to the medical reports showed that it was not possible to provide any further special treatment for these particular patients. Medical attention from a permanent Medical Officer was available at St. Colman's Hospital and there was a trained staff available. Councillor Haughton stated that in one case of which he was aware of the circumstances, the relatives concerned were very pleased with the transfer of the patient to St. Colman's Hospital and that the staff in Rathdrum was to be congratulated on the good work they were doing. He suggested that the County Manager should ascertain from the patients and families concerned if they had any objection to the proposed transfers. The County Manager stated that he would review the situation but pointed out that the County Medical Officer only made the recommendation after careful consideration.

ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FROM JOHN DOYLE, COOLRUSS, TINAHELY FOR PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF HIS INTEREST IN VESTED COTTAGE AT COOLRUSS.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Doyle, Coolruss, Tinahely sought permission to dispose of his interest in his vested cottage at Coolruss to Mr. Michael Conway for the sum of £100. The purchaser was a forestry worker.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by John Doyle, Coolruss, Tinahely of his interest in vested cottage at Coolruss No. 262/10 to Mr. Michael Conway, Knocknaboley, for the sum of £100 subject to compliance with the usual conditions imposed by the Council."

Passed Unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION OF THOMAS SHANNON, DRUMDANGAN, GLENEALY FOR PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF HIS INTEREST IN VESTED COTTAGE AT DRUMDANGAN, GLENEALY.

The County Secretary stated that Thomas Shannon, Drumdangan, Glenealy had applied for permission to dispose of his interest in vested cottage at Drumdangan to Laurence Kinsella, Parkmore, Moneystown for the sum of £100. Mr. Shannon was going to live in Dublin and Mr. Kinsella was a qualified person. Councillor Haughton stated that he was in a position to confirm that Mr. Shannon and his wife were going to take up residence in Dublin.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Thomas Shannon, Drumdangan, Glenealy of his interest in vested cottage at Drumdangan No. 155 to Laurence Kinsella, Parkmore, Moneystown for the sum of £100 subject to compliance with the usual conditions imposed by the Council."

Passed Unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY RE CONDITIONS OF VESTING FOR COTTAGE OF MR. MCCARTHY, BALTBOYS.

Councillor Miley stated that in 1938, the Council had prepared a Cottage Purchase Scheme which included houses in Poulaphouca Lake Area and submitted it to the Department. The E.S.B. provided houses to replace those which were affected by the creation of the Lake at Poulaphouca, but out of the 14 houses provided, 3 had been selected to pay higher annuity. He asked that those three houses be given the same terms as the other houses. The County Secretary stated that the houses which were affected by the provision of the Lake at Poulaphouca had been excluded by the Minister from the original Cottage Purchase Scheme. The houses had been included in a subsequent scheme made by the Council and the terms of that Scheme applied to the houses in question. The annuity was based on 50% of the rent applying at the time of the making of the Scheme. He pointed out that nothing could now be done in the matter as the houses had been specifically excluded by the Minister from the original Scheme.

ITEM No. 4—TO ADOPT COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME No. 4 IN RESPECT OF COTTAGES ERECTED UNDER 1952 SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of 28 houses erected by the Council under 1952 Scheme, the draft of which

had been approved by the Council was now available for formal adoption by the Council and submission for confirmation by the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scheme for the purchase of cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936 entitled the County Wicklow No. 4 Cottage Purchase Scheme being in relation to 28 cottages erected by the Council under 1952 Scheme."

Passed Unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR YEAR 1961/62 AND REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

5th April, 1961.

County Secretary

re Item No. 5 Agenda, 10/4/61—Cottage Repairs

A Chara,

In regard to carrying out of Cottage Repairs by Contract and by Direct Labour, I offer the following observations relating to the various Engineering districts.

North East: During the year 1960/61 repairs were carried out in this area by Messrs. O'Toole Bros. and were the subject of many complaints regarding the quality of work done. In view of inspections carried out, the position as to this Contractor appears to be unsatisfactory. (201 cottages repaired).

South East: Mr. David Lee was Contractor for this area and was satisfactory. Whilst the work done was of good quality, the output of cottages repaired during the year was low. (44 cottages repaired).

South: The same position as in the South East area applies to this district, the Contractor being a Mr. John Keogh, Tullow, Co. Carlow. (44 cottages repaired).

West: The work in West Wicklow was carried out by Direct Labour since no Contract was entered into. The work was carried out satisfactorily by this method. (65 cottages repaired).

It is difficult to make a comparison between the relative costs of repairs by Contract as against Direct Labour as many factors in Direct Labour such as Transport of men, materials and plant would have to be taken into consideration and these would vary in each engineering district having regard to location of Council depot, cottages to be repaired, availability of tradesmen and similar factors. However, where cottages are repaired by a competent Contractor and such repairs are of good standard with normal output, then I would recommend the continuance of cottage repairs by Contract.

I am not in a position, however, to make further proposals for the current year until tenders are available for examination.

Regarding vacant cottages where repairs are usually necessary before new tenants enter into possession, I am of the opinion that in these cases, in the North East area only, such necessary repairs should be carried out by Direct Labour, as a matter of urgency and expediency.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council noted the terms of the report. Councillor J. Miley seconded by Councillor Timmons proposed that the repairs to cottages be carried out by Direct Labour in West Wicklow as they had been in the previous year and stated that this arrangement was satisfactory. The Council decided to proceed with the opening of the tenders which had been received. The following 8 tenders were opened in the presence of the Council and referred to the County Engineer for his examination and report:—

Mr. T. J. Keenan, Building Contractor, Aughrim	District Nos. 4, 5 and 7—15% over Standard Rate.
Mr. David Lee, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum	District No. 4—20% over Standard Rate.
Mr. Henry Joynt, Rosbeg, Blacklion, Greystones	District No. 7—5% over Standard Rate.
James Fitzhenry, Coolroe, Tinahely	District No. 7—5% over Standard Rate.
James Byrne, Rathoe, Carlow	District Nos. 6 & 9—10% over Standard Rate.
Myles Richards, Coolafake, Rathdrum	District No. 4—20% over Standard Rate.
J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle	District Nos. 1, 2 and 3—15% over Standard Rate.
John Keogh, Mill St., Tullow	District Nos. 5, 6 and 7—20% over Standard Rate.

ITEM No. 6—COTTAGES REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1961 AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING APRIL, 1961.

The Council noted the list circulated of repairs carried out to cottages during March and of repairs to be done during April, 1961.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor A. Hadden, Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with An Taoiseach on the death of his mother.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Quigley and accepted by the Chairman:—1. "That I, or someone for me, will move that Council replace burnt cottage at Killeagh, Aughrim by a fully serviced cottage at Aughrim Lower," and 2. "That 6 cottages fully serviced be erected at Aughrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th April, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hudson. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 6th and 13th February, 1961.
2. University Scholarship Scheme, 1961—To consider applications received.
3. Application of Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd. for closing of road at Enniskerry on 29th April, 1961 for the purpose of Annual Hill Climb.
4. Application of M.G. Car Club for closing of section of Main Kilmacanogue/Roundwood/Glendalough Road at Long Hill on Saturday, 8th July, 1961 for the purposes of a Speed Hill Climb.
5. Letter from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd. re Annual Veteran Car Run on 24th June, 1961.
6. Proposal to take over Kilcarra Lane as public road.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley for removal of dangerous bend at Ballinascullogue.
8. Improvement of Enniskerry/Glencree Road.
9. Memorial from ratepayers at Glencap Commons, Kilmacanogue, concerning road serving their houses.
10. Road Fund Grants, 1961/62—Report of County Engineer and recommendation re allocation of additional grants.
11. Road Improvement at Newtownmountkennedy—Letter from Department of Local Government.
12. Subsidence of Road near Blessington.
13. Pedestrian Crossings at Bray—Letter from Superintendent, Garda Síochána.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh that supplies of water be provided at Ballinglen and Rosbawn.
15. Letter from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., Woodstock, Kilcoole, re conditions of Wicklow Harbour.
16. Letter from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive regarding rise in Rates.
17. Arrangements for Collecting of Rates in Nos. 4 and 5 Districts for year 1961/1962.
18. Payment of Rates by instalment—Letter from Wicklow Branch, Irish Rate Collectors Association.
19. Tenders for Cottage Repairs—Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
20. Notification from Department of Health of increase in capitation rates for maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals from 1st April, 1961.
21. Letter from Department of Justice indicating that sittings of District Court at Tinahely will not be held after 1st April, 1961.
22. Grants for Derelict Sites—To consider submission of Schemes.
23. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th February, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1961—TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The County Secretary stated that 12 applications had been received within the prescribed time, 7 being for boys and 5 for girls. In the previous year 11 had been received. Having considered particulars of the applications the Council deferred the applications of Finbarr Daniel Haughton, Rathnew and Raymond John Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones, for further information in regard to the income of the parents in each case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Resolved:—

"That having considered applications received to compete under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1961 we approve of the following applications:—

Henry Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan, Baltinglass

Frederick Mary F. Champion, Shillelagh

Ann Carmel Cullen, Kiltegan

Noeleen Hamill Rose Cottage, Enniskerry

Martha Carmel Healy, Clara, Rathdrum

Francis Joseph Lonergan, 2 Castle Terrace, Bray

Michael McGrath, Main Street, Rathdrum

Catherine Teresa Scott, 13 Parkmore Baltinglass

Catherine Elizabeth Timmons, Ballycullen, Ashford

James Patrick Travers, 59 Main Street, Arklow."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION OF IRISH MOTOR RACING CLUB LTD. FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That notice having been given by public advertisement of the proposal and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Acts, 1955, that the Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry N.S. to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, be closed on 29th April, 1961 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Hill Climb Competition during the period when it is so closed to public traffic. The alternative route available is via County Road No. 7."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the holding of Motor Hill Climb Competition on Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the Junction with County Road No. 7 on the 29th April, 1961, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. during the period when such road is closed to public traffic."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION OF THE M.G. CAR CLUB FOR CLOSING OF SECTION OF MAIN KILMACANOGUE/ROUNDWOOD/GLENDALOUGH ROAD.

The County Secretary submitted application on behalf of the M.G. Car Club for permission to close the Long Hill on the Kilmacanogue/Roundwood/Glendalough Road on Saturday, 8th July, 1961 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the purposes of a Speed Hill Climb. In 1960 the Council had agreed to the closing of the Road from Laragh to Drumgoff Bridge for the purposes of a similar competition and the applicants stated that while the event was successful the distance from Dublin and the narrowness of the road limited its potential for this type of event and they had decided to ask the Council to close the Long

Hill Section of the Main Road from Kilmacanogue via Rocky Valley to Roundwood and Glendalough. They stated that this was one of the potentially best venues in Ireland. While realising that this was a much more important road than the road closed last year, they pointed out that the Old Long Hill which ran parallel to the Main Road and was only half a mile further West had recently been tarred and improved and would seem to be a very suitable diversion route. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that it would be very undesirable to close this Main Road on a Saturday afternoon during the summer-time, having regard to the considerable traffic that uses the road at week-ends during the summer and the number of touring buses and tourists generally who would be using the road. Councillor Hipwell, Councillor Edward Byrne and other members agreed that the closing of the road would be undesirable. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the promoters be offered the use of the Old Long Hill Road instead. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Secretary convey the views of the Council to the applicants and enquire if the applicants would be agreeable to use the Old Long Hill Road.

ITEM No. 5—ANNUAL VETERAN CAR RUN.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Leinster Motor Club Ltd. giving the route for the annual Veteran Car Run on 24th June, 1961 and expressing the hope that the members of the Council would have no objection to their proposals and that they could count on the Council's co-operation as before. The council noted the route and agreed that there was no objection to the proposal.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER KILCARRA LANE AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

With reference to the proposal to take over Kilcarra Lane as a public road, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that it would cost about £60 to put the branch lane in moderate repair and about £10 a year to keep it in the same condition. Four families lived on the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road, Kilcarra Lane from junction with Kilcarra/Woodenbridge County Road No. 402, a distance of about 200 lin. yards. A vote having been called for on the proposal, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—7.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Temple, G. Timmons—11.

The proposal was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 7 Votes in favour. It was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Local Roads Committee.

ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY FOR REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BEND AT BALLINASCULLOGUE.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer reported that the bend referred to was on County Road 377. The Council had removed fences and provided sight distance on three bends on the road in 1959 under a County Road Grant. About a mile west of these bends was the Ballinascullogue Bend. It was extremely acute and sight distance very restricted. An opportunity had arisen last year to get agreement with the landowner concerned

and the Council purchase widening and fencing rights to provide sight distance but as monies were not available the work had not been carried out. The cost of the work would be £280. As the Council noted that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the current year for carrying out such work it was decided to refer the matter to the Local Roads Committee.

ITEM No. 8—IMPROVEMENT OF ENNISKERRY/GLENCREE ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had been unable to reach agreement with the landowner concerned for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of easing a very dangerous bend on the Enniskerry/Glencree road, where a fatal accident had taken place last year. A Scheme for Improvement of the road had been approved by the Department and a grant had been allocated and it was necessary to proceed with the work as soon as possible. The Council decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the Local Committee.

ITEM No. 9—MEMORIAL FROM RATEPAYERS AT GLENCAP COMMONS, KILMACANOGUE, CONCERNING ROAD SERVING THEIR HOUSES.

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee at their meeting.

ITEM NO. 10—ROAD FUNDS GRANT 1961/62.

The County Secretary stated that the Grants allocated by the Department for Roads in the current year were—County Road Improvement Grant £68,000; Main Road Improvement Grant £32,900; Total £100,900. The corresponding grants allocated for 1960/61 were—County Roads £55,300; Main Roads £26,700; Total £82,000. During the year 1960/61 Supplementary Grants amounting to £7,000 had been allocated so that the net increase in Grants amounted to £11,900. Particulars of the division of funds for roads from all sources were submitted. The Council decided that meetings of the members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas be arranged to consider the works to be carried out with the additional grants. Meetings were arranged as follows:—

Bray Electoral Area—At Bray at 8 p.m. on Monday, 24th April.
Wicklow Electoral Area—At Rathdrum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th April.
Arklow Electoral Area—At Shillelagh at 7 p.m. on Friday, 21st April.
Baltinglass Electoral Area—At Baltinglass at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th April.

ITEM No. 11—ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had written regarding the proposed acquisition of premises at Newtownmountkennedy for the purpose of easing the corner at the northern end of the village and stating that as it was proposed to arrange for a by-pass road in the near future, in such an event the existing road would be of minor importance and expenditure to the extent proposed on its improvement could not be justified. Following a discussion on the matter in which members suggested that the idea of a by-pass road would not be favourably received, the Council decided that the County Engineer submit details of the proposals for the by-pass road and that the Department be requested for information as to the reasons which influenced them in agreeing with the suggestion for a by-pass.

ITEM No. 12—SUBSIDENCE OF ROAD NEAR BLESSINGTON.

The Council considered in Committee the report of the County Engineer in relation to the report received from the Consulting Engineer Dr. E. T. Hanrahan

regarding the reasons for the subsidence of the Blessington/Kilbride Road near Blessington Bridge. The Council noted the terms of the Consulting Engineers Report as explained by the County Engineer and noted that further examinations were being made and that a further report would be submitted.

ITEM No. 13—PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT BRAY.

The following letter from the Superintendent, Garda Sióchana was submitted:—

Garda Sióchana,
Superintendent's Office,
Bray.

10th April, 1961.

County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
Town Clerk,
Bray U.D.C., Town Hall, Bray.

re/ Pedestrian Crossings—Bray

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of Bray Urban District Council held on the 17th January last, the matter of the siting, etc., of Pedestrian Crossings was discussed. In attendance at the meeting were Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer, Wicklow and Mr. M. Healy, Town Engineer, Bray, in addition to myself.

It was decided that the Engineers and the Garda should examine the position and report on their conclusions.

On the 4th instant Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Mr. M. Healy, Chief Superintendent P. Carroll and I met by appointment. We discussed the position and inspected possible sites for pedestrian crossings and it was decided that:—

- (1) Traffic Lights were essential at Main Street/Quinsboro Road/Herbert Road Junction; and
- (2) Pedestrian Crossings be place (i) near Novara Road junction with Main Street, and (ii) near Ledwidge Crescent entrance to Dublin Road.

The installation of traffic lights at the junction referred to would mean that Pedestrian Crossings would not be needed there. We feel they are essential for more reasons than pedestrian. We have, for example, cases of motorists at night overrunning Quinsboro Road/Main Street Junction into Herbert Road which is very dangerous and it is only luck so far which has averted fatal accidents there.

We feel that a Pedestrian Crossing at Ledwidge Crescent is a must, and would contribute towards the safety of the public. We agreed that additional ones on Dublin Road could not at present be justified.

I shall be grateful if the necessary action to implement our recommendations be taken with the utmost promptitude.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. Hynes,

Superintendent.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

14th April, 1961.

County Secretary.

re/ Pedestrian Crossings—Bray

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in above and from investigations I estimate that the cost of providing traffic lights at the Main Street/Quinsboro Road Junction would be about £3,000. The cost of providing two pedestrian crossings as mentioned in the Superintendent's letter would be about £40. A grant from Supplementary Funds will be made available by the Department amounting to 50% of the cost.

Before the Scheme can be put into operation, however, a great many investigations will have to be made and the Garda Authorities are responsible for taking traffic counts, and reporting on the flow of traffic, the number of phases and the maximum hour of concentration, and so forth. A very detailed survey of the junction will be prepared by our staff, showing the widths of the streets, footpaths, pedestrian crossings, etc. The maintenance of the system incidentally, would be about £75 per annum.

Mise, le meas,
J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the pedestrian crossings be painted and that the necessary investigations be made for the purpose of determining the cost of providing the traffic signals at the junction of Main Street/Quinsboro Road. The Council considered also that beacons at the crossings should also be installed.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MISS M. WALSH THAT SUPPLIES OF WATER BE PROVIDED AT BALLINGLEN AND ROSBAWN.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Miss M. Walsh raised the matter of provision of a supply of water at Ballinglen and Rosbawn and stated that the water supply from the existing pumps was unfit for human consumption. The County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that the provision of water to Rosbawn and Ballinglen had been included in the recent survey carried out to provide piped water supplies in the usual areas. There were a sufficient number of houses along the road from Tinahely, Ballinglen, Preban, Annacurra to warrant the distribution of water on a regional basis and a source of water supply was available. A supply could also be provided as an intermediate arrangement from the existing Tinahely supply to Rosbawn by pumping after certain improvements had been made to the existing Tinahely Intake Works and supply system. However, more details and estimates would be set out in the County Engineer's report which was under preparation. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD. RE CONDITION OF WICKLOW HARBOUR.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th April, 1961 from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. regarding the need for repairs to Wicklow Harbour and asking that the Council assist in having the matter dealt with by the Department concerned as a matter of great urgency. The Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Transport and Power asking that the reception of a deputation from the Harbour Commissioners and Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. be expedited.

ITEM No. 16—LETTER FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Council noted the following letter received from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive:—

Wardley,
La Touche Estate,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.
26th March, 1961.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by The Wicklow Executive N.F.A. to request you to be kind enough to bring before the Chairman and members of the County Council the urgent need for the utmost economy in all aspects of County Administration. We wish to record a strong protest against the recent rise in rates.

The Delegation from N.F.A. at the striking of the Rates pointed out that any rise in rates would cause serious unemployment and emigration. It is imperative to take immediate action to ensure that the present high rates may be reduced in 1962. In this connection it is suggested that the early appointment of an efficiency expert would prove to be a worthwhile investment.

The County Executives wish to protest in the strongest possible manner against the appointment of any further rate collectors in any areas in which vacancies may occur. Due to the integrity of the County Manager and County Secretary it was proved to the entire satisfaction of all ratepayers that collection from the office produced excellent results and show a very considerable saving on the rates.

Yours truly,
John P. Kelly,
Hon. Secretary.

ITEM No. 17—ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RATES IN NOS. 4 AND 5 DISTRICTS FOR YEAR 1961/62.

The County Secretary stated that rates in No. 4/5 District during the past year had been collected from the office and that the percentage collected was 96.6. The amount outstanding at 31st March, 1961 was £599. 14. 9. out of a warrant of £17,972. 17. 5. The total number of accounts in the district was 468 and at the close of the financial year 433 had been fully cleared. A further sum of £86. 14. 11. had been collected after 31st March. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Doyle, Collector for No. 3 District and Mr. Keenan, Collector for No. 6 District had asked that the existing Districts Nos. 4 and 5 be divided and portion added to each of their areas. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting and asked that particulars of the cost of collection of rates from the office be submitted together with the percentage of rates collected in areas No. 3, 4 and 5, and 6 during the past three years.

ITEM No. 18—PAYMENTS OF RATES BY INSTALMENT. LETTER FROM WICKLOW BRANCH, IRISH RATE COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The following letter from the Wicklow Branch, Irish Rate Collectors' Association was submitted:

6th March, 1961.

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

A Chara,

At your request a Special Meeting of Irish Rate Collectors' Association, Wicklow Branch met last Saturday so that you might have their observations on the proposed part payment of rates. The meeting also picked members to meet you on a deputation with regard to this matter, and have requested me to submit to you on their behalf their observations unanimously agreed to.

Rate Collectors do at times accept part payment of rates, but in rare instances only when the Collector is satisfied that such acceptance is justified, chiefly where serious hardship arise. There are so many difficulties likely to arise from any extension of the system of part payment that they are convinced that, no matter how devised, it would be abused and would inevitably become unworkable.

The present system of part payment by Interim Receipts suffices to cover any needs of hardship or emergency. To further extend that facility with the idea of effecting an improvement in the earlier payment of rates, would the Collectors think, be a serious mistake.

With regard to the proposed quarterly system of payment, the Collectors say that from information gained from ratepayers in their respective areas, this system is not wanted and is definitely not workable. Such a system might suit an urban area, but not a rural area, where most ratepayers are farmers and would rather pay the rates at time of harvest and when selling stock in Spring. They have very little money in either June or December after they have paid their rent money.

Should collectors be called upon to carry out a system of quarterly payments, they feel they would be justified in seeking such increased remuneration as they consider that this system would involve much more work and expenses on their part.

They believe also that part payment of rates, in whatever form, will result in delayed payment of final balances, increased arrears to carry forward, additional and more complicated checking and accounting of the instalments; collectors unable to close collections as hitherto, and increased overdrafts and Bank Interest will all definitely arise as a result.

The collectors, therefore, recommend that no scheme for payment of rates by instalments other than the present system by interim payments in exceptional circumstances is either justified or desirable.

Mise, le meas,

Michael J. Murray,

Hon. Secretary,

Irish Rate Collectors' Association,
Wicklow Branch.

The Council agreed that the existing arrangements for the collection of rates under which collectors could, where they considered it necessary, accept payment of rates by instalments was operating satisfactorily and decided to make no change in the system of collection.

ITEM No. 19—TENDERS FOR COTTAGE REPAIRS—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON TENDERS RECEIVED.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
14th April, 1961.

County Secretary.

re/ Tenders for Cottage Repairs, 1961/62.

A Chara,

I have examined the tenders submitted to me with your letter of 11th instant.

Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3. I am not prepared to recommend the acceptance of the only tender received for these districts. I consider that the matter should be re-advertised. In the interim, however, I recommend that urgent repairs in these three districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 should be carried out by Direct Labour.

Districts Nos. 4 and 5. I recommend acceptance of tender of Thomas J. Keenan, Aughrim, in respect of these districts at the Standard Rate plus 15%. He carried out Cottage Repairs in 1959/60 and his work was of a very satisfactory nature.

District No. 6. I recommend acceptance of tender submitted by James Byrne, Rathoe, Carlow, at the Standard Rate plus 10%. It is understood that his work is usually satisfactory.

District No. 7. Tenders were submitted by Henry Joynt and James Fitzhenry for this district, both being at Standard Rate plus 5%. Mr. T. J. Keenan, Aughrim also submitted a tender at Standard Rate plus 15%. I consider that a rate of 5% is not realistic and acceptance would encourage unsatisfactory workmanship. I recommend that the tender of Thos. J. Keenan, Aughrim, be accepted for this No. 7 District in which he carried out repairs in 1959/60 satisfactorily.

Districts Nos. 8 and 9. A tender was received for No. 9 District. It would seem to be the desire of the Councillors for West Wicklow area to continue

with repairs by Direct Labour. I recommend the continuance of repairs by Direct Labour in Nos. 8 and 9 Districts as they have been proved satisfactory. The original tenders are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we accept the recommendations of the County Engineer for Repairs to Cottages for the year 1961/62."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 20—CHARGES FOR MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS IN EXTERN HOSPITALS.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Health that as from 1st April, 1961 the capitation rates for the maintenance of patients in Extern Institutions had been increased. The increases were as follows:—

Orthopaedic Hospitals	...	3/- per day
Cancer Hospitals	...	4d. per day
General Hospitals	...	4d. per day
Maternity Hospitals	...	6d. per day

The increases were estimated to result in increased payments of £1,500 in the full year of which £750 would be met from Health Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That we note circular letter No. 4/61 from Department of Health in regard to revised rates of payment for hospital services in Extern Institutions and authorise expenditure of £1,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of increased charges."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—TINAHELY COURTHOUSE.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Justice in regard to Tinahely Courthouse:—

Department of Justice,
Upper Merrion St.,
Dublin.
16 Marta, 1961.

re/ Tinahely Courthouse

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant. I am to inform you that the District Court (Areas) Order, 1961 (S.I. No. 5. of 1961) which was made by the Minister for Justice on the 30th January, 1961 and which comes into operation on the 1st April, 1961, provides for, inter alia, the places at which sittings of the District Court shall be held. As a consequence of this Order, it is not proposed that sittings of the District Court will be held at Tinahely after the 1st April, 1961 and it will, therefore, be open to your Council to arrange for the use of the Courthouse premises as it sees fit.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh the County Secretary stated that the report in regard to repairs to the Courthouse was being prepared and would be submitted to the Council.

ITEM No. 22—GRANTS FOR DERELICT SITES.

The Council agreed that particulars of Derelict Sites in the various areas be considered by the members of the Council for each Electoral Area at their local meetings.

ITEM No. 23—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Members of the Council referred to the low tenders received for the supply of meat to St. Colman's Hospital and the County Manager stated that the meat supplied was examined regularly by the Medical Officer of the Hospital and also periodically by the Veterinary Inspector. The Council asked that a regular inspection be made to ensure that the meat supplied was of good quality.

HOUSING AT BLESSINGTON.

Councillor Miley asked if an advertisement might be inserted inviting applications from persons in Blessington seeking new houses. The County Manager stated that a more satisfactory arrangement would be for forms to be issued to Councillor Miley if he would arrange to have these completed by any persons seeking houses in the area.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. J. O'Neill and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting a motion asking the Council to make provision for a public water supply for the village of Grangecon also an extension of the Stratford Supply to the Council houses at Manger, Stratford on Slaney.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st May, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re (1) Replacement of burned cottage at Killeagh, Aughrim by a fully serviced cottage at Aughrim Lower and (2) That six cottages, fully serviced, be erected at Aughrim.
2. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
3. Repairs carried out during month of April, 1961, and Repairs to be carried out during month of May, 1961.

ITEM No. 1—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE 1. REPLACEMENT OF BURNED COTTAGE AT KILLEAGH, AUGHRIM BY A FULLY SERVICED COTTAGE AT AUGHRIM LOWER AND 2. THAT SIX COTTAGES, FULLY SERVICED, BE ERECTED AT AUGHRIM.

In regard to the burned cottage at Killeagh, Aughrim, the County Secretary stated that this cottage had been vested in the tenant but that he and his family were, it was understood, in England. An estimate of the cost of restoring the damage caused to the cottage had been prepared and the appropriate claim had been submitted to the Council's Insurers. Before the matter of carrying out repairs to the cottage were determined it would seem necessary to ascertain whether the tenant intended to return to the cottage or alternatively if he would surrender possession of it. The Council agreed that enquiry be made from the tenant whether he would surrender possession of the cottage.

In regard to the provision of houses at Aughrim, the County Secretary stated that following an application received in October, 1960 from Aughrim, Parochial Committee application forms had been issued to a number of persons in Aughrim who were stated to be in need of housing accommodation. Six completed forms had been returned and these applications had been examined by the County Medical Officer who had reported on them. Particulars of the applicants were submitted to the Council. It was noted that three of the applicants were lodgers in County Council cottages, the totals in the cottages being 6 in two cases and 8 in the third. In the case of one other applicant, the house in which he resided was in good condition but was overcrowded. In the case of another applicant, the house he occupied required repairs and in the remaining application the house occupied was in good condition. The County Secretary stated that he had received in the post that morning a letter addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Council and to the Manager,

signed by 11 persons, asking that serviced houses be provided for them at Aughrim, and stating that they were badly in need of housing accommodation. They stated that they had had explained to them by Councillor Quigley the obligations to be undertaken if appointed tenants of Council houses and accepted such obligations and agreed to pay an economic rent. From the information supplied with the application it was noted that three of the applicants were single persons. Five other applicants had already been reported on by the County Medical Officer. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred and reports obtained regarding the housing needs of applicants whose names had been submitted.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. P. O'Connor, Kilmacanogue Garage, for approval to the improvement and reconstruction of garage premises at Kilmacanogue. The premises referred to were those at the Western side of the main road at Kilmacanogue, Mr. O'Connor having constructed a new garage on the eastern side of the main road some years previously. Permission for the work had been refused as it was considered that the improvement and reconstruction of the former garage would result in additional traffic using the old road and would cause a serious traffic hazard where the old road joined the new Main Road. Mr. O'Connor had appealed to the Minister against the refusal of permission by the Council and the necessary particulars were being forwarded to the Department. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council noted that the matter was now before the Minister for his decision.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Messrs. Munster Simms & Co., Dublin Ltd., on behalf of Mr. James Burke, Lacken, Blessington, for approval to the erection of a petrol filling station at Lacken. Permission for the work had been refused as the site was not considered suitable, since it immediately adjoined a road junction and there was not adequate space for cars to pull in off the public road while being served with petrol. The Council noted the decision in the matter.

ITEM No. 3—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1961, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1961.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during April, 1961, and the list of cottages to be repaired during May, 1961. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to his application for particulars of the number of cottages in the County for which maps were still required, before vesting could be arranged. He enquired if it would be possible to assign a temporary Engineer to complete any maps required. The County Secretary stated that each Assistant County Engineer had been asked to indicate the number of cottage sites for which maps were still needed for the purposes of vesting, and the Engineers had also been supplied with a list of all cottages for which applications had been received for vesting and where repairs were not required, and maps in relation to such cottages had been requested. The County Engineer had reported that as regards the north-eastern area, maps were available for all cottage groups except cottages numbering 113 of which a list had been submitted. Group maps were also needed for cottages at Rathdrum and Ballinaclesh. The Council noted that particulars of the number of maps required were being prepared with a view to arrangements being made to have all remaining maps completed.

PUMP AT KNOCKROE.

Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., and Councillor Temple referred to complaints received that the pump at Knockroe required repairs. Councillor Temple stated that there was no tap available and that the pump had to be primed.

APPLICATION FROM MEMBER OF GARDAI FOR PURCHASE OF COTTAGE.

Councillor O'Neill asked if an exception could be made to allow a member of the Gardai residing in cottage at Parkmore, Baitinglass to purchase his cottage. The County Manager pointed out that a member of the Gardai could not be regarded as a qualified person for the purpose of availing of the Cottage Purchase Scheme.

LETTING OF HOUSE AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, submitted a letter he had received from a person at Rathdrum regarding the letting of the Lodge at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum to a member of the Civic Guards and protesting that the Lodge should have been let to a person in greater need of housing accommodation. The County Manager explained that the Lodge in question had been occupied by the Medical Officer of the Institution for a number of years but he had recently given up possession of it. The Medical Officer had been allowed to occupy the lodge because it was considered most desirable that the Medical Officer should be in residence close to the Sanatorium at a time when the Sanatorium was full and his attendance could be urgently needed to attend to patients at any time. As the Sanatorium had been closed there was not the same necessity now for him to reside at the Institution. As the lodge was within the grounds of St. Colman's Hospital, it was necessary to ensure that a suitable person occupied it, and having considered the applications received, the letting to a member of the Gardai was regarded as the most suitable arrangement in the interests of the Institution. The Council noted the County Manager's statement on the matter.

NEED FOR HOUSES AT RATHDRUM.

Councillor Haughton stated that there were a number of persons in Rathdrum who were seeking houses and asked if there would be any possibility of building additional houses in Rathdrum. The County Manager stated that the National Building Agency had recently been established for the purpose of assisting in the provision of houses for persons employed in industries, and St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., Avoca were arranging for the erection of some houses at Arklow which would be available for persons working in the mines. It was possible that St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. might also wish to erect houses in Rathdrum for such of their workers who might wish to live in Rathdrum, and possibly the Council could assist by providing a site. Councillor Haughton agreed to arrange for the completion of application forms by persons who were seeking houses in Rathdrum in order that the matter could be examined.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I, or some member for me, will move that the Council consider farmers eligible for re-housing under the Labourers' Act whose valuation does not exceed £15 and whose dwelling is unfit for reconstruction.

In the name of Councillor R. Miley:—

That the Council take over Castlekevin Lane for widening and repairing in the near future.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th May, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hudson. The Deputy County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 27th February, 13th and 20th March, 1961.
2. Application from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for closing of portion of Glencree/Sallygap Road on Saturday, 10th June, 1961 for the purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
3. Road at Glencap Commons—Memorial from ratepayers.
4. Road improvement at Newtownmountkennedy—Report of County Engineer.
5. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Slieveroe, Rathdrum.
6. Arrangements for collection of rates in Nos. 4 and 5 Districts for year 1961/62.
7. Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts of the Council for three years ended 31st March, 1959.
8. Brittas Bay Area—Report outlining Planning Scheme for area.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill for provision of public water supply for village of Grangecon and extension of Stratford supply to Council houses at Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney.
10. Application for provision of Sheep Dipping Bath at Rathdangan.
11. Letter from Department of Defence notifying allocation of ambulance for Civil Defence services.
12. Letter from Department of Transport and Power on application of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for grant for repair works.
13. Letter from the Netherlands Branch of the Service Civil International as to promotion of local branch and organising of working camp in Ireland.
14. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 27th February, 13th and 19th March, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

Reply to Resolution of Sympathy

The following letter from An Taoiseach was submitted and noted by the Council:—

Department of The Taoiseach,
Dublin.

20th April, 1961.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I am very grateful for the message of sympathy, sent by you on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, and I am joined by the members of my family in asking you to convey our thanks to the members of the Council for their kindness in condoling with us on our bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Lemass.

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

Resolution of Sympathy

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, on the death of his mother.

Arklow Bridge

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that the trial borings at Arklow Bridge had been completed and it was expected that a final decision in regard to the proceeding with the new Bridge would be reached very shortly.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FROM THE MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB FOR THE CLOSING OF PORTION OF GLENCREE SALLYGAP ROAD ON SATURDAY, 10th JUNE, 1961, FOR THE PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB

The County Secretary submitted application received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for the closing on Saturday afternoon, 10th June, between the hours of 2.15 p.m. and 4.45 p.m., portion of the Glencree/Sallygap road being the section from the Gate Entrance at Lough Brae, approximately 1 mile above Glencree Reformatory extending in the direction of Sallygap for approximately 1½ miles with Lough Brae on the right-hand side. The closing of the road was sought for the purpose of holding a Motor Car Hill Climb in connection with the 1961 Dun Laoghaire An Tostal Car Trial. It was stated that the course had been inspected by the Royal Irish Automobile Club and passed as suitable and that the usual Insurance Policy would be in operation for the event. The County Engineer in reporting on the matter recommended that permission be not given as there would be too much upset to normal week-end traffic along this tourist road. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that it would not be desirable to close the road sought, but agreed that the Secretary communicate with the Club and suggest alternative roads which the Council would be prepared to consider closing.

The County Secretary referred to the application which had been considered by the Council at the previous meeting from the M.G. Car Club for the closing of portion of the main road from Kilmacanogue to Roundwood (the Long Hill), for the purposes of a Hill Climb and stated that the Club had written to state that they had considered the suggestion that the Old Long Hill might be used but found that it would not be suitable. As an alternative the Club suggested the road running between Newtownmountkennedy and Ballyduff Crossroads. The County Engineer stated that the road referred to appeared to be portion of County Road No. 51 Newtownmountkennedy to Ballyduff Crossroads between the road junction on the Townland of Corsilagh and the crossroads on the townland of Trudder at Trudder Bridge. An alternative route would be available from Mount John Road No. 64 via Corsilagh Crossroads to Ballyduff Crossroads. There appeared to be no objection to the use of this road. The Council agreed that if the Club decided to use this road the necessary public notice could be given and the matter submitted to the Council for formal Resolution at the next meeting.

Closing of Road at Blessington

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given regarding the closing of the road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 24th June, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. in connection with the Irish Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta to be held at Blessington Lake. No objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby close to public traffic the road from Red Lane, Blessington via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 24th June, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. in connection with the Irish Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta, to be held at Blessington Lake."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—ROAD AT GLENCAP COMMONS—MEMORIAL FROM RATEPAYERS.

The County Secretary stated that application in regard to the taking over of the road at Glencap Commons had been considered by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Local Meeting and the Committee had agreed that monies be allocated from Maintenance in the current year for the surfacing of the road and recommended that the road be taken over as a public road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of public notice being given of intention to take over as a public road at Glencap Commons North, 900 yards in length.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

8th May, 1961.

County Secretary

re/ Proposed Road Improvement at Newtownmountkennedy

A Chara,

I attach Ordnance Sheet Scale 1/2,500 on which I have indicated the proposed alignment in Green, between Shortt's Corner, Newtownmountkennedy northwards towards the village of Kilpedder. The traffic count through the village is 4,800 vehicles per day over 12 hours, passing northwards and southwards and is increasing rapidly each year and consequently the situation calls for immediate consideration, with a view to accommodating this intensity of traffic as soon as possible.

I believe that special Road Fund Grants will be made available towards the cost of this work, which would extend over a period of two seasons, a total of say 24 months. The full detailed estimate of the works to be carried out by Direct Labour are in course of preparation, but an approximate estimate of the cost is £80,000 to £90,000, of which about £16,000 would be expended on unskilled labour.

Mise, le meas.

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

A map showing the proposed new road was submitted by the County Engineer for examination by the members. Councillor E. Byrne felt that the by-pass road would adversely affect business in the village of Newtownmountkennedy and that there was no great need for it. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the easing of the bend at the northern end of Newtownmountkennedy would leave the road satisfactory. Councillor J. Gregory suggested that the people in Newtownmountkennedy should be consulted and their views obtained as to the desirability or otherwise of the proposed new road. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that generally the Council did not appear to be in favour of the by-pass road and stated that the Council might consider the proposal in connection with the New Road Traffic Bill which would give authority to impose speed limits in towns and villages. Following a discussion on the matter,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That the Council does not approve of proposed by-pass road at Newtownmountkennedy and ask the County Engineer to submit proposals for improvements at other points on main Bray/Wicklow Road."

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That no action be taken at this meeting regarding by-pass road at Newtownmountkennedy."

A vote having been called for on the Amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C.—5.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Temple, G. Timmins, J. J. McCrea—13.

The Amendment was defeated by 13 votes against to 5 votes in favour. The original Resolution in the name of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor O'Neill was declared passed on the same voting.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT SLIEVEROE, RATHDRUM.

The County Secretary submitted the application of Mrs. Margaret Fortune, Slieveroe, Rathdrum to dispose of her interest in cottage No. 128/6 to Mr. Joseph Dunne, The Stump, Rathdrum. Mrs. Fortune was going to reside in Wexford and the applicant, Mr. Joseph Dunne, was a forestry worker.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Margaret Fortune, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, of her interest in Cottage No. 128/6 to Mr. Joseph Dunne, The Stump, Rathdrum, subject to compliance with the usual conditions."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RATES IN NOS. 4 AND 5 DISTRICTS FOR YEAR 1961/62.

As requested by the Council at the previous meeting, the County Secretary submitted details of the collection of rates from the Council's office in respect of Districts No. 4/5 during the year to 31st March, 1961. Particulars of the warrants for District Nos. 3 and 6 together with the percentage of rates collected by the Collectors in these areas during the past three years as well as the percentage of the warrant collected in District No. 4/5 during the previous three years, were also submitted. In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy the County Secretary stated that Collector Doyle, No. 3 District would earn approximately £300 in a full year and Collector Keenan approximately £500. The County Secretary stated that the Council had adopted the practice on occasions in the past of promoting a Rate Collector from a smaller area to a larger one when the opportunity arose and suggested that the Council might consider the transfer of Collector Doyle whose area was at present the smallest to District No. 4/5 and inviting applications for the post of Collector for District No. 3, if it were decided to make an appointment in that instance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That the rates in No. 4/5 District be collected from the office for the year 1961/62."

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That District Nos. 4 and 5 be divided between Collectors Doyle and Keenan to provide equal remuneration for both collectors."

A vote having been called for on the Amendment in the name of Councillor McCarthy, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—
IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, J. J. McCrea—11.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, A. Hadden, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole—7.

The Amendment was declared carried by 11 votes in favour to 7 against and was declared adopted as a substantive motion on the same voting.

The Council noted that if the areas were divided as suggested, remuneration for the revised areas would be on the basis of a salary plus commission.

ITEM No. 7—REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959.

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Auditor's Report had been circulated to the members of the Council and he would answer any enquiries made by members. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for the attendance of the County Manager.

ITEM No. 8—BRITTAS BAY AREA—REPORT OUTLINING PLANNING SCHEME FOR AREA.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Report prepared by Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, outlining a Planning Scheme for the Brittas Bay Area had been circulated to the members and he submitted a map illustrating the Report. The Council agreed that copies of the Report be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, An Bord Failte and to the Brittas Bay Development Association for their views. Councillor Temple suggested that a discussion on the Report might be deferred as he would like an opportunity of seeing the area. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FOR VILLAGE OF GRANGECON AND EXTENSION OF STRATFORD SUPPLY TO COUNCIL HOUSES AT MANGER, STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the County Secretary submitted a report from the Chief Assistant County Engineer as follows:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

24th April, 1961.

County Secretary

Water Supplies

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, the provision of a water supply to Grangecon and the extension of the existing Stratford Supply to the Council houses at Manger, were included in the recent surveys for providing piped water supplies to houses in the rural districts.

The preliminary survey indicates that a Regional Scheme could be economically developed from an excellent water source near Donard to supply a large area including Dunlavin, Grangecon and all the intervening areas. It is, of course, realised that such a scheme could take many years to complete, and in accordance with the practice adopted throughout the survey, that in cases like this alternative source of supplies should be located if possible to provide villages or large groups of houses with a temporary supply, but so designed to fit in with the Regional Scheme when the latter is completed.

Such a source is available for Grangecon. It can be taken from springs near Fryanstown. These springs have been gauged and in dry weather deliver 10 gals./min. of water, sufficient for 70 to 80 houses.

With reference to the extension of the Stratford Water Supply to the County Council houses at Manger, this is also included in the survey, indeed, there is a reason to believe that the Stratford Supply has sufficient water to allow for

considerable extension, but until gaugings are taken during dry spells, the full extent of the extension cannot be calculated.

Mise, le meas,

R. L. Farrell,

Chief Assistant County Engineer.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that it was expected to have a report for the Council at the next meeting in regard to Schemes for water supplies which could be proceeded with during the present year. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 10—APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATH AT RATHDANGAN.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of erecting a new bath at about £200. The cost, however, would depend on the site and the availability of water. In regard to the proposal to erect a new Sheep Dipping Bath, the County Secretary pointed out that the Council had never erected any baths but had on occasions made grants available to persons who erected Sheep Dipping Baths and made them available for public dipping. Councillor Miley stated that persons in the area were anxious that a bath be erected and were prepared to pay for the dipping of the sheep and he proposed that the Council provide the bath and charge persons using it. The County Secretary gave particulars of the numbers of sheep dipped in baths in the area which indicated that a greater number of sheep were dipped at the bath at Ballingule in respect of which the Council had expended monies on repairs in recent years. Councillor J. D. Haughton stated that the persons of the area should be able to provide a bath for themselves.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That the Council erect a sheep dipping bath at Rathdangan and charge the sum of 1d. per sheep for each sheep dipped."

Passed, Councillor Haughton dissenting.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had made no provision in the Estimates for the erection of a Sheep Dipping Bath and that the monies provided for repairs in the Estimates would be needed for repairs to baths in various areas.

ITEM No. 11—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE NOTIFYING ALLOCATION OF AMBULANCE FOR CIVIL DEFENCE PURPOSES.

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

Roin Cosanta,
Geata na Pairce,
Baile Atha Cliath.
1 Bealtaine, 1961.

CD/1516

Preliminary Notice Casualty Service Training Equipment Issue of Ambulances

A Chara,

I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that it is proposed to issue a number of ambulances to local authorities in the near future for use in the training of Civil Defence Casualty Service personnel. Each ambulance will be built on a 30 cwt. forward control chassis and will accommodate two stretched patients and an attendant, or ten sitting-case patients, in the stretcher compartment in addition to a driver and an attendant in the driver's cab.

Each ambulance will be issued on a hire-basis to the local authority at a nominal charge of 1/- per annum, subject to certain conditions including the acceptance by the local authority of liability for expenditure incurred on the operation, care, maintenance, insurance and taxation of the vehicle, on a grant-aided basis. During peace-time the ambulance may normally be used for Civil Defence training or practices only but in exceptional circumstances (e.g. when

no other ambulance is available for a patient requiring urgent transport to hospital) it may be used for ordinary peace-time purposes subject, inter alia, to the payment by the local authority of an appropriate charge in respect of such use. Full details of the terms and conditions governing the issue of the ambulance will be conveyed to the local authority concerned as soon as possible and a formal agreement incorporating these terms and conditions will be forwarded for completion at a later date.

It is expected that the first ten ambulances will be ready within the next month and it is proposed to issue one of these vehicles to your Council at the earliest possible date.

The running-in mileage is approximately 1,000 and the guarantee period within which the vehicle should be run-in is twelve months as from the date of its delivery to this Department. It is hoped that each local authority concerned would arrange for the running-in of the vehicle within the period mentioned.

I am accordingly to request that you will kindly signify at the earliest possible date your Council's agreement to accept one of the ambulances subject generally to the terms and conditions outlined above. I am also to request that you will indicate whether you can arrange to have the vehicle run-in by a competent driver of your staff or of the civil defence services during periods of Casualty Service training, supplemented, as may be necessary, by additional journeys, and, if so, whether the running-in would give rise to any additional cost.

Mise, le meas,
J. G. Buckmaster,
Rúnaí.

Rúnaí,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntáin,
Teach na Cúirte, Cill Manntáin.

The Council noted the allocation of the ambulance and conditions in relation to such allocation and its use.

ITEM No. 12—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER ON APPLICATION OF WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR WORKS.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Transport and Power in regard to the application of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for the reception of a Deputation by the Minister in relation to a grant for repair works in the harbour.

Department of Transport and Power,
Kildare Street,
Dublin.

26 Aibreán, 1961.

Ref. No. H.B. 24/2/8.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Transport and Power to refer to your letter of 19th Aibreán about the application made by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for a grant for a proposed Scheme of harbour repair works at Wicklow, estimated to cost approximately £160,000.

The statutory responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the harbour facilities of any harbour rests on the harbour authority set up for this express purpose. In the present instance, the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

In the early years after the war, Government grants were made to harbour authorities to assist them in overtaking arrears of maintenance which, owing to the falling-off of trade in wartime, the harbour authorities lacked funds to carry out entirely at their own cost. Grants have also been sanctioned to harbour authorities towards the cost of essential improvement works which were regarded as likely to yield an economic return proportionate to the expenditure involved, or which were considered to be of national rather than merely local importance, and the full cost of which the harbour authority and other local interests concerned were unable to meet. Grants previously awarded to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners amount in all to approximately £58,000. Having regard to the

volume of trade to the port, this figure represents very generous treatment and compares very favourably with grants to other comparable ports.

The scheme for which the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners are now seeking a grant has been referred by the Minister to his technical advisers for a preliminary examination from the engineering aspect, prior to having it considered from the point of view of the criteria mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The Minister, on receipt of the Engineering report, will arrange to have the proposal discussed with the interested parties.

Mise, le meas,

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

ITEM No. 13—LETTER FROM THE NETHERLANDS BRANCH OF THE SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL AS TO PROMOTION OF LOCAL BRANCH AND ORGANISING OF WORKING CAMP IN IRELAND.

The Council noted the letter received from the Netherlands Branch of the Service Civil International but regretted that they could not put forward any projects as requested in regard to the organisation of a working camp in Ireland in the present year.

ITEM No. 14—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council noted particulars of Orders made by the Manager as circulated to the members.

COTTAGE REPAIRS—DISTRICTS NOS. 1, 2 AND 3 (BRAY, NEWTOWN-MOUNTKENNEDY AND WICKLOW AREAS.).

One tender received in response to public advertisement for Cottage Repairs in these areas was opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The tender was from Messrs. McNulty Bros., Builders and Contractors, 27 Patrick Street, Dun Laoghaire, at 20% over Standard Rate for repairs to cottages in the areas indicated for the period to 31st March, 1962. The Council referred the tender for examination by the County Engineer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th June, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and P. Walsh were present.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hudson.

AGENDA

1. Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses and provision of private water supply and sewerage facilities—Report on position at 31st March, 1961.
2. Application for Grant for Reconstruction of house at Barton Street, Tinahely.
3. Application for Supplementary Grant towards erection of new dwelling house at Aghowle, Coolkenno.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council consider farmers eligible for rehousing under the Labourers Act whose valuation does not exceed £15 and whose dwelling is unfit for reconstruction.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of M. J. O'Neill that vacant Council house at Knockaboiey, Hollywood be put on the market for sale as there is no likelihood of a tenant and also that the Council consider the letting of vacant house at entrance to Baltinglass Hospital in view of the big demand for houses in Baltinglass area.
6. Application for transfer of S.D.A. loan in respect of house at Tinahely.
7. Repairs carried out to cottages during the month of May, 1961, and cottages to be repaired in June, 1961.
8. University Scholarship Scheme, 1961—to consider applications deferred.
9. Proposed closing of Road—Willow Grove to Ballinastoe for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
10. Application for consent of Council to sale of vested cottage at Three-mile-water, Wicklow.

Resolutions of Sympathy

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. Liam Cleary, Arklow, former member of the County Council and former Chairman of Arklow Urban District Council on the death of his wife.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and family of the late Mr. John Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum, who had been an officer of the Council for a great number of years. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Resolutions of sympathy.

ITEM No. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES AND PROVISION OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES.

The following details of Supplementary Grants allocated and paid by the Council to 3rd May, 1961 were submitted to the Council:—

	No. Allocated	Value	No. Paid	Value
Sec. 9, 1952 Act (Farmers) ...	161	£7,073	130	£5,978
Sec. 10, 1952 Act ...	51	£2,647	40	£1,886
Sec. 12, 1954 Act ...	155	£16,044	109	£10,798
Sec. 8, 1958 Act ...	133	£13,716	81	£8,780
Sec. 9, 1952 Act (New Houses) (Farmers) ...	13	£1,539	12	£1,364
Sec. 10, 1952 Act (New Houses) ...	9	£1,455	7	£1,068
Sec. 12, 1958 Act (Water Supply and Sewerage) ...	99	£4,515	92	£4,367
TOTALS: ...	621	£46,989	471	£34,241

The County Secretary stated that the total loans raised by the Council for the purpose of paying Supplementary Grants to date amounted to £50,000. Provision had been made in the Estimates for continuing the Scheme for a further year but a Resolution of the Council formally extending the Scheme for the year to 31st March, 1962 would be required. It was suggested also that the Council might authorise the borrowing of a further sum of £10,000.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"Having considered reports in regard to Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses, erection of new houses and for provision of private water supply and sewerage facilities, we approve of the continuation of the Council's Scheme for providing such supplementary grants for a further period to 31st March, 1962."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses, erection of new houses and for private water supply and sewerage facilities."

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., as to whether the Council would pay a Supplementary Grant in cases where the Department had approved of a second grant in relation to a particular house even though the period of 15 years had not elapsed from the date of payment of the original grant, the County Secretary stated that in such cases the Council would pay a Supplementary Grant. This was covered under the terms of the Scheme. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the use of corrugated asbestos for roofing and while agreeing with the decision of the Council that Supplementary Grants at a reduced figure be paid in cases where corrugated asbestos had been used for roofing of dwelling houses, he suggested that it should be brought to the notice of all applicants for grants that in future the Council would not pay a Supplementary Grant if unsatisfactory materials such as corrugated asbestos for roofing of dwelling houses were used. It was agreed that all applicants for grants in future be notified as to the type of roofing which would be accepted by the Council and that it be pointed out to them that a grant would not be paid if unsatisfactory types of roofing were used in the work.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE AT BARTON STREET, TINAHELY.

The Council considered the application of James Murphy, Curravanish, for a grant towards the reconstruction of a dwelling house at Barton Street, Tinahely and noted that the total floor area after completion of reconstruction would be 376 sq. ft. and that the number of rooms in the dwelling would be two together with the scullery. The Council's Scheme stipulated that the minimum floor area of a house to be eligible for a grant was 500 sq. ft. and that the house should consist of at least 3 rooms.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That having noted report of Assistant County Engineer regarding floor area of house after completion of reconstruction and number of rooms in dwelling, we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £78 to James Murphy, Curravanish, towards the cost of repair and improvement of his house."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW DWELLINGHOUSE AT AGHOWLE, COOLKENNO.

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Kathleen Byrne, Aghowle, Coolkenno, for a grant towards the erection of a new dwellinghouse. The floor area was 710 sq. ft. and the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he considered the cost of £800 reasonable and that the work had been carried out satisfactorily. The appropriate grant which could be paid by the Council was £87. 10. 0.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to completion of new dwelling for Mrs. Kathleen Byrne, Aghowle, Coolkenno, we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £87. 10. 0. in respect of the erection of the house."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN T.D. THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACT WHOSE VALUATION DID NOT EXCEED £15 AND WHOSE DWELLING WAS UNFIT FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he had handed in this Notice of Motion for the purpose of having the matter considered generally by the Council. He considered that there were a number of small farmers in the county whose dwellinghouses were unfit for reconstruction and who had not the resources to erect new houses for themselves and that in such cases there would be need for assistance from the Council and possibly the provision of houses. The Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the question was as to whether the small farmer could be brought within the definition of the Labourers' Acts and whether the Council could provide houses for them and apply a differential rent. While it was a laudable suggestion that houses be provided for such persons the matter of the cost to ratepayers also arose. The County Secretary stated that the position was that the Council were empowered to provide houses for Agricultural Labourers and the definition of an agricultural labourer had been broadened considerably. Generally, any

person working for wages in a rural area and who did not hold a permanent position would come within the definition of an agricultural labourer. In the case of small farmers it was understood that many in that category also worked for hire with the Department of Lands, Forestry Division or on other works in the course of a year and if such employment was his major source of income it would seem that he probably would come within the definition of an agricultural labourer. Each case would have to be individually examined to determine whether or not the applicant would come within the required definition. Councillor Temple suggested that the best way of dealing with the matter would be to request the Minister to amend the regulations in the Act so as to permit the County Council to provide houses for persons in the category referred to by Deputy Brennan. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that no immediate action be taken as it was expected that persons interested would make enquiries from the Council on reading the report of the discussion and that these particular cases could then be investigated, and if necessary the opinion of the Department of Local Government as to their eligibility or otherwise obtained. It was agreed also that members of the Council would submit the names of any persons whom they considered would require houses and would be within the class referred to.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL THAT VACANT COUNCIL HOUSE AT KNOCKNABOLEY, HOLLYWOOD, BE PUT ON THE MARKET FOR SALE AND ALSO THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THE LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT ENTRANCE TO BALTINGLASS HOSPITAL.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that the cottage at Knocknaboley, Hollywood had been vacant for five or six years as no suitable tenant had come forward. Before the Council could offer the house for sale, however, it would be necessary to offer it first to the person from whom the land was acquired when the house was built and to his successor in title and if not required by the original landowner or his successor the Council could then arrange for disposal of the house by sale. The Council agreed that arrangements be made for the disposal of the cottage and that the necessary enquiries be made from the person from whom the land was originally acquired. In regard to the lodge at the entrance to Baltinglass Hospital, it was agreed that the matter of letting the lodge to a suitable older person without a family be examined.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF S.D.A. LOAN IN RESPECT OF HOUSE AT TINAHELY.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mr. J. W. E. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely, for approval to the transfer to him of a house in respect of which a loan had been granted to Mr. B. Chambers, subject to repayment of the balance of the loan by instalments under the Council's Scheme. Mr. Hadden was about to be married and the repayment of the amount outstanding on the loan would be guaranteed by his father, Mr. A. H. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the transfer of outstanding amount of loan granted to Mr. B. Chambers to Mr. J. W. E. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely, subject to the repayment of the loan being guaranteed by Mr. A. H. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT TO COTTAGES DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1961 AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED IN JUNE, 1961.

The Council noted the list of cottages which had been repaired in May, 1961 and of cottages to be repaired in June, 1961. In reply to enquiry by Councillor Hipwell regarding cottages at Enniskerry and Windgates which

had not been repaired, the County Secretary stated that arrangements for the appointment of a contractor for the area were now almost completed and that arrangements would be made to have the repairs carried out. Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to the condition of the entrance to a cottage at Newry and asked if the approach which was about 150 yards in length could be cleared. It was agreed that the Engineer be asked for a report on the matter. Councillor Quigley complained that the necessary repairs to roofs of houses in his area had not been carried out and asked that these be attended to.

ITEM No. 8—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1961.

The Council considered two applications under the University Scholarship Scheme which had been deferred from the previous meeting to give the applicants a further opportunity of submitting confirmation of their incomes. The Council noted that audited accounts had not been submitted in either instance in regard to the applications of Mr. Finbarr Haughton and Mr. Raymond Moran and agreed that the matter be deferred to a meeting to be held on 12th June, 1961, and it be indicated to the applicants' parents that if the necessary confirmation of income was not available by the date of that meeting, the Council would have no alternative but to refuse the applications as not being eligible.

ITEM No. 9—PROPOSED CLOSING OF ROAD—WILLOW GROVE TO BALLINASTOE FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.

The County Secretary stated that the application of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for permission to close a road for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb had been considered previously by the Council and as the road proposed originally was not suitable, the Club had been asked to consider alternative roads. The Club had now agreed that the portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Callow Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road, would be suitable and requested approval to the closing of this road. The necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of the road described hereunder from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10th June, 1961, for the purpose of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club and further approve of the holding of the said Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Callow Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT THREE-MILE-WATER, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary submitted application received from Mr. John Hudson, Three-Mile-Water, Wicklow, for the consent of the Council to his disposal of his interest in vested cottage No. 64/7 to William Lott, Three-Mile-Water, for the sum of £75. Mr. Hudson had been left another house and consequently no longer required the vested cottage. Mr. Lott was an eligible applicant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of consent being given to Mr. John Hudson, Three-Mile-Water, Wicklow, to dispose of his interest in vested cottage No. 64/7, to William Lott, Three-Mile-Water, for the sum of £25."

Passed unanimously.

FIRE AT KILCANDRA

Councillor Haughton stated that it had been reported to him by the owner of the house which was burned recently at Kilcandra, that the Council's Fire Brigade did not commence any work until the arrival of the Chief Fire Officer and that this contributed to the loss at the fire. The County Secretary stated that the members of the fire brigade attending a fire did not normally await the arrival of the Chief Fire Officer but proceeded at once with any necessary action. Enquiry would be made on the matter and a letter addressed to Councillor Haughton.

ARKLOW BRIDGE

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that a report in regard to Arklow Bridge be submitted to the County Council at the meeting on 12th June, 1961. Members of the Council also asked that reports as to the carrying out of repairs on the Bray/Enniskerry Road and at Glencap Commons Road be also submitted to the Council at the next meeting and also that a report in regard to Ballymanus Bridge be submitted. It was requested also that particulars of monies unexpended under the Road Works Scheme for 1960/61 at 31st March, 1961, be submitted to the Council.

CLEANING OF STREETS AT SHILLELAGH, ETC.

Councillor Hadden and Councillor Deputy Brennan asked that arrangements be made for the cleaning of villages twice weekly if possible on Saturday and Monday preferably in connection with the Tidy Towns Competition.

TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINES AT WICKLOW AND BALTINGLASS

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for Fire Engines for Wicklow and Baltinglass were opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that three tenders had been received late and could not be opened. The latest time for receipt of tenders was 12 o'clock noon on 5th June, 1961 and these three tenders had been received only during the afternoon. The Council agreed that as the three tenders had been received after the prescribed time, they could not be opened. The remaining tenders received were opened and were as follows:—

Fire Engine for Wicklow

George Angus and Co. Ltd., on behalf of Messrs. Fire	
Armour Ltd., 9 George St., London, W.1.	£3,594
Messrs. Coolock Motors (P. Roche, Proprietor)	£3,372
Alfred Miles Ltd., Brockworth, Gloucester	£3,319

Light Fire Engine for Baltinglass

Coolock Motors (P. Roche, Proprietor)	£1,495
	and £1,567

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the Chief Fire Officer for his recommendation.

REMUNERATION OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS

Councillor McCarthy enquired if an application had been received on behalf of Ambulance Drivers for a revision of their remuneration. The County Secretary stated that the application had been received that morning and would be examined and a recommendation in regard to it would be submitted to the Council. In reply to Councillor McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that the application for revision of remuneration of nurses was also under examination.

DENTAL SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS

Councillor Haughton handed in a letter received from the Secretary, Clara Vale Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association in regard to the School Dental Service. The Council agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to report on the letter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th June, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hudson. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and G. M. O'Byrne attended.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 10th and 17th April and 1st May, 1961.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th September, 1961.
3. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1962 and sign and seal Rate Books and authorise a fixing of seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal the Demands on the Urban District Councils.
4. To fix date for annual meeting of the Council.
5. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools.
6. To consider deferred applications under University Scholarship Scheme, 1961.
7. To take over as a public road, road known as Blackberry Lane, from junctions of Road 42 and Road 26 in Delgany village in the Townland of Delgany, southeastward through townlands of Stylebawn and Drummin East for a total distance of 1,420 lin. yards to junction of Road 39 at Drummin Cross in townland of Drummin East.
8. To consider application for closing of portion of Old Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for the purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
9. Application for closing of road across Stone Bridge, Wicklow for purposes of Annual Wicklow Regatta on August Bank Holiday Monday, 7th August, 1961.
10. Application from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for assistance towards repairs to Harbour.
11. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for three years ended 31st March, 1959.
12. Remuneration of Assistant County Medical Officers—Letter from Department of Health in regard to appeal.
13. Revision of remuneration of Water Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors.
14. Arrangements for collection of rates in Districts No. 4 and 5.
15. Provision of piped water supplies—Report of County Engineer in regard to new Schemes and Survey.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that existing piped water supply passing through townlands of Coan and Colliga be further extended for benefit of tenants in Council houses in that area including Rustyduff.
17. Reports of County Medical Officer in regard to Templarainey Burial Ground Glenealy Old Burial Ground.
18. Report of County Engineer regarding unexpended balances on Road Works Schemes for 1960/61.
19. Report in regard to Arklow Bridge.
20. Development Plan for Brittas Bay Region.
21. Letter from County Council's General Council re discount on rates.
22. Letter from County Council's General Council re de-rating of Agricultural land.
23. Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 15th December, 1960.
24. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 10th and 17th April and 1st May, 1961.
Passed unanimously.

Eviction from Cottage at Aughrim

Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor McCarthy raised the matter of Mrs. Anastasia Mulhall who had been evicted from a cottage in Aughrim which she had forcibly occupied. They stated that while they appreciated that Mrs. Mulhall had illegally occupied the cottage and was properly evicted from it, she was now sleeping in the ditch and had refused to leave it, and that some accommodation should be found for her. Councillor McCarthy stated that he would propose that they recommend to the County Manager that Mrs. Mulhall be given the tenancy of a vacant cottage in the locality. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that if the Council allowed everyone to take the law into their own hands there would be chaos. The County Manager stated that the Council had had to take strong action in this matter because Mrs. Mulhall had seized the cottage and in consequence the family to whom the cottage had been allocated were unable to take up possession. There was no point in her relatives claiming that the Council were responsible and surely the relatives also had some responsibility for this woman. Mrs. Mulhall had refused to take a cottage in Kilpipe previously and he considered that it was the family who had been deprived of the cottage that should receive the sympathy. If they were to condone her conduct, the housing regulations could not be administered. Councillor Temple stated that the members of the Bray Urban District Council had been faced with a similar position on a previous occasion and he could not see how anyone could condone a person taking the law into their own hands. He pointed out that there was no need for Mrs. Mulhall to live in a ditch as the County Home was available for her. The Council noted that a house could not be made available for Mrs. Mulhall but that accommodation for her could be provided in St. Colman's Hospital.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer. The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1961 shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1961 shall not exceed £9,850."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—TO DETERMINE AND MAKE COUNTRY RATE FOR SERVICE OF FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1962 AND SIGN AND SEAL RATE BOOKS AND AUTHORISE AFFIXING OF SEAL TO RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS AND SIGN AND SEAL THE DEMANDS ON THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1962 and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1962."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1962 as follows:— Arklow, £11,711. 6. 7.; Bray, £48,979. 17. 1.; Wicklow, £9,473. 7. 1."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to hold the annual meeting between the 23rd June and 1st July.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby fix 26th June, 1961 as the date for the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the current year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the Scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1957. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from Superiors of their schools:—

Patrick F. Whelan, Patrician Brothers Boarding School, Ballyfin, Mountrath.
Patrick G. O'Reilly, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
James P. Anderson, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
Charles A. O'Toole, Holy Ghost College, Blackrock.
Patrick J. Jones, St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary

Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1958. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their Schools:—

Patrick O'Neill, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
 Thomas Byrne, St. Peter's College, Wexford.
 Winifred Hogan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Catherine Harmon, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Francis Rossney, Mount Melleray, Co. Waterford.
 Myles C. McSwiney, Synge Street, C.B.S., Dublin.
 Brendan E. V. McCann, St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.
 Terence M. J. Hammond, St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.
 John Shelton, Presentation College, Bray.
 Phelim M. Maguire, Colaiste Iosagain, Baile Muirne, Co. Cork."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1959. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their Schools:—

Bernardine M. O'Hara, Colaiste Na Toirbirte, Mount Mellick.
 Patricia M. Dunican, Loreto Secondary School, Bray.
 Helen M. Cleary, St. David's Secondary School, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Aiden J. Troy, St. Brendan's Secondary School, Bray.
 Eugene P. O'Neill, Presentation College, Bray.
 Jacqueline A. Moran, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Mary K. O'Toole, Convent of Mercy, Carlow.
 Mary C. Merrigan, St. Anne's Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Laurence O'Rourke, St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.
 Mary N. Wedick, Scoil Caitriona, Eccles Street, Dublin.
 Mary F. Mercer, Convent of Holy Faith, Haddington Road, Dublin."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1960. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their Schools:—

Seamus Hickey, Franciscan College, Gormanstown.
 Maire F. Kiernan, St. Joseph's, Convent of Mercy, Longford.
 Patricia M. Byrne, St. David's, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Cecil J. Killacky, Presentation College, Bray.
 Margaret C. Hammond, Loreto Convent, Bray.
 Marie T. Byrne, St. Anne's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Sean O Laoi, Scoil na mBratar, Daingean Ui Cuise, Co. Ciarraige.
 Patrick I. Byrne, St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Carlow.
 Therese M. Ni Dhonnchadha, Presentation College, Mountmellick.
 Mary C. Jacob, St. Anne's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Margaret P. Wheatley, St. David's, Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones.
 Seamus J. Byrne, C.B.S., Naas."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—TO CONSIDER DEFERRED APPLICATIONS UNDER UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1961.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting held on 5th June, the Council had deferred to the 12th June a decision on the applications of Finbarr D. Haughton, Rathnew and of Raymond John Moran, Blacklion, Greystones to compete under the University Scholarship Scheme, to enable the parents of the applicants to submit the necessary information to confirm their incomes. Letters had been sent to the parents of the applicants pointing out that if the necessary information to confirm their incomes had not been received by 12th June, that the Council would have no alternative but to refuse the applications as not complying with the conditions of the Scheme. No reply had been received from the parents of either of these applicants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we refuse the application of Finbarr D. Haughton, Rathnew and of Raymond John Moran, Blacklion, Greystones, under University Scholarship Scheme as not complying with the provisions of the Scheme in relation to income of parents or guardians."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—TAKING OVER ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road the road known as Blackberry Lane in the townlands of Delgany and Drummin and that no objections had been received. Provisions had been made by the Council for repairs to the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare the road described hereunder to be a public road:—

Road known as Blackberry Lane from junction of Road 42 and Road 26 at Delgany Village in the townland of Delgany south-eastward, through townlands of Stylebawn and Drummin East, for a total distance of 420 lineal yards to junction of Road 39 at Drummin Cross in townland of Drummin East.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF OLD LONG HILL AT KILMACANOGUE FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.

The County Secretary referred to previous discussion at a meeting of the Council regarding the application of the M.G. Car Club for permission to close the Long Hill at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, for the purpose of a Motor Car Hill Climb and the suggestion made to the Club that they might consider instead applying for the closing of the Old Long Hill as an alternative. The Club had now written to say that they will be prepared to apply for the closing of the Old Long Hill. Notice had been given by public advertisement of the proposed closing of this road and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That notice having been given by public advertisement of the proposal, and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that Road No. 35 known as the Old Long Hill be closed from its junction with the Enniskerry/Kilmacanogue Road (Road No. 18) to the Paddock Gate of Powerscourt Deerpark, on 8th

July, 1961, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb Competition during the period when it is so closed to public traffic. An alternative route is available via Main Road No. 34 (T.61).

We hereby authorise the holding of Motor Car Hill Climb Competition on Road No. 35 from junction with Enniskerry/Kilmacanogue road to Paddock Gate of Powerscourt Deerpark, on 8th July, 1961, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. when such road is closed to public traffic."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD ACROSS STONE BRIDGE, WICKLOW, FOR PURPOSES OF ANNUAL WICKLOW REGATTA ON 7th AUGUST, 1961.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the road across the Stone Bridge at Wicklow on August Bank Holiday Monday, 7th August, 1961 from 12 noon until 4.30 p.m. Permission had been given by the Council for the closing of this road in previous years.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic the road across the Stone Bridge, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th August, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Annual Wicklow Regatta."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS FOR ASSISTANCE TOWARDS REPAIRS TO HARBOUR.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th June, 1961, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed at the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners on 19th May, 1961, requesting Wicklow Urban Council and Wicklow County Council to state to what extent they were prepared to guarantee loans towards repairs to Wicklow Harbour. It was stated in the covering letter that imports into the Harbour during 1960 amounted to almost 50,000 tons and that this was increasing during the first four months of 1961. Messrs. Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. imported over 24,000 tons of fertilisers and had informed the Commissioners that they would export 10,000 tons of fertilisers during the year 1961. A copy of the report of the Consulting Engineer regarding the works proposed to be carried out at the Harbour had been submitted and the estimated cost of the entire works amounted to £154,000. The application of the Harbour Commissioners had been considered by the Urban District Council and the Urban District Council had indicated that they would be prepared to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £5,000 provided that the County Council also guaranteed the repayment of a loan and that a contribution be made by industry and a substantial State Grant also made. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the Council had guaranteed the payment of loans amounting to £4,500 for Arklow Harbour Commissioners and also had guaranteed a loan of £6,000 for Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. The Council had had to meet the repayments in respect of the loans for Arklow Harbour Commissioners but had not to make any payment on foot of the guarantee to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he had attended on a deputation from the Harbour Commissioners to the Department and stated that the Department wished to know what sum could be raised or guaranteed locally and they would then indicate if they were prepared to meet the balance by way of grant. Councillor J. Temple did not agree that the Council should in the first instance guarantee a loan but that the Department should first indicate the maximum amount of grant which could be made available. In reply to further enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that it had been suggested that there might

be some revision in the estimate, but he could not say what the revised figure might be. The Urban Council had agreed to guarantee £5,000 and this could involve 10d. in the £ on the Urban Rates. He understood that a local industrial concern was prepared to put up £5,000. He stated that he appreciated the difficulty the Council was in as they felt they could not commit themselves until they knew the total sum involved for the repairs of the Harbour and what Grants and contributions were available. When asked for a suggestion as to what figure the Council might consider, the County Manager suggested that they might consider a figure of say, £10,000 in relation to a total outlay of £150,000. It was finally decided by the Council that the Harbour Commissioners be informed that the Council was agreeable to assist in the matter of guaranteeing a loan, but could not indicate any amount of the guarantee until the amount of grant available from the State was determined.

ITEM No. 11—REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959.

A copy of the report of the Local Government Auditor had been circulated to the members and had been deferred for further consideration from the previous meeting. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed concern at some of the statements made in the Auditor's Report in regard to Stores, etc., which he felt called for an explanation and stated he would like to hear the County Manager. The County Manager stated that in considering the report, the report should be seen in proper perspective. The total expenditure involved over the period of three years was in the region of £3,000,000 and out of that amount sums amounting to £30 had been charged against the officers and recovery of a sum of £56 18 0. had to be made during audit. The Auditor had not stated that any loss had been involved to the Council in relation to stores. The stores system was an elaborate one which had been installed by the County Secretary, County Engineer and himself and for which they took responsibility. Store cards had not been written up to date and balances were not shown, and this was the major point referred to by the Auditor. Certain minor inaccuracies had been stressed by the Auditor but it is suggested that this was out of proportion. The Council endeavoured to run the Stores system as cheaply and as economically as possible. Difficulty had been experienced in obtaining a Stocktake each year but it was admitted that running balances should have been kept up to date. As regards certification as far as he was aware there was only one instance in which an account had not been vouched but it was not accepted that the County Engineer should have to certify every item submitted for payment. In regard to delays in submitting travelling expenses, the County Manager pointed out that all such claims were examined in detail by the County Engineer and also by the Secretary and that, in fact, payment of salaries had been held up because travelling claims had not been submitted. The regulations were being strictly enforced. The reference to the payment of £56 18 0. for hospital treatment in respect of a patient referred to by the Auditor was due to a clerical error in that a wrong notification was sent to the patient and in consequence payment was made which should not have been. This sum was recovered. In regard to materials on hands, the County Manager pointed out that the Auditor insisted that the balance on Materials Expense Account should be written off in the accounts at the end of each year, irrespective of whether materials were on hand representing the amount of the balance. In relation to Reserve Stocks, many other Councils had had similar experiences in that the value of the stocks had fallen substantially since the date of purchase and it had not been possible to dispose of all of them. In regard to the Auditor's reference to the headquarters and the two separate offices of the Council, the County Manager stated that the County Secretary had prepared a report on this matter and he suggested that this might be submitted to the Council at the next meeting. In relation to Councillor H. J. Byrne's reference to the Council having an efficiency expert, the County Manager stated that an officer of the Council had been trained in Organisation and Methods but he also discharged the duties of County Checker and many other duties and had only a limited time available. He felt a tribute was due to

Mr. N. J. Byrne, County Checker, for his work in regard to the collection of rates from the offices and the many other duties he had discharged. The County Manager expressed appreciation of the detailed report made by the Auditor and stated he was indebted to him for his suggestions. Generally speaking, the County Manager felt that while everything had not been perfect, the report should be viewed with a background of the enormous expenditure involved. Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Manager for the explanations submitted and stated that he had been concerned at the reference by the Auditor to the fact that the Stores system had not improved since the previous audit. In regard to the stock on hands, if it had been indicated that the stock had been purchased many years ago and had fallen in value, the situation would have been explained. He felt the report was misleading in ways. Councillor J. Temple congratulated the Auditor on his report and also the Council's staff and pointed out the amount involved in losses over the three years period was so ridiculous that it was not worth while discussing. Councillor E. E. Byrne and Councillor Hadden suggested that it was desirable that the Audit be carried out annually. The County Manager stated that he understood that this would be arranged in future. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., supported by Councillor Miley stated that the Council should be grateful to the Auditor for bringing out the discussion and that the explanation was very satisfactory and that the Manager and staff should be congratulated. The Council agreed that the report of the County Secretary in regard to headquarters be circulated to the members and considered at the next meeting.

ITEM No. 12—REMUNERATION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 4th May, 1961, from Department of Health, conveying the decision of the Minister on the appeals submitted by Drs. J. A. Dunlevy and A. O'Driscoll, Assistant County Medical Officers, against the decision of the Council regarding their remuneration payable as from 1st August, 1960 and conveying the direction of the Minister that these officers would be allowed a salary scale of £1,350 + £57 to £1,635 per annum with effect as from 1st August, 1960 and enter the revised scale at the appropriate point according to their service. The County Secretary stated that the cost involved would be £85 in respect of each of the officers concerned and that the Council was obliged to carry out the direction of the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter of 4th May, 1961 from the Department of Health, conveying the decision of the Minister on appeals submitted by doctors J. A. Dunlevy and A. O'Driscoll, Assistant County Medical Officers in relation to their remuneration, we approve of payment of these officers on the salary scale £1,350 + £57 to £1,635 per annum with effect from 1st August, 1960, the officers to enter the revised scales at the appropriate point according to their service and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF WATER RATE RATE COLLECTORS AND RENT COLLECTORS.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by the Irish Local Government Official's Union for the revision of remuneration of Water Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors who were paid on a poundage basis for an increase in the rates of remuneration. It was proposed to pay remuneration at the rate of 10% on all sums collected and lodged to the credit of the Council in respect of each Collector with effect from 1st April, 1961 and the cost involved would be £60 per annum. All except three of the Collectors were Rent Collectors and the remaining three were caretakers of the respective supplies for which they collect the water rates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the payment of remuneration at 10% of the sums collected and lodged to the credit of the Council to Water Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors, at present remunerated on the basis of percentages of amounts collected and lodged, with effect from 1st April, 1961 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of such increases in remuneration."

ITEM No. 14—ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RATES IN DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 5.

The County Secretary stated that as recommended by the Council at the previous meeting, Rate Collection Districts 4 and 5 had been divided between Collectors Doyle and Keenan so as to the greatest extent possible their total remuneration would be equated. It had not been possible to arrange areas which would leave the remuneration the same for both collectors but the revised areas would carry respectively total remunerations of £500 and £625. Details of the proposed division of the areas were submitted to the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the revision of Rate Collection Districts 4 and 5 and the assignment of the Collection of Rates in these areas between Collectors Doyle and Keenan as follows:—

Collector Doyle—Electoral Divisions of Donard, Donaghmore, Imaal North, Imaal South, Dunlavin and Rathallagh.
Collector Keenan—Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Kilbride, Burgage, Lacken, Hollywood, Lugglass, Togher and Tober."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—PROVISION OF PIPED WATER SUPPLIES.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had indicated in report of 10th June, 1961 that the report on the Survey for providing piped water supplies in rural areas was not completed but that in the meantime the Council might consider approving in principle of 12 schemes and indicating order of priority and he had submitted particulars of the proposed schemes. The total cost of the schemes listed amounted to £106,300. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting and that a copy of the report on the survey and of the County Engineer's recommendations regarding schemes to be carried out be circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL RE PIPED WATER SUPPLY IN TOWNLANDS OF COAN AND COLLIGA AND EXTENSION TO COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE AREA INCLUDING RUSTIDUFF.

The County Secretary stated that the existing water supply passing through Coan and Colliga was a private supply to the Military Camp at Coolmoney and that the Council had at present a 1½" diameter pipe taken off this supply to provide water for Knockenarrigan. The supply was metered. All the area including Rustiduff was included under the new schemes proposed and in the meantime investigations were under way to ascertain if permission could be obtained to take a further Connection off the private supply. A further report on the matter would be submitted. Councillor O'Neill and the Council noted the position in the matter.

Water Supply at Glendalough Car Park

The County Secretary stated that a detailed scheme for the supply of water to the Public Conveniences at the Car Park at Glendalough had been pre-

pared and furnished to the Forestry Division of the Department. The Chief Assistant County Engineer estimated the revised cost at £424 and the approval of the Council to the carrying out of this work as a matter of urgency was requested. The Council, in June, 1960, had approved of expenditure estimated at £480 during that year but it had not been possible to carry out the work and it was now proposed to put it in hands.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the revised proposals for the provision of a water supply to public convenience at Car Park at Glendalough at estimated cost of £424 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of such work."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—REPORTS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER REGARDING TEMPLERAINEY BURIAL GROUND AND GLENEALY OLD BURIAL GROUND.

The County Secretary submitted reports of the County Medical Officer, conveying his opinion that Templeraíney Burial Ground and Glenealy Old Burial Ground should be closed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Medical Officer in regard to Templeraíney Burial Ground, we request the Minister for Local Government to hold a local inquiry into the proposed closing of this Burial Ground."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Medical Officer in regard to Glenealy Old Burial Ground, we request the Minister for Local Government to hold a local inquiry into the proposed closing of this Burial Ground."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING UN-EXPENDED BALANCES ON ROAD WORKS SCHEMES FOR 1960/61.

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer indicating Schemes on which there were unexpended balances at 31st March, 1961 at which date these Schemes were not completed. The Schemes amounted in all to £12,334. An extension of time had been sanctioned by the Department for completing the works. In regard to Tourist Road Grants, an expenditure of £5,468 had been incurred on the works at Brittas Bay up to 31st March. Only £118 had been expended on the works at Glencormac Road but the Council would recollect that due to failure to obtain the necessary lands for improving of a dangerous corner on this road it was necessary to transfer the grant to the Goat's Pass Road. At 31st March, 1961, expenditure of £3,501 had been incurred on the Ballyknocken/Lacken/Blessington road and this work had since been completed. The work on Brittas Bay road would be completed by 30th June but the work on the Goat's Pass Road would not be finished at that date. In regard to the Bray/Enniskerry road, this work would be put in hands as soon as possible and not later than July, 1961, but other works had to receive priority. The road at Glencap Commons would also be repaired but work on this could not commence for some few months. In regard to Ballymanus Bridge, the County Engineer stated that plans were being prepared for the bridge and he

hoped to have the final details available for the July meeting of the Council. The Council noted the position in regard to the Road Works.

ITEM No. 19—REPORT IN REGARD TO ARKLOW BRIDGE.

The County Secretary reported on the position regarding the reconstruction of Arklow Bridge and the difficulties which had been experienced in relation to the planning of the proposed work. It was suggested that the Council might agree to approach the Department to consider approving of extra expenditure over the original estimate to ensure that the reconstructed bridge would present a good appearance, at least as good as the existing bridge. The County Engineer was of opinion that it should be possible to extend the bridge in such a way as to preserve the attractive appearance of the present structure.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we request the Department of Local Government to agree to the extension of Arklow Bridge on the basis of an extension of the existing bridge in masonry on the proposed piling, or some form of construction which will preserve the existing appearance of the Bridge."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCarthy asked if arrangements could be made for painting the bridge in the meantime as he considered that its present appearance was very unsatisfactory. In regard to the proposed reconstruction of the Bridge, the County Manager pointed out that the expenditure of extra money proposed appeared reasonable if it would result in preserving the existing character of the bridge.

ITEM No. 20—DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BRITTAS BAY REGION.

The following letter received from Brittas Bay Development Company was submitted:—

Brittas Bay Development Co. Ltd.,
Brittas Bay,
Wicklow.
10th June, 1961.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo enclosing copy of Plan in connection with Brittas Regional Development.

I called a meeting of the Committee, and same was held on the 9th instant, when the report and plan were considered and discussed. The Plan is a far reaching one and requires very serious consideration, and presents many problems of grave importance to the Association and its members. It is felt that it must be considered very carefully by all parties interested in the future development of the area as a Tourist Resort worthy of character.

My Committee respectfully suggest that further consideration be deferred until the whole position is discussed with your Council, Bord Failte, The Department of Local Government and all other interested parties. My Committee would be very happy to meet your Council to discuss the whole position of the Brittas Bay Region, because the Plan as presently suggested, if adopted, would most likely be detrimental to the future outlook and suggested development of the area, and it is felt that our Association should be consulted before any definite decision is taken.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: Malachy Stone,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that so far no comments in regard to proposals had been received from the Department of Local Government or An Bord Failte, and the Council agreed that the matter be deferred pending receipt of the views of the various parties interested.

ITEM No. 21—DISCOUNT ON RATES.

The County Council's General Council had forwarded the following Motion which had been discussed at the meeting of the General Council on 18th May and had met with considerable opposition. It was decided to refer the matter to the individual County Councils for their views. The County Secretary stated that if all ratepayers availed in full of the proposed discount the cost to the Council would be in the region of £8,000 which was very much in excess of the interest paid by the County Council on overdraft during the year. Consequently, it would seem that such a system would not be economical for the Council. The Council agreed that the introduction of the proposed system would not be economical.

"That legislation be introduced to permit local authorities to provide that ratepayers who pay moieties of their full rate within 23 days from the date each moiety falls due be allowed 2½% discount on total rate at the time of final payment, or should the full rate be paid within 28 days from the date rate is made that 2½% discount be then allowed."

ITEM No. 22—DE-RATING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

The County Council's General Council had forwarded the following Motion regarding the de-rating or partial de-rating of agricultural land.

"That the advisability of asking the General Council of County Councils to recommend to the Government de-rating or partial de-rating of Agricultural Land be discussed."

The matter had been discussed at the County Councils' General Council on 18th May but it was felt that in view of its importance the views of the individual Councils would be ascertained before arriving at a decision. The Council noted that due to the operation of the Agricultural Grant there was in fact a partial de-rating of agricultural land but did not feel that they could recommend a complete de-rating at present.

ITEM No. 23—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 15th DECEMBER, 1960.

The Council noted the receipt of the Minutes of the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 15th December, 1960.

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

The Council noted the summary of the principal orders made by the County Manager during the month of May, 1961.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 26th June, 1961.

The following members attended :—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman ;

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Secretary attended.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of three representatives on Dublin Health Authority.
4. Appointment of seven representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
5. Appointment of three representatives on County Council's General Council.
6. Appointment of representative on Irish Tourist Association.

ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That Councillor J. J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and taken up office.

Passed unanimously.

The Members of the Council paid tribute to the manner in which, Councillor J. J. McCrea had discharged the duties of Chairman and Councillor J. J. McCrea expressed appreciation of the tributes paid and thanks for the co-operation received from the members. Councillor McCrea signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Chairman and the members for the honour conferred on him.

ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint the following members to represent Wicklow County Council on the Dublin Health Authority :—

Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy and E. Byrne."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That the following members be appointed to represent with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council, on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—
Councillors J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. Haughton, P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, R. Miley and E. Byrne."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the number of meetings which were held by the Joint Burial Board and asked could not the number of meetings be reduced. He also enquired as to whether the membership of the board could be reduced from its present number. The County Secretary stated that under the terms of the Burial Board Order the membership of the Board was prescribed and it was also required by the Order that the Board meet each month. There was very little business to be transacted and certainly not sufficient to justify a monthly meeting and if the Council agreed the Council could make representations to the Minister for the amendment of the Order to limit the number of meetings. The membership of the Board also seemed to be unduly large and if the Council agreed the Council could put forward representations to the Minister on this matter also. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Board and at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 5—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:—
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea and G. Timmins.
Passed unanimously."

ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association."
Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd July, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. McGuinness, P. T. Hickey and G. M. O'Byrne were present.

AGENDA

1. Grants for installation of private water supply and sewerage facilities to dwellings situated more than 100' from public mains—Proposed amendment of Council's Scheme.
2. Kirikee Housing Scheme—Report in regard to all-in cost of erection of three houses and subsidy required from Rates.
3. Proposed Housing Scheme at Blessington.
4. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Letter from Department of Local Government increasing maximum limit of income for the purposes of making advances towards cost of erection of houses.
5. Applications for consent of Council to sale of vested cottages.
6. Access to cottages at Newry, Clonegal and Carrignamuck, Knockananna—Reports of Assistant County Engineer.
7. Repairs to cottages during month of June, 1961 and cottages to be repaired during month of July, 1961.

ITEM No. 1—GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES TO DWELLINGS SITUATED MORE THAN 100' FROM PUBLIC MAINS.

The County Secretary stated that the present Scheme operated by the Council for Supplementary Grants confined grants to cases where no piped water supply or public sewerage system was available. On 6th July, 1959, a circular had been issued by the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister had decided that a person providing a water supply for his house would be eligible for a grant provided the house was situated more than 100' from the public main. In a subsequent circular in September, 1959, the Minister had indicated that the average cost of such connections could be taken as the total estimated cost less a sum of £15 which might be considered as the average cost of taking a connection from the public main in the case of water supply where the house was situated less than 100' from the main and the total cost less £25 in the case of a sewerage connection. It was suggested that the Council might wish to amend the Scheme so as to allow of the payment of Supplementary Grants in such instances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letters of 2nd September, 1959, Ref. HBF 12/59, and of 26th May, 1960, Ref. HBF 3/50, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby approve of amendment of the Council's Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants in respect of the installation of private water supply

and private sewerage facilities to allow of such Supplementary Grants being paid in respect of the making of connections to existing watermains and public sewers from premises situated more than 100' from the public mains and approve of the cost of connections being calculated in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Local Government, to apply as from September, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—KIRIKEE HOUSING SCHEME—REPORT IN REGARD TO ALL-IN COST OF ERECTION OF THREE HOUSES AND SUBSIDY REQUIRED FROM RATES.

The County Secretary stated that the all-in cost per house of the three houses recently completed at Kirikee was £1,349. 15. 0. The annual outgoings per house covering loan charges, cost of repairs, maintenance, etc. was calculated at £100 9. 0., making the economic rent £1. 18. 9. per week. The State subsidy amounted to 15/2d. per week so that the balance to be met by rent or by rent and subsidy from rates was £1. 3. 5½. It was intended to apply a differential rent scale ranging from a minimum of 7/6d. per week to a maximum of 38/9d. per week to these houses and having regard to the income of the approved tenants, the average anticipated rent was 7/11d., which resulted in a subsidy of 15/6½d. per week per house to be met from rates. It was desired to point out to the Council that the subsidy payable from rates towards this Housing Scheme was regarded as very high. The reason for the high subsidy was due to the increase in the cost of building. The Council noted the scale of rents to be applied to the houses and that the original applicants who were still available had been selected as tenants.

ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON.

The Council considered the report of the meeting of the local Housing Committee, following consideration of applications received for the provision of new houses at Blessington and the report of the Chief Medical Officer thereon. The Committee considered that houses might be provided for four applicants who lived in unfit houses and also that a house might be provided for another person as the owner of the house he occupied had recently got married and required the house for his own use and notice to quit had been served. The Committee further recommended that a house be provided for James Murphy, 8 New Cottages, Blessington, who had been a sub-tenant in a vested Council cottage and who had now been evicted and had no housing accommodation. The Committee noted that it seemed unlikely that the applicants would be in a position to pay the rent which the Council might find it necessary to fix for new houses at Blessington and that the economic rent of six houses completed at Blessington was £2. 2. 6. per week. If houses were erected for the six applicants mentioned and for a further applicant who was living in over-crowded conditions it would be necessary to subsidise the rents very heavily from the rates. The County Secretary stated that it was suggested by one member of the Committee that before proceeding with the Scheme an approximate idea of the rent which it would be necessary to charge should be conveyed to each of the applicants. It was mentioned by a member of the Committee that in the event of these persons being appointed to Council houses at Blessington, it was unlikely that they would continue at agricultural work as work was available in higher pay categories in Dublin and they would be most likely to seek employment there if they were living in Blessington. It was also suggested by members of the Committee that it might be possible to arrange for transfers from some of the older Council houses to the new ones of persons who would be in a better position to pay the higher rents of new houses if these were provided and that some of the applicants with low incomes could be appointed to the older and cheaper houses. The County Secretary stated that if the Scheme were proceeded with, it was considered that the minimum rent would have to be at least 16/- plus rates having regard to the likely cost of the houses. The Council noted the terms of the report of the Local Housing Committee and agreed that the

applicants be informed of the rent which it would be necessary to charge in respect of new houses if provided. The Council agreed also that the applicants be asked if it would be possible to arrange an interchange with tenants of existing cottages who would be anxious to obtain new houses and prepared to pay the rent which would be required.

Councillor Houghton asked would it be possible for the Council's Engineers to design a type of house which could be built at a lesser cost and would not involve the charging of so high a rent. He suggested that the matter of prefabricated houses might be considered. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed doubt if prefabricated houses would be suitable or satisfactory and deplored any reduction in the standards of houses provided by the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that it would be undesirable to provide houses at a lesser standard than those recently provided by the Council, which he considered were of a very high standard of finish. He could not understand why an adjoining Council could erect houses at very much lower costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That we draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government to the present costs of erection of Council houses, resulting in substantial increases in the subsidies required from rates if these houses are to be let to agricultural labourers at rents which they can afford to pay, and request that increased state assistance be made available to the Council by way of grants or loans at reduced rates of interest."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 8th June, 1961 from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister had arranged with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance that issues from the Local Loans Fund would now be available for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to persons having incomes up to £1,040 a year. This maximum replaced the limit of £832 a year which had been specified in the Department's letter of 2nd May, 1957. In reply to enquiry from Councillor A. H. Hadden as to whether there was any change in the amount of Valuation limit for farmers, the County Secretary stated that the limit still remained at £50.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden,
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to increase the limit of valuation for persons deriving their livelihood from agriculture from £50 to £65 for the purposes of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Passed unanimously.

Application for Loan for Purchase of Existing House.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts towards the purchase of an existing house known as Herbert Lodge, Bray. The applicant was Mr. J. Doyle, The Green Tree, Vevay Road, Bray. The Council decided to refer the application for consideration at the next meeting of the Local Housing Committee.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary reports had not yet been received in regard to two applications for consent of the Council to purchase

vested cottages. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred and submitted to the Council at the meeting on 10th July, 1961, if the necessary reports were available.

ITEM No. 6—ACCESS TO COTTAGES AT NEWRY, CLONEGAL AND CARRIGNAMUCK, KNOCKANANNA.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Council, a report had been obtained from the Assistant County Engineer regarding the access to the cottage at Newry, Clonegal to which Mr. Daniel Nolan had been appointed as tenant. The following report was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Tinahely,
Co. Wicklow.
20th June, 1961.

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

re/ Cottage at Newry, Clonegal—Appointed Tenant—Mr. Daniel Nolan.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 12th June, 1961, I visited the above cottage yesterday, and found the position to be as follows:—

1. A cobbled laneway approximately half a mile long runs from the tarred public road, east of Newry, and terminates at a gateway which is giving access to a field owned by Mr. John Peavey, Newry. Mr. Peavey's house is situated half way along this lane.
2. The cottage in question is a further 150 yards from the terminal gateway.
3. Mr. Peavey has a cart tract from the gateway, through his field, which passes close to the cottage plot. I understand the previous tenants of the cottage used this cart tract as access, with Mr. Peavey's permission. The tract runs diagonally across a portion of his field.
4. I also understand that the official access to the cottage is a right-of-way from the same gateway through Mr. Peavey's field, but following a course adjacent to the fence. This official access is at present far from being satisfactory, and would appear to me to be impassable in wet weather.
5. As the cart track was clearly the better route to the cottage, I approached Mr. Peavey with a view to negotiating with him for a fenced-in gravelled access, along the route of his cart track. He would not entertain this proposition as it would result in portion of his field being cut off.
6. The alternative then is to provide a satisfactory access to the cottage on the route of the official right-of-way.

The following is a brief description of the work involved and an estimate:—

Hire of bulldozer for excavation	£25
Hardcore access	£40
Gravelled surface	£15
Drainage	£50
Total	£130

Yours faithfully,

Signed: G. M. O'Byrne,
Assistant County Engineer.

The Council noted that it would be necessary to provide a satisfactory access to the cottage and approved of the carrying out of the work as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer, at a cost of £130.

Following a complaint received from Mrs. Mary A. Heffernan, tenant of a cottage at Carrignamuck regarding the condition of the lane leading to the cottage the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the lane was in a very bad state and that the occupiers who were both over 70 years of age found it difficult even to walk on the lane. To put the lane in reasonable shape with a gravel surface was estimated to cost approximately £65. On the proposal of Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Quigley, the Council approved of the work being carried out at the estimated cost of £65.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1961, AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1961.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during June, 1961, and to be repaired during the month of July, 1961.

In regard to access roads to cottages, Councillor Hipwell asked if the road serving the cottages at Boghall could be improved. Councillor E. Byrne enquired regarding the access to Kelly's field at Kilcoole and asked if this access could be improved during the present year.

Proposed Erection of Cottage at Eadestown.

Councillor J. Miley enquired if arrangements were being made for the erection of a cottage for Nicholas O'Neill at Eadestown, Stratford, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Council. The County Manager stated that he had conveyed the Council's views in regard to the erection of the cottage to the Department and also his own views that it would not be desirable to erect the cottage on this isolated site. He stated that the Department had avoided giving a definite decision on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the erection of a house for Nicholas O'Neill at Eadestown, Stratford."
As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That the next house available in Baltinglass be offered for tenancy by Nicholas O'Neill, Eadestown."

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell—6.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—14.

The amendment was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 6 in favour and the original Resolution was then declared passed on the same voting.

The County Manager stated that before making arrangements to proceed with the erection of the house, the applicant would be informed of what was expected and how to be charged in respect of the provision of a new house.

Monument Lane, Templemore.

Councillor McCarthy asked that a report be made to the condition of the lane which was a public road but submitted to the local authority of the Council.

Damage to cottages as a result of Car Accident.

In reply to enquiry by Councillor G. Timmins, the Assistant County Engineer gave details of his inspection of the cottages at Rathnew, Baltinglass, which had received some damage as a result of a car striking an adjoining L.S.B. pier. The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the extent of the damage.

Water Supplies.

In regard to enquiries raised by members regarding water supplies, the County Secretary stated that the report in regard to the survey recently carried out in connection with the new Water Supplies would be submitted to the Council at the meeting on the following Monday, 10th July, 1961.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th July, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness and G. M. O'Byrne were present.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th May, 1961, 5th and 12th June, 1961.
2. Application for closing of road across Bridge at Wicklow on 7th August, 1961.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley that Castlekevin Lane be taken over as a public road.
4. Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding Monument Lane, Templemore, Arklow.
5. Report on Survey carried out for new Water Supply Schemes (copy circulated to members).
6. Circular from Department of Local Government dated 6th June, 1961, in regard to provision of Swimming Pools and Report of County Medical Officer. (Copies circulated to members).
7. Circular from Department of Local Government dated 28th June, 1961, regarding Public Conveniences. (Copy circulated to members).
8. Circular from Department of Local Government dated 1st July, 1961, regarding Litter on Beaches. (Copy circulated to members).
9. Road Workers (a) Differentials for supervisory road staff; (b) Report regarding Labour Court Hearing.
10. Proposed revision of remuneration of staff.
11. Revision of remuneration of Children's Officer in respect of additional duties.
12. Application from Rathnew Branch, Muintir na Tire, for provision of a Dispensary at Rathnew and report of County Medical Officer.
13. Tenders for Fire Engines for Wicklow and Baltinglass—Report of Chief Fire Officer on tenders received.
14. Contract for Electrical Re-wiring of Courthouse and Offices, Wicklow—Report in regard to completion of contract.
15. Council's Headquarters—Report of County Secretary. (Circulated to members).
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the matter of collection of rates and advertising to system of appointing Collectors when future vacancies arise.
17. Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages at Clough, Baltinglass and Dunlavin.
18. Application for provision of cottage at Kilcarra.
19. Malicious Injury Claims—Report regarding claims received in respect of damage to motor cars.
20. Resolution from Dublin Health Authority in relation to costs of Health Services.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The Council noted letter received from Liam O'Cleirigh, Uas., 2, O'Connell Tce., Arklow, expressing appreciation of the expression of sympathy tendered to him by the Council members and staff in his recent sad bereavement.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 8th May, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT WICKLOW

The County Secretary stated that the usual application had been received from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the road across the Stone Bridge at Wicklow, on 7th August, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta. The necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given, we hereby close to public traffic the road at Wicklow described hereunder, on Monday, 7th August, 1961, between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta :—

"Portion of Road No. L. (29B) across the Bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from said Bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place in the said Urban District."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR R. MILEY THAT CASTLEKEVIN LANE BE TAKEN OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley, the County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer of 20th June, 1961, in which he indicated that the lane could be considered in three sections, the main portion being 1,300 lineal yards in length and the other sections 340 and 440 lineal yards. One of the residents on the lane had expressed the opinion that if the major section were done it would meet the requirements. The third section of the lane had been improved with a grant from the Special Employment Schemes Office. The surface of the main section was sound but rough and rugged, and it would need drainage. The first and second sections were of average width and the third very narrow. To make a proper reconstruction and widening job, the cost would be about £500 but it could be made passable for about £100. The lane was not maintained by the Council and no provision had been made for any work on it. The County Engineer pointed out that there was still a County Road off the lane which had not been surfaced (Moneystown to Annamoe) and consequently it hardly seemed justifiable to expend monies on this lane in the present year. He considered that the local ratepayers would be better served in having the latter road done first in 1962/63 and in that year also take over the lane for a distance of 1,640 lineal yards. The Council decided that the lane should be taken over as a public road and directed that the necessary public notice be given.

ITEM No. 4—MONUMENT LANE, TEMPLERAINEY, ARKLOW.

The Assistant County Engineer had reported that Monument Lane, Road No. 179 was 200 perches in length and extended from Templeraíney Catholic Church to Kilbride Graveyard gate. It was an unrolled and untarred County Road and would cost about £500 to reconstruct, but no provision had been made in the current year's Road programme to carry out such work. The Assistant

County Engineer recommended that it might be done in the following year. Councillor McCarthy asked if the Engineer could arrange to have some temporary repairs carried out to the lane.

ITEM No. 5—REPORT ON SURVEY FOR NEW WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

Copies of the report on the Preliminary Survey carried out in connection with proposal to provide piped water supplies in rural areas had been circulated to the members of the Council. The total estimated cost of the Schemes included in the survey amounted to £816,610 and the estimated cost of a Regional Scheme for Woodenbridge, Avoca and the Meetings area, in accordance with the preliminary report of the Consulting Engineer, was £92,400. Following a discussion on the matter,

It was :—

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

Resolved :—

"That the matter of water supplies be referred for consideration by the local committees and reports submitted to the Council."

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to hold meetings of the Local Committees on the following dates :—

Arklow Electoral Area	At Shillelagh, at 3 p.m., on 17th July, 1961.
Baltinglass Electoral Area	At Baltinglass, on 24th July, 1961, at 3 p.m.
Bray Electoral Area	At Town Hall, Bray, on 20th July, 1961, at 8 p.m.
Wicklow Electoral Area	At Courthouse, Wicklow, on 18th July, 1961, at 8 p.m.

ITEM No. 6—SWIMMING POOLS.

The Council considered circular letter of 6th June, 1961, Ref. L. 11/61, from Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of Swimming Pools. Copy of the report of the County Medical Officer of 29th June, 1961 in regard to the matter of Swimming Pools had also been circulated to the members. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the matter be deferred until the expenditure to be incurred by the Council for water supplies be examined. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred.

ITEM No. 7—PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The Council considered letter of 28th June, 1961, Ref. L. 12/61 from Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of Public Sanitary Conveniences. The County Secretary stated that Councillor J. Everett, T.D., had also handed in a Notice of Motion in regard to the provision of a Public Convenience at Rathnew. The Council agreed that a report be obtained from the County Medical Officer in regard to the need for provision of public conveniences and that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting. The Council agreed that in the meantime the matter of provision of Sanitary Conveniences might be considered by the Local Committees at their meetings in connection with the provision of water supplies.

ITEM No. 8—LITTER ON BEACHES.

The Council considered letter of 1st July, 1961, Ref. L. 13/61 from Department of Local Government regarding litter on beaches. The County Secretary stated that Bye-laws had been made by the Council on 9th February, 1959 for the prevention of litter in all coastal townlands and in the districts of Glendalough, Avoca, Meeting of the Waters and the Urban District Areas of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow. Notices were prepared and notice boards were displayed in Greystones, Newcastle, Kilcoole, Glendalough and Enniskerry. Litter bins had also been provided at various places. Advertisements had been published from time to time in the local papers drawing attention to the Bye-laws. The Council noted the action taken in the matter.

ITEM No. 9—ROADWORKERS (a) DIFFERENTIALS FOR SUPERVISORY ROAD STAFF; (b) REPORT REGARDING LABOUR COURT HEARING.

The County Secretary stated that the Labour Court on 4th July, 1961 had considered a dispute between the Federation of Rural Workers and a number of County Councils including Wicklow in regard to the Federation's application for 1. A 44-hour week; 2. A five-day week for nine months of the year; 3. Increased allowance to supervisory roadworkers; 4. A sick-pay scheme for County Council workers and 5. Weekly payment of wages. The County Secretary stated that the Union claimed that generally in industry the number of working hours was being reduced and that a 44-hour week applied in most cases and that the tendency was for further reductions and the introduction of a five-day working week. It was pointed out on behalf of the Council that any reduction of the hours of work would mean that extra workers would need to be employed with a resultant increase in costs. It was also indicated that no other branch of rural industry had introduced a five-day working week and that no member of the County Council's staff had a five-day week. At the Estimates Meeting of the Council, the Council had agreed to an increase of 25% in the differentials payable to supervisory roadworkers. An increase of 50% in the differentials had been sought by the Federation of Rural Workers and it appeared that a 50% increase was being allowed generally. The cost of increasing the allowance by the further 25% involved was £1,100 approximately. The Labour Court some few years ago had considered an application of the Federation of Rural Workers for the introduction of a Sick-Pay Scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers only, but had not recommended the introduction of the Scheme at that time. It was not possible to estimate what such a scheme would cost. As regards weekly payment of roadworkers, it was pointed out that this would involve the duplication of Engineers time on office work and resulting reduced supervision of road works. Extra costs would be involved as additional staff would be needed and there would be additional costs in stamp duty on Paying Orders, stationery and postage. The Council agreed to defer discussion on the matter pending the receipt of the recommendation of the Labour Court.

ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF STAFF.

With reference to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. McCarthy regarding remuneration of nurses and ambulance drivers, the County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase of 30/- per week in wages of Ambulance Drivers. The present wage was £8. 9. 3. per week, and having examined the matter, it was suggested that the wages be increased by 10/9d. per week to £9. 0. 0. and that the increase apply from 1st August, 1960. The cost involved would be £60 for the year to 31st March, 1961 and £85 for the year 1961/62. For the purpose of comparison it was indicated that wages of Lorry Drivers were £7. 18. 0. per week. In reply to enquiries by members regarding the long hours worked by Ambulance Drivers on occasions, the County Manager pointed out that Ambulance Drivers were remunerated at a higher rate than Lorry Drivers mainly because of their irregular hours. It could happen that on a day or number of days there would be long hours of duty, but at other times they could be off duty for long periods. The Council decided that the suggested increase of 10/9 per week be forwarded to the Union and if and when agreement had been reached with the Union, the matter could then be submitted to the Council. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to other matters as being in dispute between the Union and the Council and asked that the Manager arrange to meet representatives of the Union.

In regard to the remuneration of Nurses, the County Secretary stated that an offer had been made to the Nurses Organisation but had not been accepted by them and that further negotiations were continuing. As soon as agreement had been reached a report on the matter would be submitted to the Council.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached with the Irish Local Government Officials' Union regarding a revised salary scale for the office of Storekeeper. The revised scale to apply from 1st August, 1960 was £550 x £30 to £850 per annum.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved :—

"That having considered application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union, we approve of revised salary scale of £550 x £30 to £850 being applied to the post of Storekeeper with effect from 1st August, 1960 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray such increase in remuneration subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF CHILDREN'S OFFICER IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

The County Secretary stated that it had been decided to assign to Miss S. F. Quigley, Children's Officer, the inspection of children under the Children's Acts and Boarded-out by the Council in the Dispensary Districts of Aughrim, Avoca and Arklow in addition to her existing area. It is proposed to increase her salary for the post from £420 to £500 a year and the travelling allowance from £150 to £180 a year, with effect from 1st May, 1961. The sanction of the Minister to the proposal had been received.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved :—

"That we approve of payment of salary at the rate of £500 per annum and of travelling allowance at £180 per annum with effect from 1st May, 1961, to Miss S. F. Quigley, Children's Officer, in respect of additional duties assigned to her, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FROM RATHNEW BRANCH, MUINTIR NA TIRE FOR PROVISION OF DISPENSARY AT RATHNEW.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Rathnew Branch of Muintir na Tire for the provision of a Dispensary at Rathnew, and stated that persons in Rathnew were being inconvenienced by having to go to Wicklow for medical facilities. It was stated that the population was approximately 850, which together with the surrounding districts made an approximate total of 1,300 and that villages with a much less population had a dispensary. The County Medical Officer had reported that the card holders in the village comprised about 18½% of the total medical card holders in the district. He pointed out that the Dispensary was for holders of medical cards and their dependants. If a modest clinic of two or three suitable rooms were available or could be made available at low cost, it would be helpful for the service, but he did not consider that the building of a new Dispensary for such a comparatively small population, situated so near to Wicklow, was justified. He pointed out that the Wicklow Dispensary was inadequate and suggested that pending the provision of a satisfactory Dispensary and Health Clinic in Wicklow, the ques-

tion of a Dispensary or Clinic for Rathnew be left over. The County Manager pointed out that the provision of a new Dispensary Building would involve substantial cost and the Department of Health would not approve of the erection of a new Dispensary Building other than one to the approved standards. The Council agreed that the possibility of renting a room in Rathnew for use as a Dispensary be examined.

ITEM No. 13—TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINES FOR WICKLOW AND BALTINGLASS.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had examined the tenders received for the new Fire Engines for Wicklow and Baltinglass and had recommended the purchase of a Fire Armour appliance for £3,594 F.O.B. Liverpool for Wicklow and a Land Rover for £1,495 from Messrs. Coolock Motors for Blessington. These were the lowest tenders received. The County Engineer approved of the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

"That having considered recommendation of Chief Fire Officer and County Engineer on tenders received for provision of Fire Engines for Wicklow and Baltinglass, we approve of the purchase of Fire Armour appliance for the sum of £3,594 F.O.B. Liverpool and of a Land Rover Light Fire Engine from Messrs. Coolock Motors, in the sum of £1,495 and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,120 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of purchase of these appliances, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that difficulties were being experienced at present in regard to fires and referred to the forest fire at the Glen of the Downs and a previous fire at the Scalp. It seemed that these fires had occurred as a result of carelessness by persons camping. In the Glen of the Downs about 100 acres of timber had been burned and the fire was not yet out. The Chief Fire Officer stated it would be difficult to prevent it from spreading further. The County Manager said that apart from the value of the timber burned in the Glen of the Downs, the area was of great scenic attraction. Furthermore, as a result of the timber being burned, there was the danger of rocks being dislodged and coming down on the road. A similar danger existed at the Scalp. The Bray Fire Engine had broken down and would be undergoing repairs for a day or two and in the meantime it was necessary to have a reserve engine available and it was proposed to transfer temporarily the fire engine from Carnew if the Council were agreeable. The Council indicated that there was no objection to the temporary transfer of the fire engine from Carnew to Bray, pending the completion of repairs to the Bray engine.

ITEM No. 14—CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL RE-WIRING OF COURTHOUSE AND OFFICES, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that the original contract was for £3,157. 7. 2. but extras amounted to £937. 16. 2. During the course of work it was found that a number of other items had to be attended to including the provision of separate meters for sections of the offices.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded By Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

"That having considered report of County Engineer on completion of electrical wiring contract for Wicklow Courthouse and Offices, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary loan of £937. 16. 2. from the Council's Treasurer re-payable over a period of 10 years for the purpose of defraying the balance of the cost of Contract."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—COUNCIL'S HEADQUARTERS.

The following report of the County Secretary was submitted :—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

10th June, 1961.

County Manager.

re/ Report of Local Government Auditor on Abstracts of Accounts for three years ended 31st March, 1959—Headquarters.

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In the course of the report of the Local Government Auditor, he refers to the matter of the Council's headquarters and expresses the view that the present arrangement whereby the Council Offices are divided between Wicklow and Rathdrum appears to have many disadvantages and must add considerably to difficulties of administration and to the cost in such matters as travelling expenses between Wicklow and Rathdrum and also official time in such travelling and extra expenses involved in maintaining a duplicate office and accounting system. He considers that the advisability of centralising the Council's offices merits investigation.

While the cost involved in travelling expenses is slight, it is agreed that there is a loss of official time in such travelling and the arrangement under which the administration of the Council's services is divided between Wicklow and Rathdrum does lead to many difficulties in administration and to extra expense. There is of necessity considerable inter-office correspondence and expense in telephone calls and much inconvenience. However, it is suggested that one of the most important difficulties arising from the separate offices is that of the accounting system. Under the present arrangements it is not possible to introduce economically modern accounting machinery and staff have to be engaged in both offices on analysis and recording of payments and issue of Paying Orders. If the offices were centralised it would be possible to introduce modern accounting machinery with resultant economies in time and efficiency and this would result also in a greater mobility of staff as between the various sections in the Council's service.

While Paying Order Writing Machines for the issue of Paying Orders and Advice Notes have been in use for many years past, the method of recording and analysing payments is cumbersome and out of date and involves considerable additional work which could be substantially reduced if a modern type of mechanical accounting system were introduced.

It is suggested that it is now an opportune time to consider centralising the Council Offices in view of the fact that the future use of the Hospital buildings at Kilmartin Hill are under consideration and the use of these premises either wholly or partly for office accommodation and the transfer of the Council's staffs from Rathdrum to Wicklow, it is suggested, is worthy of consideration.

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County Secretary.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., regarding the use of the Hospital at Wicklow, the County Manager stated that the Council were endeavouring to improve the conditions for patients in Rathdrum and suggested that if the clerical staff from Rathdrum were transferred to the District Hospital buildings in Wicklow and the patients from the District Hospital moved to

the reconstructed Fever Hospital, this would relieve the position. The Auditor in his recent report had referred to the desirability of having the offices centralised. If the District Hospital buildings were used by the Council for clerical staff, the Wicklow U.D.C. would receive rates on the portion used for offices. It was likely also that part of the premises could be used for a new Dispensary for Wicklow. Councillor P. McCarthy asked if a new Council Chamber could be provided at the Hospital so as to avoid the long climb to their present Chamber. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman suggested that the Council appoint a Committee to examine the County Hospital and report on the matter to the Council and the Committee could also if the Council agreed, discuss the matter of rent with the Urban District Council. The Council noted that substantial repairs would be needed to the District Hospital buildings. The Council appointed a Committee consisting of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and G. Timmins to inspect the premises, and agreed that the Committee would carry out their inspection on 14th July, 1961, at 3.30 p.m.

ITEM No. 16—COLLECTION OF RATES.

In accordance with Notice of Motion.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That vacancies for Rate Collectors be filled by the appointment of Rate Collectors, and that Resolution passed at meeting held on 10th November, 1958 be rescinded."

A vote having been called for on the Motion, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—12.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D.—7

The Resolution was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 7 votes against. When proposing the Motion, Councillor Haughton pointed out that Rate Collectors were able to keep in touch with ratepayers and knew the circumstances of them and that he felt that if collection of rates from the office were to be extended it would mean additional staff would be needed. He pointed out that other Counties had tried a system of collection from the offices but had gone back to the appointment of Rate Collectors. Councillor J. Miley stated that the system of collecting through the office had operated satisfactorily in the Dunlavin area and there had been no additional burden on ratepayers and he felt that there had been a considerable saving by the Council. Other members were of opinion that the savings in collection of rates through the office was problematical and that it would be preferable to arrange for appointment of Collectors on a salary basis. The County Secretary stated that consequent on the Resolution of the Council the matter of the appointment of Collectors for Districts Nos. 7, 8 and 19 would be submitted to the Council at the next meeting. The Wicklow Branch of the Irish Rate Collectors' Association had written in reference to applications made by three of their members that the recent positions in 7, 8 and 19 districts be filled by promotion and asked that this matter be brought to the notice of the Council. The matter could be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM No. 17—APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES AT CLOUGH, BALTINGLASS AND DUNLAVIN.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from William Curry, Clough, Baltinglass, to dispose of his interest in vested cottage No. 15/1 at Clough to Mr. Neville Fisher, Lathaleer, Baltinglass for the sum of

£130; and from Mr. Joseph Byrne, Dunlavin Upper for consent to the sale of his interest in his cottage at Dunlavin Upper to Mr. James Norton, Tournant, Dunlavin.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved :—

"That we consent to the disposal by Mr. William Curry, Clough, Baltinglass of his interest in vested cottage No. 15/1 at Clough, Baltinglass to Mr. Neville Fisher, Lathaleer, Baltinglass for the sum of £130."

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of Mr. Joseph Byrne, Dunlavin Upper, the Council noted that it was proposed in this instance that the cottage be sold to a farmer who had indicated that he required it for the use of an agricultural labourer and that he would only use it for such accommodation. The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Council's Solicitor on the matter in which he indicated that it would appear that the Council could agree to such a sale. Following a discussion on the matter, it was the opinion of the members that it would be undesirable that there should be a sale of a cottage to a person who would use it as a tied house to let only to a person in his employment. The County Manager stated that there appeared to be some doubt whether a sale of this type would comply with the requirements of the Labourers' Act, 1936 and the Council agreed that Counsel's opinion be obtained on the matter.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That we refuse consent for the sale by Joseph Byrne, Dunlavin Upper, of his interest in vested cottage at Dunlavin Upper, to Mr. James Norton, Tournant, Dunlavin."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF COTTAGE AT KILCARRA.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that the applicant for the provision of a cottage at Kilcarra, Mr. Patrick O'Reilly was a forestry worker, was married and had a family and had obtained a site for the erection of a cottage. He considered that the Council should proceed with the building of a cottage for him on this site. The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had reported that while the site itself was satisfactory for building, it was in an isolated place and it was not considered desirable that houses be erected on isolated sites, because of the difficulty of securing a suitable tenant should the original tenant leave. Mr. O'Reilly had not applied for the tenancy of vacant cottages in the area but his needs could be met from normal vacancies arising.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That a cottage be built for Mr. Patrick O'Reilly on site at Kilcarra."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had recently received a claim under the Malicious Injuries Acts in respect of a motor car stolen in Dublin and found crashed and damaged in Delgany. The claim had been made against Wicklow County Council and also against Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation and amounted to £450. A claim had also been received in respect of a car which had been stolen in Bray and later found damaged in a Car Park near the Station at Bray. These were claims of the type in respect of which

the Council had made representations previously to the Department of Justice and the Department of Local Government. The Council had also received a claim for £332 in respect of damage by fire to 6 acres of State Forest Lands at Killegar, Enniskerry. The Council agreed that further representations be made to the Department of Justice and Department of Local Government for the amendment of the Malicious Injury Code to exclude such claims.

ITEM No. 20—RESOLUTION FROM DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO COST OF HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council adopted the following Resolution received from Dublin Health Authority :—

"That the Dublin Health Authority believes that the administration of the health service could be substantially improved and costs reduced, and that Hospital and Specialists' services could best be provided under Section 15 of the Health Act, 1953, as amended, for persons insured under the Social Welfare Act, 1952, if an insurance contribution (for hospital and specialists' services) of 1d. or 2d. per week (not payable during periods of illness or unemployment) were substituted for the charge of up to 10/- per day; CONSIDERS that the yield of 1d. or 2d. in a Social Insurance Stamp represents the amount collected (from insured persons in the £324,000 collected by Health Authorities), under Section 15, during the year ended 31st March, 1960; NOTES that the Irish Trade Union Congress adopted a Resolution in favour of an insurance contribution for health services in July, 1957, and URGES the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to avail of the proposed Social Welfare Bill, 1961, to introduce an employee's health service contribution of 1d. or 2d. in lieu of 10/- per day charge (the yield to be allocated between the various health authorities from the Social Insurance Fund on a "services rendered" basis or in proportion to the amounts collected in the last financial year) and also RESOLVES to send a copy of this Resolution to each Health Authority.

The yield of 1d. on a Social Insurance Stamp is slightly more than £100,000."

ITEM No. 21—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council noted the summary of Orders made by the County Manager during the month of June, 1961.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th August, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended :—

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

An apology was received from Councillor J. J. McCrea for his inability to attend due to illness and an apology was also received from Councillor Hudson. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

AGENDA

1. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Proposed Sale of vested cottage to farmer—To consider Opinion of Counsel.
2. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Letter from Council's Solicitor regarding proposed transfer of cottage at Ballyraheen, Tinahely.
3. Loan of £10,000 for making Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses and provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities, etc.—To authorise affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
4. Application for Loan towards purchase of house.
5. Proposed erection of Cottage at Eadestown, Stratford on Slaney—Acquisition of site.
6. Loan of £820 for provision of water to cottages at Sea Road and Main Street, Kilcoole—To authorise affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd.
7. Extension of Water Supply to cottages at Ki'pedder.
8. Proposed Scheme for Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities for cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
9. Use of District Hospital Building at Ki'mantin Hill—to arrange meeting with representatives of Urban District Council.
10. Cottage Repairs—Eray, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow Districts—To receive tenders for repairs to cottages.
11. Particulars of cottages repaired during month of July, 1961 and of cottages to be repaired during month of August, 1961.

ITEM No. 1—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME—PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE TO FARMER.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council at a previous meeting, Counsel's Opinion had been obtained in regard to proposed sale of a vested cottage at Dunlavin to Mr. James Norton who is a farmer. The County Secretary gave the details of Counsel's Opinion which was to the effect that the Council could not refuse consent to the sale of the cottage if the cottage were to be used for the accommodation of a qualified person. A person who himself is not qualified as an agricultural labourer could purchase a cottage but the cottage could only be used for the accommodation of an agricultural labourer or his family. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided that the views of the Minister for Local Government be obtained having regard to the opinion of Counsel and the terms of the Minister's Circular No. H. 7/59 in relation to the sale of vested cottages.

ITEM No. 2—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME—LETTER FROM COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR REGARDING PROPOSED TRANSFER OF COTTAGE AT BALLYRAHEEN, TINAHELY.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Council's Solicitor in which he noted that Mr. Michael Woodroffe was the tenant-purchaser of a cottage at Ballyraheen, Tinahely and had gone to England and had indicated that he was agreeable to transfer the cottage to his brother-in-law, Daniel Rossiter who at present occupied the cottage but that he had not signed the Transfer. The Council's Solicitor advised that the Council could not compel Mr. Woodroffe to complete the Transfer but the Council could obtain an Order for Possession on the grounds that the tenant-purchaser was not occupying the cottage and when possession was obtained the Council could let the cottage to Daniel Rossiter. The County Secretary explained that in accordance with the advice of the Council's Solicitor, the Council would have to obtain possession of the cottage which would mean the present occupier would have to leave it and it would then be let in the usual way following which a new Purchase Scheme could be made for the cottage and the tenant could then apply for purchase. The members of the Council for the area indicated that they would explain the position in the matter to the present occupier of the cottage.

ITEM No. 3—LOAN OF £10,000 FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £10,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1948, 1952, 1954 and 1956 as amended.

That we hereby undertake that the instalments and repayment of the loan of £10,000 now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz. 1st May, and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR LOAN TOWARDS PURCHASE OF HOUSE.

In regard to the application of Mr. Doyle for a loan towards the cost of premises, Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray, the County Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Local Housing Committee for the Bray Area and it had been agreed that Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman and the County Manager would inspect the premises and submit a report on its condition. Councillor H. J. Byrne and the County Manager inspected the premises on 12th August, 1961 and a report of their findings was submitted to the Council. It was indicated in the report that the lack of any corridor for circulation was a major defect in the internal layout of the dwelling and that there was evidence of dampness in certain parts of the house. Reference was also made to the ventilation of the floors and it seemed somewhat doubtful if this was entirely satisfactory. The condition of the tiles on the main part of the building raised doubt as to whether the roof was altogether weatherproof. Generally it was considered that the house could not be regarded as one which would be a suitable security for a loan from the Council. The Council decided that the County Engineer be asked to examine and report on the building and the report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Housing Committee for the Bray area.

ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED ERECTION OF COTTAGE AT EADESTOWN, STRATFORD ON SLANEY.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas O'Neill, Eadestown, Stratford on Slaney, had indicated that he would require a payment of £30 for the site on his lands proposed to be used for the erection of a cottage for Nicholas O'Neill of Eadestown.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of payment of £30 to Mr. Thomas O'Neill, Eadestown, Stratford on Slaney in respect of the acquisition of a site at Eadestown for the erection of a cottage thereon."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—LOAN OF £820 FOR PROVISION OF WATER TO COTTAGES AT SEA ROAD AND MAIN STREET, KILCOOLE.

It was:—

Proposed by Mrs. Ledwidge,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to Letter of Sanction dated 21st June, 1961 of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £820 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the extension of the water supply main to serve 23 cottages at Sea Road and Main Road, Kilcoole to be repaid within 10 years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT KILPEDDER.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of providing a water supply for 13 cottages at Kilpedder had been before the Council in 1956 when eleven out of the thirteen tenants had agreed to an increase in rent as a contribution towards the cost of the Scheme. At the time, however, the Department of Local Government had indicated that the time was not regarded as opportune for borrowing monies for the purpose of a scheme of this nature. The revised cost of the scheme was £760. It was suggested that the tenants be asked to contribute towards the cost of the scheme by an increase of 1/9d. per week in rent. Councillor Gregory asked that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and that an estimate of the cost of providing sewerage facilities also be obtained in order that both services could be provided together for the cottages. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of providing sewerage facilities.

ITEM No. 8—PROPOSED SCHEME FOR PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR COTTAGES AT CHURCH ROAD, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of providing a water supply for 17 houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy was estimated at £955. 12. 0. The estimate included for the provision and fitting of a porcelain sink complete with taps, waste, etc., and a teak draining board. The estimate, however, was based on the provision of a 2" pipe only and if it were decided to provide a 4" main which would be suitable for fire fighting, the additional cost would be about £190. The cost of providing sewerage facilities for these 17 houses was estimated at £1,514. 10. 0., this being to cover the cost of extension of the sewer and the provision of a W.C. in the existing outoffice. If the outoffices were to be sub-divided by the erection of a concrete division wall with the erection of an additional door opening, door and frame, the additional cost would be £735. If, as an alternative, an annexe were to be provided for each house, approximately 64 sq. feet in area so as to provide a toilet, bath and basin, the additional cost would be £3,756. It was suggested to the Council that the tenants might be asked to contribute towards the cost of the provision of the services at 1/9d. per week for the water supply and a further 1/9d. per week for sewerage. The County Manager pointed out that in the provision of water supply and sewerage

facilities for cottages there would be variations in cost depending on the lengths of the extensions of mains required and he suggested that it would be preferable that the Council adopt a fixed rate of contribution to be required from tenants for all Schemes and that a reasonable figure would be 1/9d. for provision of water supply and a further 1/9d. per week for the provision of sewerage facilities. The Council agreed that the tenants be asked to make these contributions and agreed also that the W.C.'s be installed in the outoffices in each case unless special accommodation was already available in the cottage by way of an existing room in which a W.C. could be installed. The County Secretary stated that Rev. J. O'Connell, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy had indicated that voluntary labour could be made available for carrying out part of the work and had enquired whether if this were done a reduction could be made in the charge to be made to the tenants. The Assistant County Engineer had expressed the opinion that he was not convinced that such an arrangement would be either desirable or workable. The Council agreed that the matter of arranging to avail of voluntary labour be examined and that this offer be availed of if at all possible.

ITEM No. 9—USE OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL BUILDING AT KILMANTIN HILL—TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council decided to defer the fixing of a date for a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council with representatives of the Urban District Council to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 21st August, 1961. Councilor Haughton asked if any effort had been made to obtain particulars of the cost of repairs or alterations to the District Hospital building for the purpose of using them as offices and stated also that there was a considerable amount of resentment in Rathdrum in regard to the proposed transfer of staffs. The County Secretary stated that a report and estimate in regard to the cost of any repairs or alterations needed to the premises would be submitted to the Council with the report of the Committee following the discussion with the representatives of the Urban District Council.

ITEM No. 10—COTTAGE REPAIRS—BRAY, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY AND WICKLOW DISTRICTS.

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in the Bray, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow Districts but no tenders had been received. The Council directed that tenders be invited again at a later date.

ITEM No. 11—PARTICULARS OF COTTAGES REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF JULY, 1961 AND OF COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1961.

The Council noted the details of cottages repaired during the month of July and of those to be repaired during the month of August. Councilor J. Everett, T.D., referred to complaints he had received from tenants at Grattan Park, Greystones regarding the condition of floors in the houses, and it seemed that in many cases floors were rotting and may be infected with dry rot. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to investigate the matter.

FOOTPATHS

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked that repairs be carried out to the footpath from the Scalp to Monastery, Enniskerry and also to the footpath opposite Jameson's Corner at Kilmacanogue. Councilor Haughton asked that footpath from the Crossroads at Rathdrum to the Cemetery, which it had been agreed would be provided, be attended to. Councilor J. Quigley asked that the footpath at Aughrim at the new School be put in hands as soon as possible.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councilor J. Quigley and accepted by the Chairman:—That I or someone for me will move 1. That the Council erect 6 fully serviced cottages in Aughrim, and 2. That owing to demand for vacant cottages in Avoca, the Council consider the advisability of building further cottages in that village.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st August, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th June, 1961.
2. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961—Results of Examination and award of Scholarships.
3. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on resignation of Very Rev. Father Perkins, formerly Parish Priest of Aughrim.
4. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for purposes of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
5. Application from The Motor Enthusiasts' Club for closing of road at Altadore for purposes of Annual Motor Car Hill Climb.
6. Rural Employment Schemes—Schemes to be carried out with aid of Grant of £650 subject to local contribution of £215.
7. Recommendations of Labour Court on Remuneration and Employment Conditions of Roadworkers.
8. Arrangements for Collection of Rates in Districts 7, 8 and 19.
9. Extension of Watermain at Kilcoole—To seal Mortgage from National Bank Ltd., for loan of £1,103. 10. 0.
10. Rural Water Supply Schemes—Reports of Meetings of Committees of Members of the Council for the four Electoral Areas.
11. Circular from Department of Local Government regarding provision of public conveniences and report of County Medical Officer. (Circulated to members).
12. To arrange meeting with representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council to discuss future use of District Hospital, renewal of lease, etc.
13. Grant to Vocational Education Committee — To authorise borrowing of £10,945. 6. 8. from National Bank Ltd for repayment of balances of loans by Vocational Education Committee.
14. Dental Health—Text of talk by Chairman of Dental Health Education Committee of Irish Dental Association as circulated to members.
15. Letter from Clara Vale Guild of Irish Countrywomen's Association re Dental Services to School's.
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was:—

Proposed by Councilor H. J. Byrne.

Seconded by Councilor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of 5th and 12th June, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Paul, 4 Martello Terrace, Bray, had written to ask that his very sincere thanks be conveyed to the members of the Council for their expression of Sympathy on the occasion of the death of his wife.

A letter had been received from the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council asking that the very sincere thanks of the Regatta Council be conveyed to the County Council for the facilities and co-operation granted in the staging of this year's Regatta at Blessington Lake on 24th June, 1961.

ITEM No. 2 — SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961—RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Resolved :—

"That we note results of examination under Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961 and approve of the award of scholarships as follows subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education :—

Category 1 a :

Winifrid McCormack, Ballyronan, Newtownmountkennedy.
Brigid F. Shannon, Kilballyowen, Aughrim.
Edward A. Marah, 19 Merrymeeting, Rathnew.
Michael D. Lawlor, Kilmurray, Bray.
Elizabeth M. Byrne, Ballyguilemore, Wicklow.
Raymond P. Donoghue, Kilnarnagh, Glenealy.

Category 1 b :

Mary B. Naughton, 8 Roselawn Park, Bray.
John M. Finlay, High Street, Wicklow.
Michael C. Earls, 60 Connolly Sq., Bray.
William J. Byrne, 9 Fairview Road, Wicklow.
James Ryder, 8 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
Mary A. Maguire, 6 Florence Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Education that consequent on the passing of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarship) (Amendment) Bill, 1961, which dealt with the extended Scholarship Scheme and became operative as from 1962 it would not be possible to approve of Scholarship Schemes for the year 1962 until the Bill became law. When the Act came into operation a communication would be addressed to the Council in the matter and arrangements made to approve of the Scheme submitted by the Council so as to allow adequate time for publication in the usual way of particulars covering the 1962 examination. The latest date for receipt in the Department of completed application forms of eligibility of candidates had been fixed for 1st February, 1962. The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Minister in the Debate in the Dail that Local Authorities were at present spending about £150,000 per annum on Scholarships and that the intention of the Bill was to begin by supplementing substantially that provision and to proceed to the point where in return for an addition of £90,000 by the Local Authorities to their present £150,000 the State which at present contributed nothing to the Scheme would in four years time be contributing about £300,000. The new Bill would cover both Secondary School Scholarships and University Scholarships. It would seem therefore that it would be necessary for the Council in future to provide a greater amount from the Rates towards the cost of Scholarship Schemes. The Council noted the position in the matter.

University Scholarship Scheme :

The County Secretary stated that the results of the University Scholarship Scheme had been received subsequent to the issue of the Agenda. Five candidates had qualified at the examination and the three Scholarships available would be awarded to those who obtained the first three places.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That having noted results of examination for purposes of University Scholarship Scheme, we approve of the award of Scholarships in accordance with the Scheme as follows :—

Francis Joseph Lonergan, 2 Castle Terrace, Bray
Henry Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan, Baltinglass.
James Patrick Travers, 59 Main Street, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee had indicated that Very Rev. Fr. Perkins, P.P., formerly P.P. of Aughrim, has resigned from membership of the Committee. A letter had been received from Aughrim Parochial Committee forwarding a Resolution from the Committee requesting the Council to nominate Very Rev. George Henry, P.P., Aughrim to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Very Rev. P. J. Perkins, P.P., to Skerries, "and thus continue the practice followed since the appointment of the late Very Rev. F. Kinnane as Parish Priest of Aughrim in 1944." It was stated in the letter that Very Rev. Fr. Henry was present at the meeting and had expressed his willingness to become a member of the Vocational Education Committee if co-opted.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint Very Rev. George Henry, P.P., Aughrim, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Very Rev. P. J. Perkins, P.P."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FROM BRAY AMUSEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY FOR PURPOSE OF CIRCUIT OF BRAY CYCLE RACE.

The County Secretary stated that public notice had been given of the intention to close to public traffic roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 10th September, 1961, for the purposes of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The following objection from Dr. D. F. McCarthy, Sarobi, Putland Road, Bray, was submitted :—

Sarobi,
Putland Road,
Bray.

James J. McCrear, Esq.,
Chairman, Wicklow County Council,
Carnew.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

At its last meeting the Bray Urban District Council decided by a majority to close Florence Road and to request the County Council to close other streets and roads in Bray Urban District, for the purpose of a bicycle race through the town. With the exception of Florence Road, the roads in question are main or trunk roads and hence come under the control of the County Council.

To gild the pill and to stifle the many protests, including one from the respected parish priest, it was stated that the Race Committee would afford passage to clergy and doctors. May I point out that if the road closure is granted, neither the Committee nor anyone else can permit or authorise access, as the closure to the general public is absolute. Should an accident occur as a result of such "permission," the County Council, the Race Committee and the protago-

nists would find themselves enmeshed in a particularly intricate legal web. The proposed road closure would grossly interfere with the free movement of many persons on the route. Freedom of movement on the public highway is one of the most ancient of a freeman's rights and is not lightly to be taken away. Small boys who play on the streets, are justifiably, prosecuted and brought to Court. Nevertheless, their offence is comparatively minor, as their games are invariably on the back streets with little traffic. Yet, here we have a proposal to close the major streets of the largest town in the county to confine to their homes for several hours hundreds of people who live along the route. Sporting and athletic bodies provide stadia and arenas for their games. Why should cycling be an exception? We are all in favour of games and athletics but why should they have to take place on much travelled main roads?

I sincerely trust that you Sir and the Council will reject out of hand this proposal to set the pleasure of the few above the civic rights of the many.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Dr. D. F. McCarthy.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the matter of closing the roads at Bray for the purposes of a Cycle Race had received lengthy consideration by Bray Urban District Council. The Urban District Council had indicated that they would welcome any objections from persons who might be caused inconvenience by the closing of the roads for the purposes of the race but no objections had been received. In regard to an objection received after a previous race, Councillor Temple stated that the stewards who would be on duty on the day of the Race had received instructions to facilitate clergymen, doctors or nurses or any persons who had urgent need to cross the roads while closed for the purposes of the race. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would be inclined to object to the proposed closing of the road but in view of the assurance given that members of the public would be facilitated as much as possible he would not press his objection or oppose the proposal.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby close to public traffic the following roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 10th September, 1961 and authorise the holding of a Cycle Race on the roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Strand Road from corner of Albert Avenue to corner of Putland Road;

Putland Road;

Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall;

Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro Road, South side;

Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue, and Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FROM THE MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ALTIDORE FOR PURPOSES OF ANNUAL MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for permission to close portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne, via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Cornagower, being part of the Willow Grove-Ballinastoe Road between the hours of 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9th September, 1961, for the purpose of a Motor Car Hill Climb. The Council had agreed to the closing of this particular road for this purpose in previous years.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of public notice being given of intention to close to public traffic the road described hereunder between the hours of 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9th September, 1961, for the purposes of Annual Motor Car Hill Climb:

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Cornagower being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that in view of the date of the event the matter of the closing of the road would be submitted to the Council at the meeting to be held on 4th September, 1961.

ITEM No. 6—RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES—SCHEMES TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH AID OF GRANT OF £650 SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTRIBUTION OF £215.

The grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1961/62 for Rural Employment Schemes in the current year amounts to £650 subject to a local contribution of £215, making a total expenditure of £865. The monies were allocated for expenditure as follows: Ashford £265; Baltinglass £265; Rathnew-Merrymount £335. In the year 1960/61 the grant allocated was £1,600 subject to a local contribution of £535 making a total expenditure of £2,135. Members of the Council referred to the substantial reduction in the grant in the current year as compared with the previous year and asked that representations be made to the Special Employment Schemes Office for an increase in the amount of the grant. The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit suitable proposals for works in the areas indicated.

ITEM No. 7—RECOMMENDATIONS OF LABOUR COURT ON REMUNERATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF ROAD WORKERS.

The County Secretary stated that the Recommendation of the Labour Court in regard to the remuneration and employment conditions of roadworkers had been received and details of the Court's Recommendations on the various points considered were given to the Council. The recommendations covered: 1. reduction in working hours and introduction of five-day working week; 2. increase in differentials to supervisory roadworkers; 3. introduction of sick pay scheme for roadworkers and 4. weekly payments of roadworkers. The Council, following a discussion on the matter, decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the next meeting and asked that reports be available from the County Engineer and County Accountant in regard to the matters covered by the Recommendations.

ITEM No. 8—ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RATES IN DISTRICTS 7, 8 AND 19.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from Collectors Edward Lynch, Michael Byrne and R. V. McCrea for appointment on promotion as Collectors for Districts 7, 8 and 19. Collector Lynch was at present Collector for No. 16 District and sought appointment instead as Collector for No. 7 District; Collector Michael Byrne was at present Collector for No. 2 District and sought appointment as Collector for No. 8 District, and Collector R. V. McCrea at present collector for No. 18 District asked that Districts Nos. 18 and 19 be combined and that he be appointed Collector for the combined District. Particulars of the present remuneration of these Collectors, of the former remuneration applying to Districts Nos. 7, 8 and 19 and of the amounts of warrants and number of ratings in each District were given to the Council. It was indicated that it was proposed to fix the remuneration of Districts 7, 8 and the combined District No. 18/19 if the Council approved of the arrangement at £525 basic salary plus five bonuses of £35 each, making a total of £700, the bonus being payable subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That having considered applications from Messrs. E. Lynch, Collector for No. 16 District; M. Byrne, Collector for No. 2 District and R. V. McCrea, Collector for No. 19 District, we approve of the appointment of Mr. E. Lynch as Collector for No. 7 District, of Mr. Michael Byrne as Collector for No. 8 District and approve of the appointment of Mr. R. V. McCrea as Collector for the combined 18 and 19 Districts. It is noted that the salary for Districts Nos. 7 and 8 and combined District No. 18/19 will be as follows :—

Basic salary of £525 plus 5 bonuses of £35 each for compliance with the usual conditions.

We approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for posts of Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 2 and 16"

Councillor E. Byrne opposing the proposal stated that if the procedure of appointing by way of promotion of existing collectors were followed in all cases it would not be possible for any person in the Northern Area of the County to obtain appointment as a Rate Collector within that area. He proposed as an amendment that the post be filled following public advertisement. The County Secretary through the Chairman pointed out that the proposed amendment would be a direct negative and consequently would not be in order. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the posts might be filled by public advertisement and that existing Rate Collectors be permitted to apply. It was again indicated to the Chairman that this proposed amendment would also not be acceptable and that the proper procedure would be for the Council to decide whether or not to fill the positions by way of promotion and if it should be decided not to fill the positions in this manner the matter of filling the post following public advertisement could then be dealt with.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the National Farmers' Association, Bardsdarrig Branch, forwarding the following Resolution and asking that it be brought to the notice of the Council :—

"This meeting strongly disapproves of the action of Wicklow County Council in appointing new Rate Collectors in two districts, especially in view of the fact that the County Manager had arranged to have the rates for these districts collected direct, through the County Council Offices, a procedure which recent examples in the County had proved to be completely satisfactory.

The Council noted the terms of the Resolution but indicated that the Branch should be informed of the saving effected by the Council in the appointment of Rate Collectors on the basis of a salary. A vote having been called for on the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Miley it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., M. Deering, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—13

AGAINST—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell—5

The Motion was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to five votes against. At the suggestion of Councillor H. J. Byrne it was agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to whether the County Secretary was correct in advising that the amendment proposed by Councillor E. Byrne or that proposed by Councillor J. Temple were not in order and could not be accepted.

ITEM No. 9—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT KILCOOLE.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 12th day of July, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £1,103. 10. 0. be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the extension of watermain to the new National School at Kilcoole to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from

time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES—REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FOUR ELECTORAL AREAS.

The County Secretary stated that meetings of the members of the Council for the four electoral areas had been held to consider water supply schemes in their respective areas. It was agreed generally that first priority should be given to the carrying out of necessary improvements to existing supplies and extensions to such supplies. The Schemes which were considered should be given priority by the Committees for the respective areas were as follows :—

Arklow Electoral Area.

Improvements to Tinahely Scheme and Improvements to Carnew Scheme, including the taking in of an additional source, together with extensions to Schemes at Tinahely, Carnew and Shillelagh.

Baltinglass Electoral Area.

Improvements to the Blessington Scheme by the provision of a new source of supply and extensions to Schemes at Baltinglass, Stratford and Lacken.

Bray Electoral Area.

Re-laying of main at Monastery, Enniskerry and extensions from Dublin Corporation Supply at Kilcoole to Pretty Bush and extensions of Enniskerry Scheme to Kilmacanogue and Killough and to Monastery.

Wicklow Electoral Area.

Improvements to Rathdrum Supply, Extensions to Cronroe Regional Scheme to Milltown North, and South, Ballinapark and Barncoyle, from Glenealy Scheme to Kilcandra, Ballymacsimon and Cronroe, from Dublin Corporation supply to Church View, Newtownmountkennedy and from Newcastle to Tiglin including the replacement of the existing defective Newcastle Supply by a supply from Dublin Corporation and provision of a new Scheme to serve Annamoe, Laragh and Glendalough. It was suggested to the Council that since detailed documents and more accurate estimates of cost would need to be determined for the various works the Council might agree to the raising of a preliminary loan of £50,000 and to proceeding with the works agreed upon as deserving priority by the various committees to the extent of the monies available.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of proceeding with the following water supply Schemes and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of these works :—

Improvements to existing schemes at Carnew, Tinahely, Blessington, Enniskerry and Rathdrum and extensions of existing schemes as recommended by Committees of Council."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND REPORT OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Council considered letter of 28th June, 1961, Ref. L.12/61, from Department of Local Government, copy of which had been circulated to the members and also the report of the County Medical Officer of 11th July, 1961, copy

of which had been circulated to members. The Council noted the terms of the report of the County Medical Officer and in reply to enquiries from members, the Chairman stated that if members considered public conveniences were necessary in particular places they should hand in the appropriate Notice of Motion. The report of the County Medical Officer submitted to the members was as follows:—

11th July, 1961.

Mr. O'Connor,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

re/ Circular L.12/61.

A Chara,

County Wicklow has anticipated the issuance of the above Circular and all the tourist resorts in the County Health District have been provided with public sanitary conveniences. The public conveniences in the County are as follows:—Glenda ough, Meetings, Avoca Village, Enniskerry, Greystones (3); Roundwood, Blessington, Ark'ow (3); Bray (7), and Wicklow (4).

I cannot think of any village where public lavatories could be regarded as necessary, with the possible exception of Ashford, and there the need cannot be said to be urgent. It must be remembered that upkeep and caretaking form an integral part of any system of public sanitary conveniences. It is a regrettable fact that as regards such amenities we Irish cannot be regarded as house-trained, and many of our lavatories are treated in a scandalous and deplorable fashion being consistently fouled and wilfully damaged. The objectionable habit of inscribing graffiti on the walls is a comparatively mild matter and is as old as Babylon and Pompeii. Over the years the words and drawings have changed but little, the chief difference being the fact that in recent years they have crept down lower on the walls, which may be a tribute to universal popular education. The main problem with regard to the public lavatories which we have is one of up-keep. Inspection and maintenance staff is spread thin and because of the depredations caused by the public, up-keep on occasions leaves something to be desired. What is needed is a system of wholtime caretakers. To paraphrase the words of the Gillebaud Committee, "having willed the end we must also will the means." In other words having provided these lavatories we must keep them in the highest possible conditions of sanitation and cleanliness. However, as I have said, apart from Ashford we do not in my opinion need more. Our standards must be based not on those of England with a population of almost 900 per sq. mile as compared with a population in Co. Wicklow of 77 per sq. mile and in the County Health District a population of less than 53 per sq. mile.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: D. F. McCarthy,
Chief Medical Officer.

ITEM No. 12—TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO DISCUSS FUTURE USE OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL, RENEWAL OF LEASE, ETC.

The Council agreed that the committee appointed by the Council would meet the representatives of the Urban District Council at the Courthouse, Wicklow at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th August, 1961.

A letter received from Rathdrum Development Association dated 16th August, 1961, protesting strongly against the proposed transfer of the County Council Offices from Rathdrum to Wicklow and requesting the reception of a deputation from the Association was submitted. The Council agreed that a Deputation from the Association would be received at the meeting of the Council on 11th September, 1961.

ITEM No. 13—GRANT TO WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that at the Estimates meeting of the Council the Council had agreed to make a grant to the Vocational Education Committee

of a sum sufficient to repay outstanding loans raised by the Committee and the necessary provision had been made in the Council's Estimates. The amount outstanding on foot of the loans raised by the Committee was £10,945. 6. 8. The loans raised by the Committee were as follows:—

Baltinglass School—Building Extensions, 1955	£2,800
do. Engineering Equipment, 1956	£900
do. Engineering Equipment, 1958	£480
do. Heating and Lighting Installation, 1960	£2,500
Rathdrum School Purchase and Equipping School, 1959	£7,300

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby make a grant to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee of the sum of £10,945. 6. 8. subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education to enable the Committee to discharge outstanding loans due by the Committee and approve of the borrowing of this amount from the National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 13 years subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—DENTAL HEALTH.

The Council noted the text of the illustrated talk on the subject of Dental Health which had been given by Mr. James B. Cloonan, B.D.S., of the Irish Dental Association to members of the City and County Manager's Association on 20th April, 1961, and a copy of which at the request of the Minister for Health had been circulated to each member of the Council.

ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM CLARA GUILD OF THE IRISH COUNTRY-WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION RE DENTAL SERVICES TO SCHOOLS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer and the County Dentist had reported in regard to the letter which had been sent by the Clara Vale Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association to Councillor Haughton and which related to the School Dental Service. The County Medical Officer stated that originally the whole-time dentist had to deal with both school-children and adult patients who were entitled to treatment but at a later date these latter were dealt with by part-time dentists and the County Dentist was left free for school dental work plus the institutions. Recently part-time dentists had been added for school dental work and efforts were being made to obtain more part-time dentists on a sessional basis and thus continue the improvement in the service. The County Medical Officer quoted details of the number of children inspected in the Schools and indicated that 92.6% were found to be in need of dental treatment but in the case of only 66.6% of those children was treatment by the County Dentist accepted. 2,591 children or 88% of those whose parents had signed Dental Consent Forms attended and were treated, and the County Medical Officer submitted that this was a considerable performance for one whole-time officer and two part-time dentists. He pointed out that it could be presumed that a considerable number of parents who had not completed Dental Consent Forms had made their own arrangements for Dental treatment. He pointed out that it was not practicable or possible to provide Welfare State Standards and that at least 5 whole-time dentists would be needed if every school child were to be seen once a year and even this would not provide complete coverage. The County Dentist reported that while the service was not the ideal one the three large clinics were quite satisfactory and new Dispensaries and some of the old ones were excellent but that there was room for much improvement in working conditions in the small one or two room schools in outlying areas but they were not as bad as had been suggested. He pointed out that the children through their attendance at the clinics showed that most of the views expressed in the letter from the Clara Vale Guild were not correct. The dentist also expressed satisfaction with his equipment and had no fault to find with the Doctor's dental examination. The Council noted the reports submitted.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Acting Town Clerk, Bray, referring to a meeting held on 19th August, between a sub-committee of the Council and the Superintendent, Garda Síochána at which it was unanimously decided that there was an urgent need for the immediate provision of a pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road at the entrance to Ledwidge Crescent. The Committee had recommended that the matter be brought to the notice of the Council at the meeting to be held on that date. Councillor J. Temple explained that the matter of providing pedestrian crossings in Bray had already been considered by the Council and asked that arrangements be made to provide the pedestrian crossing now requested at the earliest possible date. The County Engineer stated that arrangements for providing this pedestrian crossing would be put in hands immediately. The Council noted the position in the matter.

SPECIAL LEAVE TO ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. P. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer had been awarded a Fellowship by the International Road Federation and that this Fellowship was intended to cover the cost of 10 months' study at an American University. He intended to take a course in Highway Engineering and asked if the Council would grant leave of absence for a period of approximately 10 months from 7th September, 1961. The Council agreed that leave of absence be granted and asked that their congratulations be conveyed to Mr. McGuinness on his success in obtaining the award of this Fellowship.

ITEM No. 16—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the application of Mrs. Byrne of Ballycoogue for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and enquired why the application was refused. It was stated by the County Secretary that the income submitted by the applicant exceeded the maximum allowed for the purposes of a loan. Councillor P. Brennan stated that the particulars submitted were of gross income and that he considered that the applicant would be within the required income limit and asked that the matter be reviewed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that I or someone for me will move that the County Manager state the number of applications made on behalf of a female patient at Newcastle Sanatorium for clothing and allowance in respect of her children. One letter was acknowledged on 13th June, 1961 stating that matter was having attention and cause of delay in this case.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the County Manager circulate to each member of the Council 1. Total number of patients suffering from T.B. in the County; 2. Number receiving hospital treatment; 3. Number receiving medical treatment in their homes, and 4. Cost of treatment to outdoor patients.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley, that I or someone for me will move that a public sanitary convenience be erected by the County Council in Aughrim.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th September, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers G. M. O'Byrne and J. P. Caffrey were present.

Apologies for non-attendance were received in respect of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. and Councillor C. W. Hudson.

AGENDA

1. Proposed erection of cottage at Johnstown South, Arklow on site acquired from Mr. Hill—Report of County Engineer giving estimate of cost.
2. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that Council erect six fully serviced cottages at Aughrim and that owing to demand for vacant cottages at Avoca, the Council consider the advisability of building further cottages in that village.
3. Proposed provision of houses at Blessington and Rathdrum.
4. Proposed Housing Scheme at Carnew—Report of County Engineer regarding sites.
5. Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts—Letter dated 23rd August, 1961 from Department of Local Government regarding limits of income and valuation for eligibility for loans.
6. Proposed Purchase Scheme for fully serviced cottages.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of August, 1961, and cottages to be repaired during month of September, 1961.
9. Application for closing of road at Altidore for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

ITEM No. 1—PROPOSED ERECTION OF COTTAGE AT JOHNSTOWN SOUTH, ARKLOW ON SITE ACQUIRED FROM MR. HILL—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER GIVING ESTIMATE OF COST.

The Council were given details of the estimated cost of the cottage which was estimated at £1,375. The economic rent would be approximately £2. 0. 0. per week on the basis of a loan taken over a period of 50 years. The Council were informed that a subsidy of two-thirds of the loan charges up to a capital cost of £1,000 might be provided by the State. The Council were informed that if a rent of 12/6d. per week were charged and a state subsidy of 16/9d. per week were available the rates would have to meet 10/9 per week in respect of the house. The Chairman suggested that tenders be invited for the erection of the house and that the rent could be determined when the building costs were available. Councillor H. J. Byrne inquired if water and sewerage might be provided, but it was pointed out that this could not be done as this was a rural site and consequently no water or sewerage would be available. Houses could only be provided with these amenities on sites where public services were available. It was unanimously agreed that tenders for the erection of this cottage be sought.

ITEM No. 2—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT COUNCIL ERECT SIX FULLY SERVICED COTTAGES AT AUGHRIM AND THAT OWING TO DEMAND FOR VACANT COTTAGES AT AVOCA, THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF BUILDING FURTHER COTTAGES IN THAT VILLAGE.

The Council were given particulars of applicants for houses at Aughrim and the proposed scale of rents. After a discussion the Chairman suggested that

four cottages should be provided on this site at Aughrim and the members of the Council agreed with this suggestion.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That the Council proceed with the erection of 4 fully serviced houses at Aughrim."

Passed unanimously.

Particulars regarding housing in Avoca were given to the members present and it was pointed out that the matter had already been discussed with the Local Housing Committee. It was further pointed out that there would be some difficulty in obtaining a site and accordingly

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That a Report be submitted as to the possibility of finding a suitable site for a Housing Scheme at Avoca."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED PROVISION OF HOUSES AT BLESSINGTON AND RATHDRUM.

The members present were again given particulars on the matter of the provision of houses at Blessington and after a discussion it was resolved as follows.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

"That the Council proceed with the erection of 4 houses on site at Blessington."

Passed unanimously.

The Council were given particulars of proposed houses to be erected at Rathdrum and details of the probable rent of which the applicants were informed. After a discussion it was

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

Resolved :—

"That the Council proceed with the erection of 6 houses on site at Rathdrum (Ballygannon)."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT CARNEW—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING SITES.

The County Engineer's report and details of the site were submitted to the Council for consideration and after a discussion on the matter it was decided to acquire land for 6 houses at Coollatin Row, Carnew.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That site at cost of £105 as shown on map submitted by County Engineer be acquired for the erection of 6 houses at Carnew."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS—LETTER DATED 23rd AUGUST, 1961, FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING LIMITS OF INCOME AND VALUATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR LOANS.

The following letter from the Department dated 23rd August, 1961, was read to the Council :—

23rd August, 1961.

H.231/37.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 4th July, 1961, regarding advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. I am to point out that where the criterion of eligibility for an advance under these Acts, was income some categories of applicants who were eligible in 1957 when the income limit was fixed at £832 per annum had, in 1961, become ineligible because they were then earning more than that limit. Their increased earnings, which were due, primarily to a recognition that their incomes had been devalued, had the effect of bringing them outside the scope of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, Scheme, while leaving them in no better position to avail of alternative schemes of house purchase. This was a fundamental factor in arriving at the recent decision to increase the income limit to £1,040 per annum. The position under the Acts was not, however, affected in the same way during the same period for persons whose eligibility depended on the rateable valuation of their holdings.

Mise, le meas,
T. Clarke.

It was noted by the Council that the valuation limit of £50 had not been increased to £65 as requested by the Council at meeting on 3rd July, 1961 and the members, after a discussion on the matter, requested that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED PURCHASE SCHEME (No.5) FOR FULLY SERVICED COTTAGES (166).

The Council were furnished with particulars of the 166 fully serviced houses in respect of which it was proposed to make a Purchase Scheme. They were given the location of the houses and particulars of the economic rent and the average weekly rent at present being received in respect of the houses. After a discussion it was agreed that 14/9d. per week would be a reasonable purchase annuity.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of the Purchase Scheme (No. 5) in respect of 166 fully serviced houses now submitted to us."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—PROPOSED HOTEL AT BRITTAS BAY (MATOWN DEVELOPMENTS LTD.).

The Council were given particulars of an application received from Matown Developments Ltd. for a proposed hotel at Brittas Bay. The Map showed the site as being south of Brittas Bridge on the east side of the Wicklow-Arklow Road. Reports from the County Engineer and from Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect on the proposal were submitted. These Reports pointed out that this was an inquiry to ascertain the Council's views on the proposed use of the site rather than a formal application for permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts. It was stated that the proper location for a proposal of this character would be in one of the special development areas indicated on the Sketch Development Plan recently submitted for Brittas Bay region. This proposal could not be approved without abandoning the ideas behind that Sketch Development plan and nullifying the many years of restraint and control which have been exercised up to the present.

The County Manager pointed out that it was being increasingly found that the seaford at Brittas was essential as an open area and recreation space and that if this proposal were approved then a similar type of development between

the public road and the sea would mean that this very valuable amenity would be lost. The area was a recreation space and bathing place with special attractions for residents and visitors whether living in the rural part of the county or in the urban districts. It was very much in the interests of the three Urban District Councils that this valuable amenity should be available to visitors staying in hotels and guesthouses in their areas.

The matter was discussed at length and it was then

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That matter be adjourned pending consideration of the proposals for Development at Brittas Bay by the three Urban District Councils in conjunction with the County Council and that a Joint Committee be set up for this purpose."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1961, AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Particulars of repairs carried out during month of August and those proposed for the month of September were given to the Council. Members of the Council drew attention to cottages which were to have been repaired and the work had not yet been done. It was agreed that the work should be put in hands as soon as possible.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ALTIDORE FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.

The Council were informed that the necessary public notice had been given of the closing of this road and no objections had been received.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the closing of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road to public traffic between 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9th September, 1961 for the purposes of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb."

Passed unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the Council agree to erect a house for John Mason, Knockadreet, Ashford.

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that public light be provided outside new National School in Avoca.

APPLICATION UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

Application from Mrs. Annie Byrne, Ballycoogue, Avoca, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was considered by the Council and the members were given particulars of her income which it was found would be over the limit of £1,040 approved by the Department. In the circumstances, it was agreed that a loan could not be given to the applicant.

DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT AUGHIRM

Councillor Miss M. Walsh raised the matter of the necessity for repairs to the Dispensary Residence at Aughrim and it was agreed that the Council's Engineer would be asked for a report on the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th September, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, James D. Haughton, J. Gregory.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, G. M. O'Byrne and S. O'Fearghail attended.

Letter of apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor M. J. O'Neill and noted by the Council.

Letter of apology for inability to attend was also submitted by Councillor C. W. Hudson who stated in his letter that owing to ill-health he had not been able to attend meetings of the Council for some time past and that he is still unfit to do so. The Council noted Councillor Hudson's letter and unanimously accepted his reasons for inability to attend. They extended their sympathy to Councillor Hudson and trusted that he would make a quick recovery from his illness so that he would be enabled to attend meetings in the near future.

DEPUTATION FROM RATHDRUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

A Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association in connection with the proposed transfer of the Council Offices from Rathdrum to Wicklow was received by the Council. The Chairman of the Development Association, Rev. Fr. Canning, C.C., stressed the necessity for maintaining the office in its present position in Rathdrum as he stated that it served a large rural population. He further stated that should the office be transferred to Wicklow local people would have to go to Wicklow in order to secure Birth Certificates and other information and that this would be most difficult because of the inadequate rail and omnibus services. He mentioned that should the Council transfer this office from Rathdrum to the former County Hospital at Wicklow, the Council would still have two separate offices and that his Association failed to see that such a move would be of any great benefit to the Council. Having quoted an extract from the Local Government Auditor's Report as to the desirability of making the transfer, he submitted that the transfer would be a serious blow to the town of Rathdrum, both financially and in prestige. Rathdrum had suffered severe losses already due to the closing down of Ballece Quarries and the closing of the Maternity annexe. He further mentioned that there would be hardship imposed on officers now residing in Rathdrum if they had to transfer their place of residence to Wicklow, and enquired as to the future use that might be made of the present offices in Rathdrum. He held that the Council would still have to maintain them and that any expense incurred by way of travelling of officers between the two offices at present would be more than offset by the maintenance costs of the Rathdrum offices if abandoned. The Chairman of the County Council thanked Rev. Fr. Canning, C.C., and the members of the Deputation for their attendance and said that due cognisance would be taken of their representations when a final decision is being made as to the amalgamation of the offices. The Chairman, however, pointed out that the conditions under which the staff in Rathdrum worked at present were far from desirable and that in particular the Housing and Sanitary Services Section of the Council had not sufficient accommodation. The Deputation then withdrew.

AGENDA

1. Applications for Renewal of University Scholarships.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General and Capital Account for quarter ending 31st December, 1961.
3. Correspondence re membership of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. Letter from Special Employment Schemes Office re Rural Employment Schemes, 1961/62.

5. Circular letter from Department of Local Government dated 31st August, regarding Amenity Schemes. (Copy circulated to members).
6. Circular letter from Department of Local Government drawing attention to provisions of new Road Traffic Act.
7. Request of Rathdrum Development Association that Litter Baskets be provided at Main Street and Market Square, Rathdrum.
8. To receive Deputation from the Rathdrum Development Association in connection with proposed amalgamation of offices.
9. Report of Committee appointed by the Council to consider future use of Hospital at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, renewal of lease, etc.
10. Recommendations of Labour Court on Remuneration and Employment Conditions of Road Workers. (Copy circulated to members)—Report of County Engineer and County Accountant.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Quigley re provision of Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re Tuberculosis Patients.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re patient in Newcastle Sanatorium.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that Council agree to erect house for John Mason, Knockadreet, Ashford.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that public light be provided outside new National School in Avoca.
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Application for renewal of Scholarship was submitted in respect of Miss Ann Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum and application for extension of scholarship of Patrick O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray. The members of the Council were given particulars regarding the applicants and the following Resolutions were passed:—

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal of the Scholarship of Miss Ann Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum in respect of the school year 1961/62.

Passed unanimously.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the extension of the Scholarship of Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray for the year 1961/62.

Passed unanimously.

The Council were informed of receipt of letter of 28th August, 1961, regarding Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962. The letter stated that the Local Authorities (Educational Scholarship) (Amendment) Bill, 1961, had now become law and that the main purpose of the Act is to establish an extended scheme of Scholarships tenable at post-primary schools and at Universities and to enable the State to contribute to such scholarships. In addition the Act provides that (a) up to one-fourth of the total moneys for scholarships shall be allocated on the basis of merit alone, without a means test; (b) the amount of money to be allocated for university scholarships in the scheme for any year shall not be more than half the amount to be allocated for the post-primary scholarships to be awarded in that year; (c) in the first year after the commencement of the Act, the State shall provide £1 for £1, subject to a maximum corresponding to the produce of a rate of 1d. in the pound; in the second year £1 for £1, subject to a maximum corresponding to the produce of a rate of 2d. in the pound; in the third year £1 for £1 up to the amount raised by a rate of 2d. and £3 for every £2 provided

by the Corporation or council in excess of the produce of a rate of 2d. in the pound, subject to a maximum corresponding to the produce of a rate of 3½d. in the pound and in the fourth and subsequent years £1 for £1 up to the amount raised by a rate of 2d. and £3 for every £2 in excess of the produce of a rate of 2d., subject to a maximum corresponding to the produce of a rate of 5d. in the pound; (d) a corporation or council shall declare limits of income for the purpose of limiting the receipt of those university scholarships which will be subject to a means test, to those persons who need them and secure the approval of the Minister thereto.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1961 shall not exceed £10,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1961, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—CORRESPONDENCE RE MEMBERSHIP OF BRAY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor Edward Byrne to act on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—LETTER FROM SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE RE RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES, 1961/62.

Letter dated 31st August, 1961, from Special Employment Schemes Office was read to the Council and duly noted.

ITEM No. 5—CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DATED 31st AUGUST REGARDING AMENITY SCHEMES.

The Circular from Department of Local Government was circulated to the Council. The members noted the contents of the circular and it was agreed that it was very desirable that local voluntary bodies should co-operate with the Council in the matter and should not hesitate to make their requirements known to the Council. It was felt that with the co-operation of these bodies progress could be made. The following Memorandum from the Department in regard to the Grants had been circulated to the members.

GRANTS FOR WORKS OF PUBLIC AMENITY MEMORANDUM

(From Department of Local Government)

1. Grants will be made available by the Minister for Local Government to

local authorities, local development associations and other bodies towards the cost of providing and developing parks, open spaces, playing fields, riverside walks, beach works, means of access and boating facilities. Other miscellaneous amenity works which will be eligible include opening up views and prospects, landscaping of historic buildings, ornamental tree planting, seating and shelters, car parks in scenic areas, public caravan parks, provision of local museums and protection of places and objects of interest.

2. The grants will be 50% of the cost as approved by the Minister, including the cost of any acquisition involved subsequent to the 1st September, 1961. Work must not be commenced before notification has been received that the Minister has approved the works and allocated a grant. Proposals costing less than £100 will not be eligible and the Minister's decision as to whether or not a grant should be paid in any particular case, or as to the amount of any grant, will be final.
3. The following particulars will be required to be submitted with grant applications:—
 - (1) A detailed estimate for the works proposed.
 - (2) A map or tracing showing the location and extent of the works.
 - (3) Where structural works are proposed—a scale drawing and specification.
 - (4) A statement of the interest held in the site or of any dedication for use of the public.
 - (5) Where land is acquired for the purpose of the amenity work proposed—the date and cost of acquisition.
 - (6) A statement of the arrangements proposed for maintenance.
4. A local development association or other body which wishes to obtain a grant should submit its application to the planning authority for the district. If the proposals are acceptable to the local authority they will inform the applicants and forward the application to the Department of Local Government. If the local authority reject the application they will state their reasons or suggest amendments of the proposals which would make them acceptable.
5. It is not intended that local authorities should avail of these grants in areas where the grants available from the Special Employment Schemes Office have enabled a regular programme of amenity works to be undertaken or are adequate for such purposes. The main object of the grants is to facilitate desirable works in areas where adequate grants are not available from other sources.
6. Sites will be inspected by an Inspector from the Department and applicants may be requested to alter their proposals or to carry out additional works. Grants will normally be payable on certification by the Inspector that the work has been completed in a satisfactory manner. If the actual cost of the work carried out proves less than the estimate the grant will be reduced proportionately.
7. It will be a condition of the grants that the amenity provided will be available for the use or benefit of the public generally. It should be clearly understood that maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant body or of the local authority and that where the work is liable to deterioration specific assurances or a formal undertaking will be required from local development committees or other bodies concerned. Grants will not be made available unless the Minister is fully satisfied in regard to this aspect.

BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT.

The Council having discussed the matter further proposed the following Resolution:—

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hinwell,

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following to act as members of the Joint Committee representative of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to examine proposals for Development of the Brittas Bay Region:—

Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Councillor J. Miley
Councillor H. J. Byrne
Councillor R. Miley
Councillor P. Brennan, T.D."

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the proposed meeting should take place at the Courthouse, Wicklow at 3 p.m. on 25th September, 1961.

ITEM No. 6—CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

The Council were given particulars of the main sections of the Act and having discussed them at length they noted the provisions of the Act and in particular those giving further powers to Local Authorities.

ITEM No. 7—REQUEST OF RATHDRUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION THAT LITTER BASKETS BE PROVIDED AT MAIN STREET AND MARKET SQUARE, RATHDRUM.

The report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted to the Council in which it was stated that Litter Baskets could be erected at a cost of 35/- each approximately and that 6 would probably be sufficient for Rathdrum.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of six litter baskets at Main Street and Market Square, Rathdrum."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM RATHDRUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF OFFICES.

The deputation was received at the opening of the meeting.

ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FUTURE USE OF HOSPITAL AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW, RENEWAL OF LEASE, ETC.

The following report of the Committee appointed by the Council was read to the members and it was unanimously agreed that the Council were prepared to offer an annual rent of £100 and the Council was not prepared to go further to meet the demands of the Urban Council.

31st August, 1961.

Report of Meeting between Committee Appointed by County Council and Representatives Appointed by Wicklow Urban District Council to consider matter of Rent of District Hospital Premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

As arranged at the meeting of the County Council on 21st August, 1961, a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council with the representatives appointed by Wicklow Urban District Council to consider the matter of rent of the District Hospital Premises, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, was held at the County Council Offices, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th August, 1961.

The County Council was represented by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and G. Timmins. The Urban District Council was represented by Mr T. Delahunt, Chairman, and Councillors T. Conroy, J. Lawlor, J. Kane, and W. Hopkins. The County Secretary and the Town Clerk attended. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Wicklow County Council, presided.

At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary stated that both the County Council and the Urban District Council had obtained legal advice in regard to the manner in which the premises were held and the advice was to the effect that the Lease of the premises having expired in 1936 and not having been renewed, the County Council had become yearly tenants and were entitled to remain in occupation of the premises, but the Urban District Council were entitled to seek a fair rent for the premises. The purpose of the meeting was to consider what would be a reasonable rent which might be paid by the County Council under a new Lease. The County Secretary stated that the County Council had appointed a Committee of the Council to inspect the premises and to report as to whether the premises would be suitable for use as a Dispensary or Clinic and for offices for the Council staff now based at Rathdrum. The Committee had inspected the premises and agreed that the premises could be utilised both for the purposes of a Dispensary or Clinic and also would be adequate to house the staffs of the County Council at present based in Rathdrum and that it would be desirable that the staffs be centralised in Wicklow. The Chairman then asked the Chairman of the Urban District Council to express the Urban District Council's views in regard to the matter of rent.

Mr. T. Delahunt, Chairman of the Urban District Council stated that the matter of the rent which would be sought had been considered by the Urban District Council and that the Council were of the opinion that a reasonable rent for the premises under present conditions would be £250 per annum, the tenant paying rates. The County Secretary having pointed out that the Urban District Council had obtained a valuation from Mr. H. C. Delahunt of Clarke, Delahunt & Co., Auctioneers, Wicklow, to the effect that a reasonable rent for the building would be £150 per annum with the landlord paying rates and doing outside repairs and that in consequence the rent now sought by the Urban District Council represented an increase of over £250 per annum in all on the figure based on the valuation, Mr. Delahunt stated that he had discussed the matter of the valuation with Mr. H. C. Delahunt, Valuer, within the past few days and that Mr. Delahunt had informed him that if he were making the valuation at the present time, his valuation would be higher than that previously given in May, 1961. The representatives of the Urban District Council asked as to what valuation had been obtained by the County Council and it was indicated that the valuation obtained by the County Council from Messrs. Harry Lisney & Son, Chartered Surveyors, 23 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, was at a net figure of £125 per annum plus rates. While this figure was higher than that given by Mr. Delahunt in the valuation submitted in May, 1961, it was substantially below the rent now sought by the Urban District Council. It was pointed out on behalf of the County Council that considerable expenditure would have to be incurred by the County Council on repairs to the premises and that the cost of repairs was estimated at nearly £1,400. Following a lengthy discussion in regard to the valuation figures submitted by both sides and the other factors involved, it was indicated by the representatives of the County Council that the maximum figure which the members of the Committee would be prepared to recommend to the County Council was a rent of £100 per annum, the County Council to pay the rates on the premises. The Chairman of the County Council pointed out that it was expected that there would be considerable opposition at the County Council meeting to the proposal to move the Council's staff from Rathdrum to Wicklow and that the County Council representatives could not consider recommending any higher figure than that quoted. The County Council representatives having adjourned for a period to enable the Urban District Council representatives to consider the matter further, on resuming the discussion, Mr. Delahunt, Chairman of the Urban District Council stated that the Urban District Council were prepared to agree on the figure of £150 per annum plus rates. Following a further discussion, the Urban District Council representatives suggested that to reach agreement they would be prepared to accept £125 plus rates. The County Council representatives, however, again confirmed that they could not see their way to recommend to the County Council any greater figure than £100 per annum plus rates.

The meeting then terminated without any agreement having been reached on the figure for rent.

The Council passed the following Resolution:—

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the Committee appointed by us specially to examine this matter, that a rent of £100 per annum plus rates be offered for a new Lease of the District Hospital premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

The Council requested that the terms of the Resolution be brought to the notice of Wicklow U.D.C.

ITEM No. 10—RECOMMENDATIONS OF LABOUR COURT ON REMUNERATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF ROAD WORKERS—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER AND COUNTY ACCOUNTANT.

Under this heading the Council considered the following matters:—

1. Increase in differential for supervisory staff from 25% to 50%.
2. Introduction of 45-hour week and reduction of working days to 5 per week.
3. Weekly payments.
4. Introduction of Sick Pay Scheme for Roadworkers.

In connection with No. 1 above the Council passed the following Resolution:—

It was:—

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

Resolved:—

"That consequent on the Recommendation of the Labour Court in the matter we agree to an increase of 50% in the differential rates for Supervisory Road Workers and also approve of the additional expenditure involved which is estimated at £1,111. This 50% increase in differential rates to be effective from 1st April, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

In connection with No. 2 above the following Resolution was passed:—

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of a 45 hour week for Road Workers and consider that the Manager and Council officials should meet representatives of the Unions to discuss the possible introduction of a 5-day week. (6-day week, however, for 3 winter months)."

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

In regard to No. 3 above after a lengthy discussion it was generally agreed by the Council that there was no great demand for weekly payments and accordingly the matter was deferred.

The introduction of a Sick Pay Scheme having been discussed, it was agreed that the County Manager when discussing the 5-day week with representatives of the Union, should also include this matter for discussion.

ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN QUIGLEY RE PROVISION OF SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT AUGHIRM.

The County Medical Officer's report and Assistant County Engineer's report were read to the Council. The County Medical Officer stated that as already reported on 15th April, 1957, he could see no reason why a sanitary convenience was necessary at Aughrim. The Assistant Engineer's report stated that the provision of the convenience would cost approximately £1,200. It was reported to the Council that there would be some difficulty in procuring a suitable site. Councillor Quigley suggested a possible site for its location and it was agreed by the members that a report be submitted in due course regarding the suitability of the site proposed by Councillor Quigley.

ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., RE TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS.

Under this heading statistics requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., were submitted to the Council and they were duly noted.

ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., RE PATIENT IN NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM.

Particulars of this patient's case were given to the Council and same were duly noted. Councillor Everett raised the case of another patient who was a native of Arklow and who was at present in Newcastle Sanatorium. He stated that the patient was an applicant for an I.D.M. Allowance. The Council were informed of the particulars of the application which is at the moment being investigated. The Council noted the position.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO ERECT HOUSE FOR JOHN MASON, KNOCKADRETT, ASHFORD.

The Council were given particulars of the applicant's valuation and dependants and it was pointed out to the Council the difficulty that might be experienced in providing a house on land owned by the applicant and not by the Council. After a discussion it was agreed that a report should be obtained from the County Medical Officer and submitted to the next housing meeting of the County Council.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL IN AVOCA.

Report of Assistant County Engineer was read to the Council. The report stated that while there is a light at the Church Gate about 100 yards away it does not give sufficient light at the school gate when there are cars parked at this place. The report further stated that the school is used a lot at night and that there possibly is a need for a light at the place.

It was:—

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we agree that a quotation be obtained for a light outside National School at Avoca."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders as circulated were noted by the Council.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that in view of the forthcoming Dail Eireann Elections the next meetings of the Housing Committee and of the County Council be fixed for 9th and 16th October respectively.

This was unanimously agreed by the members.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley—I or someone for me will move to have the swimming pool provided in Blessington. It has been recommended from this Council to the Department of Local Government some twelve months ago.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th October, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill, were present.

AGENDA

1. Application for consent to sale of Cottage at Mullinaveigue, Roundwood.
2. Letter dated 13th September, 1961, from Department of Local Government conveying revision of certain requirements and making suggestions regarding the planning and submission of housing proposals with the view to encouraging better and more economical planning, clarifying policy of provision of accommodation to meet the needs of small householders and supplying procedure in regard to tenders. (Copy circulated to members).
3. Proposals to provide cottage at Kilcarra for Patrick O'Reilly.
4. Proposal to provide cottage for John Mason, Knockadrett, Ashford—Report of County Medical Officer.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Grants for provision and installation of private water supply and sewerage facilities in respect of unvested Council Cottages.
6. Application for Supplementary Grant towards reconstruction of house at Ballinacoola, Glenealy.
7. Additional public light at Avoca—Quotation of E.S.B.
8. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Decision of Minister on Appeals, etc.
9. Applications for Renewal of University Scholarships.
10. Report of County Engineer in regard to floors in cottages at Kindlestown.
11. Repairs to cottages carried out during September, 1961, and cottages to be repaired during October, 1961.

RESULT OF ELECTIONS FOR DAIL EIREANN.

Councillor J. J. McCrea said that before commencing the meeting he wished to congratulate Deputies P. Brennan and J. Everett, on their re-election to Dail Eireann. He was sorry that he had not the pleasure of congratulating their able Councillor, Mr. J. O'Toole. Councillor P. McCarthy said that congratulations might also be extended to Councillor Timmins for his achievement on his first occasion in seeking election. Councillor Miss M. Walsh supporting Councillor McCarthy said that Councillor Timmins had won a moral victory.

ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF COTTAGE AT MULLINAVEIGUE, ROUNDWOOD.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the sale of Cottage No. 214 formerly vested in the late Daniel Kavanagh at Knockraheen, Roundwood, to Mr. Edward Kavanagh, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, and approve of the affixing of the seal of the Council to Transfer submitted by Council's Solicitor."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—UNSERVICED RURAL COTTAGES—DIVERSITY OF ACCOMMODATION AND DWELLINGS FOR SMALL HOUSEHOLDS, "OPEN PLANNING" IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES, ETC.—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Letter of 13th September, 1961, from Department of Local Government, conveying revision of certain requirements and making suggestions regarding the planning and submission of housing proposals with a view to encouraging better and more economical planning, clarifying policy of provision of accommodation to meet the needs of small households and simplifying procedure in regard to tenders, had been circulated to the members. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that there was a lot involved in the letter from the Department and suggested that consideration be deferred to the next meeting. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Haughton, it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit his observations and his recommendations regarding the suggestions of the Department of Local Government in relation to the planning of Rural Cottages.

ITEM No. 3—PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE COTTAGE AT KILCARRA FOR PATRICK O'REILLY.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion, but that it was desired to bring to the notice of the Council the Report obtained from the County Medical Officer on the matter. In the Report the County Medical Officer agreed that the applicant needed re-housing, but stated that he was in full agreement with the County Manager that building in the proposed area which was isolated was undesirable. He considered that the house should be provided convenient to public services. The County Secretary stated that the owner of the plot of ground was prepared to dispose of the plot for the sum of £40. Councillor McCarthy stated that a proposal to provide a cottage on this site had already been approved by the Council, and he pointed out that there was a village or little hamlet there. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would not agree with the building of cottages in isolated areas because of the difficulty of re-letting such cottages. Following a further discussion, the Chairman pointed out that a decision had already been taken on the matter and the Council agreed to proceed with the erection of the cottage and approved of the purchase of the plot for the sum of £40, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

ENGAGEMENT OF ARCHITECT.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the services of a Consultant Architect be obtained to prepare Plans, Specifications and Detailed Costs for cottages to be erected on sites at Aughrim, Rathdrum, Carnew, Blessington and on isolated sites. The County Manager stated that the services of an Architect would be required for the designing of the houses and pointed out that the Council had had the services of an Architect in previous years and he had helped to introduce new standards of design. The County Manager also mentioned that the Council's Clerk of Works, Mr. R. Kavanagh, had reached the age limit for the post, but had been continued temporarily in an unestablished capacity. He felt that it would be a suitable opportunity to arrange for the recruitment of an Architect. In reply to Councillor J. J. McCreagh, Chairman, who had stated that rural cottages in Wicklow had been erected in the past at costs less than in any other county, the County Manager stated that he could not agree and pointed out that when he took up duty in Wicklow he was surprised to find that the cost of erection of cottages was so much higher than in other counties with which he had been familiar.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of recommendation of County Engineer for engagement of Consultant Architect for the design of cottages for new Housing Schemes approved by the Council."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE COTTAGE FOR JOHN MASON, KNOCKADREIT, ASHFORD.

With reference to the application of Mr. John Mason, Knockadreit, Ashford, for the provision of a house for him, the following report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:—

REPORT ON HOUSE OF JOHN MASON.

22nd September, 1961.

Family 2. Rooms 3. Ventilation bad. Thatched Roof which is dangerous. Walls bad. House is deplorably unfit and in my opinion dangerous. Situation of the house is somewhat remote. It is approached by an untarred lane which I think is public. A satisfactory site is available with a well 200 or 300 yards away. E.S.B. supply stops a considerable distance from the site. This man's house is deplorable. The question of his re-housing is a matter of policy.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Mason's valuation was £13. 5. 0. on Land and £1. 0. 0. on Buildings, but since his main source of livelihood seemed to be from his own land he would not appear to qualify as an agricultural labourer. If that were so the Council could only provide him with a house on the basis of his paying an annuity to cover the repayment of the costs. If the total cost of the provision of the house amounted to £1,500, the annuity would be approximately 35/- per week. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposed that the case be submitted to the Minister for a decision as he understood that it was the intention that Local Authorities should provide houses for such applicants. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked could not all the applications received by the Council of this type be submitted for the decision of the Minister. The Council agreed that particulars of the applications received by the Council from persons who were small farmers and did not seem to qualify as agricultural labourers be submitted to the Department of Local Government, together with the County Medical Officer's Reports on their present housing conditions. The Council agreed also that Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., discuss the matter with the Minister.

ITEM No. 5—GRANTS FOR PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN RESPECT OF UNVESTED COUNCIL COTTAGES.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from the Department of Local Government to the Council's enquiry indicating that the occupier of an unvested Council Cottage could qualify for a Grant in respect of the provision and installation of private water supply. Where a State Grant was paid in such cases a Supplementary Grant could be paid by the Council. Grants, however, were not available to the occupiers of unvested Council Cottages for the provision and installation of private sewerage facilities. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE AT BALLINACoola, GLENEALY.

The Council considered the application of Mr. James Byrne, Ballinacoola, Glenealy, for payment of a Supplementary Grant in respect of the reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at Glenealy. The County Secretary pointed out that the dwellinghouse had a floor area of less than 500 sq. ft. A Grant of £66 had been allocated by the Department.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor James Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £66. 0. 0. to Mr. James Byrne, Ballinacoola, Glenealy, in respect of the Reconstruction of dwellinghouse at Glenealy."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT AT AVOCA.

The County Secretary submitted the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £9. 0. 0. for the provision of additional public light at Avoca.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of acceptance of Quotation of E.S.B. for the provision of additional public light at Avoca in the sum of £9. 0. 0."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that the decision of the Minister on Appeal submitted by Mr. P. O'Connor, Kilmacanogue, against the refusal of permission by the Council for the reconstruction of his former Garage at Kilmacanogue, had been received. The Minister had granted permission for the reconstruction of the Garage. The Council noted the decision on the matter.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The County Secretary stated that one Scholarship holder, Mr. P. J. Lynch, had failed his University Examination in the Spring and again in the Autumn and had written to ask that the Council would agree to defer his Scholarship for one year and stating that he would meet the expense of repeating the Course for Examination in the following year. The Scholarships for other candidates could be renewed subject to satisfactory reports being received in regard to their progress.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of renewal of University Scholarship of Mr. M. J. Tuite for the year 1961/62 and approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for the year 1961/62 in respect of the following Scholarship Holders, subject to satisfactory reports being submitted in regard to progress during the year 1960/61 :—

Mr. John Kelly, Rathdrum.

Miss B. J. Nolan, Arklow.

Mr. L. P. Tallon, Arklow.

We approve of deferment for one year of Scholarship for Mr. P. J. Lynch, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to arrange for a Meeting of the Scholarship Committee at an early date to consider the Scholarship Schemes for 1962/63 and the effects of the Local Authority (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961. The Council agreed that a Meeting of the Committee be held at 3.30 p.m. on the 18th October, 1961.

ITEM No. 10—COTTAGES AT KINDLESTOWN.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted :—

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

11th September, 1961.

JTO'B/AD

Acting County Secretary.

Re/ Kindlestown Cottages—Condition of Floors.

A Chara,

On the 9th inst., I personally inspected Cottages Nos. 33, 34, 36 and 37 and found that portions of the kitchen floors in each case and a backroom in one case showed signs of weakness and I formed the opinion that a type of dampness or dryrot was present.

This condition, as you will appreciate, can be the result of many factors, amongst which are the laying of cheap quality linoleum over the flooring, in one, or even two layers, causing condensation and dampness, especially if this is laid tight from wall to wall; or, the accumulation of clay, grass, gravel and shrubs and other growths level with the damp proof course, or over the ventilators. The condition could also be affected, of course, by ground dampness rising from foundations and subfloors.

In all cases the condition was observed in the kitchen floors, and, as I pointed out in one case, in a back room. The condition is not yet extensive, but I propose to have the floors taken up in part and repaired. At the same time all the tenants should be warned that the linoleum is extremely detrimental to the flooring and that the ventilators and line of damp course in these cottages should be carefully kept clear of any obstruction, and bushes and shrubs should not be planted against the walls.

In this particular instance the tenants pointed out that the field on the higher level and immediately adjoining this terrace of houses was very wet during adverse weather conditions, and it may be that water from this field may have caused these complaints. I have given immediate instructions to open a trench on the upper side of the accommodation road in order to examine what conditions prevail.

The portions of the floors and joists which show signs of dampness will be taken up and renewed with the least possible delay.

I may say also that some of the houses in the same terrace do not show signs of dampness in the floors. It is satisfactory to note also that these houses are very well maintained by the tenants.

Mise, le meas

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that in his opinion the dry rot resulted from the timber used in the houses having been stored in the open during the emergency period and having become infected with dry rot. The Council agreed that an inspection of the houses be made by an Architect.

HOUSE AT HERBERT ROAD, BRAY—APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Council at a previous Meeting, the County Engineer had inspected the house at Herbert Lodge, Bray, for the purpose of which a Loan was sought by Mr. J. Doyle. The Report of the County Engineer was as follows :—

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

6th October, 1961.

Ref: JTO'B/AD.

County Secretary.

Re/ Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Application for Loan for Herbert Lodge, Bray.

A Chara,

I have inspected this premises on two occasions.

The house is a one storey structure, L shaped, masonry external walls, pebbled dashed and roofed with pan tiles and part nib tiles. I did not observe any sign of dampness except in the kitchen on the eastern wall, and this is due to a fault in the water storage tank and pipe leading thereto.

I examined the roof through the ceiling opening in the rafters and the boarding appeared to be sound. The portion of the roof covered with nib tiles; the tiles themselves are broken and missing in a few cases, these could readily be renewed.

The floors where they have been laid in timber are very sound and are comparatively new; I have evidence that some two years ago these floors were completely relayed with new joists and the cross walls were provided with damp proof course. The only factor giving concern is the insufficiency of glass area and this is a matter which should be attended to.

Provided that the trees and bushes and overgrowth are cut down and removed, and that the growth surrounding the dwelling is dug out and taken away to a depth of 6" below level of floors, for a distance of 7 ft. all around the walls and that adequate glass area is provided by (a) an additional window in the eastern wall of the kitchen together with a glass panel in the back door; (b) an additional window in the eastern wall of the large sitting room and the enlargement of the existing small window therein; (c) the opening up of the small window in the smaller of the two bedrooms; (d) the opening up of a new window in the rear wall of No. 2 bedroom where a recess in the external wall now exists; (e) the western gable to be hacked off and re-plastered and cracks against the chimney stack repaired.

I am prepared to recommend to the Council that the application for a loan of £700 be approved.

Mise, le meas

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

6th October, 1961.

Ref: JTO'B/AD.
County Secretary.

Re/ Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Application for Loan for Herbert Lodge, Bray.

A Chara.

Further to my report of this date concerning the above, the issue of loan, in my opinion, should also be conditional on the following factors:—

- (1) When the clay, and ground will have been removed 6" below floor level all round, the walls where exposed must be properly plastered and repaired.
- (2) The window in existing glass porch to be hinged and capable of being opened.
- (3) The window in bathroom to be enlarged so as to give a minimum 1/10 glass area.
- (4) The external wall east side of bathroom, where damaged by leaking tank to be repaired and plastered.
- (5) The location of septic tank and drainage to be ascertained and examined.
- (6) The holding on which the loan is to be given is to include the plot on which house stands and the adjoining garden plot.
- (7) The old farm building now built in against the western gable to be taken away at that corner and clear of main house.
- (8) No payment to be made until a final inspection of approval is made by County Engineer.

Mise, le meas

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. Temple handed in the following Report which had been obtained by Mr. J. Doyle, from Mr. C. A. Stanfield.

Vevay Road,

Bray,

Co. Wicklow.

15th September, 1961.

Mr. J. Doyle,
Vevay Road,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow.

Re/ Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray.

Dear Mr. Doyle,

In response to your request I have made an inspection of the plain tiled roof of the above.

I am of the opinion that the roof, generally, is in good condition. There

are a few tiles with broken corners due to damage and a small number showing signs of flaking on the bottom edges. I did not find any cracked or dislodged tiles and there is no sign of any flaking on the surface of tiles.

The tiles are evenly laid and close fitting and I consider that with normal maintenance the tiling will remain in good condition for many years.

Cyril A. Stanfield.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of a Loan of £700 being advanced to Mr. J. Doyle, for the purchase of house at Killarney Road, Bray, subject to County Engineer's recommendation regarding works to be carried out at the house.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING SEPTEMBER, 1961, AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING OCTOBER, 1961.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of September and the list of repairs to be carried out during October, 1961.

FORMER HOSPITAL SITE AT RATHNEW

The County Manager informed the Council in committee of an enquiry which had been received from an Industrialist from Germany in regard to the site at Rathnew which had been purchased by the Council originally for the purpose of a Hospital. He stated that the person concerned, Mr. Wunderlich, had approached the County Council to enquire as to the possibility of obtaining a site to be used for the purposes of an industry. Mr. Wunderlich had also been in touch with Bray Urban District Council in regard to sites in the vicinity of Bray. It was understood that the site was required for a Polish Factory and that the products would be for the home market. The County Manager stated that he understood that no Grant had been, as yet, made available by the Industrial Development Authority. It is understood that the maximum number of persons who would be employed would be 50 or 60. The County Manager enquired would the Council be agreeable to an option being given to Mr. Wunderlich for a period of three months for the purchase of approximately half the area of the site at Rathnew. Mr. Wunderlich had indicated that only about ten acres would be required. The County Manager pointed out that the site at Rathnew contained almost 23 acres and was, he considered, an ideal site for industry as there was a 4" watermain in the public road beside the site and electric power was also available. The site adjoined the main Dublin/Wicklow Road. The County Manager was somewhat doubtful as to whether it would be desirable to dispose of only portion of the site for one industry. The Council agreed that a three month's option might be given to Mr. Wunderlich for 10 acres at £150 per acre.

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting of the Council that Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, be put into operation in the case of a serving member of the Garda Síochána for vesting Council house in Ardmore, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That an extra public light be erected opposite Aghrim Post Office.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th October, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman ;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill, were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 26th June, 3rd and 10th July, 1961.
2. Restoration of Ballymanus Bridge—To consider report from County Engineer and authorise raising of Loan.
3. Letter from County Council's General Council in regard to Motion that Main and County Roads be a National Charge.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding limits of eligibility for Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that a Pump be provided to supply water to tenants at Cronakeary, Ashford.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that a water supply be made available for residents at Milltown South, Rathnew.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that Swimming Pool be provided at Blessington.
8. Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council regarding building lease on hospital premises at Ki'mantin Hill, Wicklow.
9. Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding repairs and decorations to Doctor's Residence at Aughrim.
10. Proposed appointment of additional Clerical Officer for Health Services Section.
11. Re-organisation of Areas of Assistance Officers.
12. Application of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for guarantee of short term Loan.
13. Civil Liability Act, 1961—Provisions regarding Liability on Road Authority.
14. Abstracts of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1961.
15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 26th June, 3rd and 10th July, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—RESTORATION OF BALLYMANUS BRIDGE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the work of restoring the Old Bridge was in progress and that the pier and abutment had been built and underpinning completed. The County Engineer pointed out that it was fortunate that the work had been put in hands and had reached the present stage before the river floods covered up the sub-structure. He had been in touch with the Department in the matter and details had been discussed and agreed upon. He estimated the cost of restoration at £3,000 and the sanction of the Council to the raising of a Loan of this amount was sought.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That having considered Report of County Engineer of 3rd October, 1961, we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of restoring Ballymanus Bridge."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL IN REGARD TO MOTION THAT MAIN AND COUNTY ROADS BE A NATIONAL CHARGE.

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL
National Bank Chambers,
1/2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin.
7 Mean Fomhair, 1961.

To/The County Secretary.

Poor Law Rating.

A Chara,

"That the County Council's General Council request the Department of Local Government and the Government to give consideration in any review of "Poor Law Rating" that Main and County Roads be a National Charge."

The above motion was discussed at length at the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 24th ultimo.

Because of the important and far-reaching implications underlying the motion, it was eventually decided that the views of the individual Councils should be sought, and accordingly, I should be obliged if you would bring the motion before the next meeting of your Council and in due course let me have your views.

Mise, le meas,
Enri Mac Daibheid,
Runai.

The County Secretary stated that consideration would need to be given as to how roads would be made a National Charge and whether the necessary funds would be derived from increasing Road Tax. At a previous Meeting, the County Manager had suggested to the Council that Motor Taxation had increased to such an extent in recent years that a large portion of the expenditure on Roads could be met from this source and the Council's contribution reduced so as to enable the Council to provide funds for amenity schemes such as refuse collection services and other services which were being sought in many areas. The Council agreed that a summary of the views which had been expressed by the County Manager and agreed by the Council be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

ITEM No. 4—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING LIMITS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th October, 1961, from Department of Local Government in which it was indicated that where eligibility for Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was determined by the Rateable Valuation of a holding improvement in the financial circumstances of persons in this category did not take them outside the scope of the Acts as might occur where the income limit was the determining factor for an advance. It was stated in the letter that in the circumstances the Minister did not feel that an increase in the present valuation limit which covered some 90% of all farmers in the country was warranted. The Council noted the decision of the Minister on the matter.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT A PUMP BE PROVIDED TO SUPPLY WATER TO TENANTS AT CRONAKEARY, ASHFORD.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that tenants of four cottages at Cronakeary, Ashford, had no supply other than a supply from a river where cattle were standing during Summer months. The County Secretary stated that a Scheme to extend the Regional Water Supply at Cronroe along the road from Rathnew to Cronakeary had been approved by the Council and that Plans were being prepared for it. The cost of the Scheme was estimated at £14,400 and it would provide for a water supply to 41 houses.

ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT A WATER SUPPLY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS AT MILLTOWN SOUTH, RATHNEW.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked when a water supply could be made available for residents at Milltown South, Rathnew, and stated that there were over 118 persons including young children without a water supply for domestic purposes and that the regional supply was only about 600 yds. from their residence. The County Secretary stated that a Scheme for the extension of the pipeline along Milltown Lane to the Brickworks at Rathnew was in course of preparation and this would serve 34 houses and the estimated cost was £6,960. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked for an explanation regarding the Regional Scheme and referred to Wicklow Town having been without water for long periods and inquired why provision had not been made in the Scheme for supply of water to houses at Milltown and other places nearby. The County Secretary pointed out that the details of the Regional Scheme had been considered by the Council on several occasions and the Scheme did not provide for extensions to serve the areas mentioned. The Council had approved of certain extensions from the Scheme and these extensions had been provided. He pointed out that one of the main purposes of the Scheme was to subsidise the Wicklow Urban District Water Supply which had been found inadequate. He pointed out that the consumption in the Town of Wicklow was approaching 100 gallons per head per day and that the Wicklow Town Reservoir had been almost exhausted and that consequently the Regional Water Supply Scheme was supplying the greater part of the water required in Wicklow Urban District. The consumption of water in the Town was very much in excess of what it could reasonably have been expected to be. A recent brief interruption of the supply was due to a failure of the electricity supply over which the Council had no control. The County Manager referred to the quantity of water being used in Wicklow which was completely abnormal and pointed out that the Regional Supply which had been intended only to augment the Wicklow Supply was in fact supplying the Town. It was possible that increased pressure had resulted in leaks in the mains in the Town. He emphasised that the Regional Scheme was delivering the full amount of water for which it had been designed. The Wicklow Urban Water Supply had been affected by the reduction in rainfall during previous months and the rainfall had not been adequate to maintain the supply in the reservoir. An Inspector had been engaged previously to examine the mains, but the leaks found at that time did not account for the exceptionally high consumption. It was intended to engage a Consulting Engineer to carry out a further examination.

ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT SWIMMING POOL BE PROVIDED AT BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that the question of the provision of Swimming Pools had been considered by the Council at a previous Meeting, but that the Council took the view that until the matter of water supplies in the rural areas had been dealt with it would not be possible to make monies available for the provision of Swimming Pools. At present the matter of an improved supply for Blessington was being dealt with and it would seem that the provision of a Swimming Pool could not be considered until the water supply had been attended to. Councillor Miley stated that since the Lake at Blessington was a reservoir for Dublin Corporation, people in the area had not any right to swim in the

Lake and that there was a need for swimming facilities both for local people and for tourists. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the County Secretary enquire from An Bord Failte whether the Board could assist in preparing plans for a Swimming Pool at Blessington and whether the Board could contribute towards the cost by way of a Grant.

ITEM No. 8—HOSPITAL PREMISES AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 10th October, 1961, from Wicklow Urban District Council stating that the Urban District Council had agreed to grant a building lease of the premises known as the County Hospital, Wicklow, to the County Council, for a period of 75 years as from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £100, the tenant to pay rates and carry out all repairs. It was stated in the letter that it was a condition of the lease that the County Council put the building into a proper state of repair within three years of the date of the lease. The County Secretary stated that the County Council had maintained the building and a considerable amount had been expended on repairs to it at various times. Councillor Haughton stated that he did not see why the Council should consider renting the building unless it had been determined as to the use to which it would be put. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referred to the Meeting of the Sub-Committee which had been appointed by the Council to consider an alternative use for the premises and the possibility of their being used for offices for the staffs at present in Rathdrum. He stated that the Committee had met a Committee from the Urban District Council to discuss the matter of the rent and the County Council Members felt that £60 or £70 per year, the County Council paying rates, would be a fair rent. In order to meet the Urban District Council, the County Council Members were prepared to recommend the rent of £100 plus rates. Following a discussion in regard to the proposed transfer of staffs from the Offices at Rathdrum and the use of the premises at Kilmantin Hill to accommodate the staff in the course of which Councillor Haughton queried as to whether there would be any economy or convenience in the proposed transfer of staff, the Council agreed that the County Manager submit a report in regard to the financial effect of the proposed transfer of staff to the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council and the Sub-Committee's recommendation on the matter be then submitted to the Council.

ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS TO DOCTOR'S RESIDENCE AT AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the necessary repairs and decoration to the Doctor's Residence at Aughrim were estimated to cost £320 and in addition the electric light fittings required to be examined and possibly renewed as the wiring had been put in during the war years might now be defective. It was estimated that this would cost approximately an additional £100. The painting, decoration and repairs were badly needed as the house had not been decorated for about nineteen years and was now in a very dilapidated condition. In a further report the Assistant County Engineer stated that it had been necessary to replace the water service pipe to the residence and also to replace two w.c. pans.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell,

Resolved :—

"That having noted Reports of Assistant County Engineer of 11th September and 12 October, 1961, we approve of the carrying out of the necessary decoration and repairs to the District Medical Officer's Residence at Aughrim, including the renewal of electric wiring and note that the cost of the work will be approximately £500, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the works."

Passed unanimously.

DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that the costs of the works at the Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry had amounted to £3,000 and had now been completed. It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell,

Resolved :—

"That we note the Report on the costs of works at the Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry, and hereby authorise the expenditure of £3,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLERICAL OFFICER FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Secretary stated that since the death of Mr. J. W. Sheehan, who had been discharging the duties of Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, these duties had been carried on by the office staff at Rathdrum, but having regard to the general increase in the work of the Health Services and the extra duties arising in connection with Registration it was impossible to continue this work with the present staff. The approval of the Council was requested to the appointment of an additional Clerical Officer. The arrangement with the late Mr. Sheehan was that he received as remuneration the equivalent of the fees paid for Certificates and this amounted to from £250 to £270 per annum.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby approve of the creation of an additional office of Clerical Officer for Health Services Section, Wicklow County Council."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—RE-ORGANISATION OF AREAS OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to re-organise the areas of Assistance Officers consequent on the retirement of Mr. P. Brennan. It was proposed to assign the Tinahely and Coolattin Dispensary Districts to Mrs. M. Hunt and to transfer the Arklow District from Mrs. Hunt to Mr. P. Kinsella. The remaining Assistance Areas would remain unaltered. The matter had been discussed with the Officers concerned who were agreeable to the arrangement. Arrangements were also being made to remove the present limitations on payment of Travelling Assistance to Assistance Officers. The Council asked that details of the proposed re-arrangement of the Areas be circulated to the Members and the matter submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION OF WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS FOR GUARANTEE OF SHORT TERM LOAN.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had indicated that the Hibernian Bank had agreed to advance a sum of from £25,000 to £30,000 to the Commissioners for a period of one year at 5½% interest. It was stated that it was the commissioners' intention to apply to the Local Loans Fund for a Loan for a period of thirty to thirty-five years, but that pending the raising of the Loan they wished to avail of a short term Loan from the Bank and asked if the Council would guarantee the repayment of this Loan. The County Secretary suggested that the Council could scarcely give the necessary Guarantee until they had confirmation that the Scheme of Works had been agreed and approved by the Minister and that an indication had been given by the Minister that a Loan would be made available from the Local Loans Fund. The Council agreed that it would be necessary to defer the matter until the Minister's approval of the works and of the making available of a Loan had been obtained.

ITEM No. 13—CIVIL LIABILITY ACT, 1961.

The County Secretary directed the attention of the Council to the provisions of Section 60 of the Civil Liability Act, 1961, which would make Road Authorities liable for damage caused as a result of their failure to maintain adequately a public road. It was indicated in the Section that the Section would not come into operation before the 1st April, 1967. The County Secretary pointed out that the Section would impose special liabilities on the Council and it seemed that the manner in which the Section was worded would lead to considerable litigation. At present the County Council could be held liable only for malfeasance but not for nonfeasance, that is, if the Council carried out repairs to a road, and as a result of these repairs not being properly carried out a person met with an accident, there might be a claim against the Council, but the Council was not responsible for any accident which might arise as a result of the natural deterioration of the road surface. The Council noted the provisions of the Section and the liability which would be imposed on local authorities and also the likelihood of the wording of the Section giving rise to considerable litigation.

ITEM No. 14—ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1961.

The County Secretary submitted the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1961, which were ready for submission for audit. It was:—

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

Resolved:—

"That we note the submission of the Abstracts of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

In regard to the resignation of Mr. G. M. O'Byrne, Assistant County Engineer, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked if anyone had been secured to replace him. The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commission for the appointment of an Assistant County Engineer and it was expected that he would be able to take up duty at the beginning of December. In the meantime a Temporary Engineer engaged by the Council, Mr. Kinlen, had been assigned as Temporary Assistant County Engineer.

RETIREMENT OF MR. W. C. BYRNE.

The County Manager informed the Council that Mr. W. C. Byrne, Staff Officer would be retiring under the age limit before the end of the month. He stated that Mr. Byrne had been a very popular and helpful official and had given very good service to the Council over the past forty-two years. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed appreciation of the services given by Mr. Byrne whom he had known for very many years, and wished every luck and happiness in his retirement. The Chairman and Members of the Council asked that the best wishes of the Members be conveyed to Mr. Byrne.

PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT SHILLELAGH.

Councillor Hadden asked if an additional light could be provided at Shillelagh at the Protestant Church and Schools and stated that he understood that a light could be provided on an existing pole at a very reasonable cost. On the proposal of Councillor Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that the light be provided subject to the Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board being reasonable.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT BAWNOGUE.

Councillor O'Neill referred to proposed road improvement works at Bawnogue, Baltinglass and stated that for the purposes of the road improvement the Council proposed to acquire a large area of land from Mr. Farrell and that this would cause great hardship to him. He asked would it be possible to amend the Plans so as to avoid taking such a large area of land. It was agreed that the County Engineer and the local members of the Council would meet on the site with a view to seeing if the proposals could be revised.

SUB-COMMITTEE RE BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council in connection with the Brittas Bay Development Plan was deferred. The Architect for the Brittas Bay Development Co. Ltd., was preparing a Plan to illustrate certain proposals of the Brittas Bay Development Co. Ltd., and when these were available a further Meeting of the Sub-Committee would be arranged.

RATHDRUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Rathdrum Development Association asking that the thanks and appreciation of their Members be conveyed to the Chairman and Members of the Council for the courtesy and attention accorded to their Deputation on the 11th September.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose that part of the Street other than the main road in Baltinglass be designated as Parking Space.

In the name of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D.—That we or someone for us will move that the Council get a report on the advisability of building a number of fully serviced cottages in Tinahely.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th November, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman:

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers P. T. Hickey, J. P. Caffrey, K. Kinlen and S. O'Fearghaill, were present.

AGENDA

1. Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities — Proposed raising of additional loan.
2. Applications for Loans towards cost of Reconstruction of dwellinghouses— Proposed Amendment of Scheme.
3. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D., that a Report be obtained on the advisability of building a number of fully serviced cottages in Tinahely.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, be put into operation in the case of a serving member of the Garda Síochána for vesting Council house in Parkmore, Baltinglass.
5. Town and Regional Planning Acts, etc.
 - (a) Proposed acquisition of Memorial Plot to Thomas Moore at Avoca.
 - (b) Proposed Improvements at Blessington.
 - (c) Provision of Tennis Courts at Greystones.
6. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of October, 1961, and Repairs to be carried out during November, 1961.

ITEM No. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that the total number of Grants allocated to date in respect of Repair and Improvement of houses, Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities and towards the erection of new houses amounted to 761 and the total value £259,900. The number of Grants paid to date was 599 to a value of £46,293. The total loans approved by the Council to date was £60,000. During the half-year from 1st April, 1961 to 30th September, 1961, a sum of £11,399 had been paid in Grants and consequently it would be necessary to raise an additional Loan of £10,000 to meet payments which would arise. The County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the current year's estimates for Supplementary Grants was equivalent to about 3½d. in the pound and it was expected that the amount which would be required in the coming year if the Scheme were to be continued would be about 5½d. or 5½d.

It was:—

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses and for the erection of new houses and provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS TOWARDS COST OF RECONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES — PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHEME.

The County Secretary referred to the Scheme which had been adopted by the Council for the making of Loans to persons reconstructing the dwellings and who are not in a position to meet the proportion of the cost of the work to

be borne by the applicant for Reconstruction Grants. Only two Applications for such Loans had been received, one being from a farmer with a Valuation of £11. 5. 0. and to whom the maximum Loan which could be given was £70. 0. 0. and the other a farm worker who stated that his income was £273 per annum and who had a smallholding valued at £1. 10. 0. and who sought a Loan of £80. As it would be necessary for the Council to secure the advance of any monies by means of a mortgage on the house, legal costs would be involved which under the terms of the Scheme would have to be met by the applicant. The amount of the costs would be about £10. 0. 0. and as this would present a rather substantial amount for the borrowers it was suggested that the Council might wish to amend the Scheme to allow of the amount of the legal costs being included in the Loan. Following a discussion on the matter in which Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed the view that persons seeking Loans should be in a position to pay any legal costs directly.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby amend the Scheme of Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement Works on dwellinghouses by the addition of the following Article 2, Part 2, Item 2 of the Scheme:—

A Loan to be given by the Council may include the amount of legal costs and expenses payable by the applicant."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the making of a similar amendment in the Council's Scheme for Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. QUIGLEY AND J. EVERETT, T.D., RE ADVISABILITY OF BUILDING A NUMBER OF FULLY SERVICED COTTAGES IN TINAHELY.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that seven applications had been received for the provision of houses in Tinahely and that the County Medical Officer had reported on the housing conditions of the applicants and had indicated that in the case of three applicants their present houses were satisfactory; two applicants were single; in the case of one applicant while the house was satisfactory it was in need of repair and in only one case was there a need for re-housing on the grounds of overcrowding. It seemed doubtful, therefore, if there was at present any need for the provision of serviced houses in Tinahely. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that particulars of the County Medical Officer's Report be circulated to the Members of the Council for the area and Councillor Miss Walsh asked that particulars of the rent which would be payable for a serviced house, if provided, be supplied to her.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL, THAT SECTION 16 OF THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1956, BE PUT INTO OPERATION IN THE CASE OF A SERVING MEMBER OF THE GARDA SIOCHANA FOR VESTING COTTAGE IN PARKMORE, BALTINGLASS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion,

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Miley,

Resolved:—

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, as amended by Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, we hereby declare Timothy P. Griffin, tenant of Cottage at 42 Parkmore, Baltinglass, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936."

The County Secretary read the Section of the Act which authorised the Council to declare a person to be a qualified person for the purpose of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, so as to make him eligible to purchase his house under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. The operation of the Section was

a reserved function of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that he had advised previously that he thought it undesirable that the Section should be operated in favour of a Member of the Garda Siochana who might be transferred from the area at any time. The Council had operated the Section on one occasion in respect of a member of the Defence Forces, but in that instance the Council were satisfied that the applicant's family would be permanently living in the cottage. Councillor J. Temple indicated that he had to agree with the view expressed by the County Manager and stated that he thought it undesirable that a member of the Garda Siochana who would be liable to transfer at any time should be permitted to purchase a cottage under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. He enquired would it be possible to insert any conditions in the Declaration so as to provide that in the event of the tenant/purchaser being transferred within a period of say five years, the cottage would revert to the Council. The Council decided to defer the matter and to obtain the advice of the Council's Solicitor as to the Council's powers to impose conditions.

ITEM No. 5—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, ETC.

(a) Proposed acquisition of Memorial Plot to Thomas Moore at Avoca.

The County Manager informed the Council that there was a proposal that Dr. H. Mackey who was the owner of the plot at Avoca associated with Thomas Moore would sell the plot to the Council for the sum of £300 with a lease of twenty-five years at a nominal rent of £1. 0. 0. per annum and that the Council would carry out improvements to the plot which was not in a satisfactory condition at present. An Bord Failte had indicated that they would provide a Grant to meet the cost of the acquisition and towards the improvements to be carried out by the Council when acquired. Dr. Mackey would require an assurance that the property would be used only as a Thomas Moore Memorial Site. The County Manager pointed out that there had been some criticisms in the newspapers recently of the manner in which the plot was kept. The Council agreed that improvements to the plot were very desirable, but felt that the plot should be disposed of to the Council freehold so that it would remain in the Council's control. It was agreed that the Council's views on the matter be conveyed to An Bord Failte.

(b) Proposed Improvements at B'essington.

The County Manager stated that An Bord Failte had been in touch with the Electricity Supply Board and with the Corporation of Dublin in regard to the proposal to provide improved facilities to enable visitors to enjoy the Lakes at Blessington. The proposal's involve providing access to the Lakeside at certain points, provision of Car Parks and opening up views of the Lakes, and also Planting at several sites alongside the Lakes. The County Manager submitted details of the proposals. The County Manager also pointed out that the Council had some while ago granted approval to the erection of a new Club House for the Blessington Sailing Club. The Council agreed in principle with the proposals and noted that a further report would be made when the details of the Improvement Schemes had been settled. Councillor Miley urged that the works approved on Roads around the Lake be put in hands at an early date. Councillor Miley also asked that before the final details of the Scheme were settled that the particulars of the proposals be made available to the Blessington Development Association who were anxious to be consulted in the matter and felt that they could assist. It was agreed that the Blessington Development Association would be kept informed regarding the proposed Improvements.

(c) Provision of Tennis Courts at Greystones.

The County Manager stated that the matter of the proposed provision of Tennis Courts on a site at Trafalgar Road, Greystones, had been discussed with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. It was proposed that the Council would lease from the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, a plot of land opposite the Hotel, and with the aid of a grant from An Bord Failte, provide Tennis Courts on the plot and a Tennis Pavilion. The plot and Pavilion would then be leased to the Greystones Tennis Club for a period of years and it was suggested that the period might be twenty-five years. It was considered by An Bord Failte that the provision of Tennis Courts at this place would be a very desirable amenity for visitors to the area. The Council approved in principle of the proposal.

ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1961, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING NOVEMBER, 1961.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out in October, 1961, and of those to be carried out during November, 1961. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that complaints were widespread regarding delays in the carrying out of repairs to cottages and suggested that the Council should consider engaging an Engineer to carry out a complete survey of all cottages and list all repairs required in order that the Council could determine how the matter could be dealt with. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to cases where repairs had been sought for a long period, but had not yet been carried out. Councillor McCarthy pointed out that at the Estimates Meeting in each year, the Council had reduced the provision for cottage repairs and consequently the extent of repairs which could be done in any year was limited. The Council agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

ERECTION OF COTTAGES

In reply to enquiry by Councillor McCarthy as to the delay in arranging for the erection of a cottage for Mr. Thomas Wall at Sea Road, Johnstown, the County Engineer stated that Plans for the cottage were ready and that he would recommend that tenders be invited for the erection of cottages at Johnstown and at Eadestown, Stratford-On-Slaney, by contract. He stated that tenders would be invited for the erection of these cottages.

COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY.

Councillor A. Hadden supported by Councillor Walsh referred to the requests which had been made for a report in regard to works required to put the Courthouse premises in Tinahely into a proper state of repair and asked that a full report in regard to this matter be available for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th December, 1961.

EXTENSION OF BURIAL GROUND AT GLENDALOUGH.

Councillor R. Miley enquired as to the position regarding the proposed Extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough and it was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th November.

ERECTION OF HOUSES FOR SMALL FARMERS.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the housing accommodation of small farmers who had applied for the erection of houses and particulars as to their eligibility be supplied to the Members of the Council who were Dail Deputies in order that they could take up the matter with the Minister.

COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME No. 5.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to representations made by tenants of the cottages at Ballyfree, Glenealy, that the annuity under the Cottage Purchase Scheme affecting the houses would be greater than the present rent being paid by the tenants and asked if the annuity could be reduced. The County Secretary stated that the annuity was at the same rate for all serviced cottages throughout the County and had been fixed in relation to the average economic rent of the cottage. It would not be possible to reduce the annuity in respect of any particular group of cottages. In determining the Scheme, the Council had been aware that the amount of the annuity would in certain instances exceed the present rent being paid, but had agreed that the figure determined as the annuity was feasible having regard to the cost of the erection of the cottages. There was no obligation on tenants to avail of the Scheme.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or some Councillor for me shall move that water extension be provided for twelve houses near existing mains at Cemetery at Glenealy and that services be provided for residents at Chapel Lane, Kilcandra and Kinamanagh and Bahana Area; that existing pipe at Ballykillavane be extended towards Ballymerrigan and Ballylusk as ten cottages and two farms are along this route.

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh—That I or someone for me will move that Ballycumber Lane be put in proper repair by the County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th November, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors A. H. Hadden, C. W. Hudson and Miss M. Walsh.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, K. J. Kinlen and S. O'Fearghail, were present.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th and 21st August, 1961.
2. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for year 1962 — Report of Scholarship Committee and letter from Department of Education.
3. Conditions of Employment of Roadworkers — Report on discussions with representatives of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and Federation of Rural Workers.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins that part of the Street in Baltinglass which is properly lighted and where cars have been parked by custom be designated as a Parking Space.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh that Ballycumber Lane be put in proper repair by the County Council.
6. Application for taking over approach road to Glen of the Downs School as a public road.
7. Tinahely Courthouse — Report of County Engineer regarding repairs required.
8. Dunlavin Courthouse — Proposed Scheme for Repairs.
9. Electrical Re-Wiring of Courthouse, Wicklow — To affix seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd., in respect of Supplementary Loan of £937. 16. 2.
10. Alterations and extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital — To affix seal of Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for Supplementary Loan of £6,000.
11. Revision of remuneration of staffs — Health Services.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that water extension be provided for twelve houses near existing mains at Cemetery, Glenealy, and that services be provided for residents at Chapel Lane, Kilcandra, Kilmanagh and Bahana, and that existing pipe at Ballykillavane be extended towards Ballymerrigan and Ballylusk, as ten cottages and two farms are along this route.
13. Re-Organisation of Areas of Assistance Officers.
14. Proposed extension to Burial Ground at Glendalough.
15. Proposed Survey for Cottage Repairs — Report of County Engineer.
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Assistant Commissioner Quinn, Garda Sióchaina, and the members of his family, on the tragic death of his wife, Mrs. Quinn, in a road accident. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

MOTION RE GARDAI.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton,

Resolved :—

"That this Council urge the Government to appoint a Commission or an independent arbitrator to enquire into the grievances of the Gardai."

We deplore the action taken against eleven members of the Force who were merely exercising their right of coming together and discussing in a constitutional manner their grievances and deciding on how they might further their just cause. With a view to an amicable settlement of this dispute we request the Government to reconsider the position of the eleven dismissed men, who were only acting on behalf of the members and pending the Commission's or Arbitrator's findings to reinstate these men and try and settle this dispute in an amicable manner.

Passed.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was :—

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th August, 1961, and 21st August, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1962 — REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Report of the Scholarship Committee be circulated to the Members of the Council and the matter deferred to the next Meeting. The County Secretary indicated that it would be necessary to have the Scheme adopted by the Council and approved by the Minister in sufficient time to enable applications under the Scheme to be invited during the month of December. The Council decided to defer the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th December, 1961, and directed that the report of the Scholarship Committee be circulated to the Members.

ITEM No. 3—CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF ROADWORKERS—REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION AND FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager, County Engineer and County Secretary had met representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and of the Federation of Rural Workers at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 30th October, 1961, to discuss the recommendations made by the Labour Court in relation to the employment conditions of roadworkers. The following agreements were reached with the representatives of the Unions, subject to confirmation by the Council :—

INTRODUCTION OF FIVE-DAY WEEK :

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that a Five-Day Working Week for Roadworkers be operated from 1st March to 31st October in each year, subject to the arrangement agreed upon with the Union representatives that certain workers who were required for essential works on Saturdays during the period be employed on Saturday mornings and paid at normal rate of pay, but allowed a half-day off in lieu on the Monday afternoon following. It was agreed that a list of the jobs regarded as essential for Saturday work would be prepared and forwarded to the Unions.

SICK PAY SCHEME :

It was recommended to the Council that a Sick Pay Scheme be introduced to be applicable to all pensionable servants whose names had been on the Register of Pensionable Servants for a period of at least one year. The Scheme would cover the payment to a worker of the difference between his normal full week's pay and the amount of Social Welfare Benefit for a period of two weeks and payment of one-quarter of the amount paid in each of the first two weeks would be paid for the third and fourth week of illness. The first three days of illness would be excluded.

PAYMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL TO CARTERS :

It was recommended to the Council that the differential payable to Carters be increased to 11/6d. per day. The present differential was 9/10d. per day.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS :

It was indicated to the representatives of the Unions that the matter of weekly payments had been considered by the Council, but having regard to the cost involved and the difficulties that would arise therefrom, the Council did not consider that it would be justifiable to introduce this system at present. The representatives of the Unions noted the position and indicated that they would make further representations on the matter in a year's time.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That having considered report of County Manager on Meeting with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Federation of Rural Workers, in regard to the recommendations of the Labour Court in relation to remuneration and conditions of employment of Roadworkers, we hereby approve of the introduction of a Five-Day Working Week for Council Workers, as from 1st March to 31st October in each year, subject to the arrangements agreed upon with the Employees' Unions in relation to essential works on Saturdays.

Passed unanimously.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the introduction of a Sick Pay Scheme for Workers in accordance with the terms recommended by the County Manager."

Passed unanimously.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of payments to Carters at the rate of 11/6d. per day in addition to Roadworkers' rate of pay, with effect from 17th November, 1961."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR G. TIMMINS THAT PART OF THE STREET IN BALTINGLASS WHICH IS PROPERLY LIGHTED AND WHERE CARS HAVE BEEN PARKED BY CUSTOM BE DESIGNATED AS A PARKING SPACE.

With reference to Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Timmins, the County Secretary stated that the Road Traffic Act, 1961, Section 90, provided that the Commissioner of the Gardai might, with the consent of the Minister, and after consultation with the local authority concerned, make Bye-Laws for the control and regulation of parking of vehicles on public roads in respect of any specified area. The matter, therefore, was one in the first instance, for the Commissioner of the Gardai. The Council noted the position and it was agreed that the request contained in the Motion be brought to the notice of the Superintendent of the Gardai for the Baltinglass Area.

SPEED LIMITS IN BUILT-UP AREAS:

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the Provisions of Section 45 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, under which a Speed Limit of 30 m.p.h. would apply to all roads in built-up areas. The term "Roads in Built-Up Areas" means all public roads in the urban districts in the County and the Minister had power to exclude specified roads in such areas and also to include roads outside these areas. As it would be necessary to establish a list of such exclusions and inclusions, the Minister sought the co-operation of local authorities in the preparation of such a list, a work on which local knowledge and experience was essential. The Department had recommended that a Technical Committee be set up for each County, consisting of the County Engineer as Chairman, the Town Surveyors for the Urban Districts and representatives of the Garda Síochána, comprising the Chief Superintendents and Superintendents, having responsibility in the County. This Committee would prepare a report recommending the list of roads to be excluded from each Municipal Area for Speed Limit purposes and of roads outside the Municipal Areas to be added for the same purposes. In the preparation of the report the Technical Committee might, if they thought fit, consult local interests in the towns and villages. The report, when prepared, would be submitted to the elective bodies in the County, together with any observations the County Manager might wish to offer, and the report would then be forwarded to the Minister with the observations of the Members of the elective bodies and of the County Manager. Councillor Temple suggested that the procedure recommended by the Department was not an acceptable one in that the Committee did not include Members of the local authorities. It was explained by the County Manager that the Committee was a Technical Committee and that the Committee's recommendations would be submitted for examination and consideration by the local authorities who were not in any way bound to accept such recommendations. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that Members of the Council would submit their own recommendations to the Council in regard to roads outside the built-up areas to which Speed Limits should be applied and roads in the built-up areas which might be excluded from the application of the Speed Limits.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MISS WALSH THAT BALLYCUMBER LANE BE PUT IN PROPER REPAIR BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the request of Councillor Miss Walsh who was unable to attend the Meeting, it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next Meeting.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR TAKING OVER OF APPROACH ROAD TO GLEN OF THE DOWNS SCHOOL AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for the taking over as a public road of the stretch of road from the Downs Village to the Downs School. The road served two houses and the School and it was estimated that the cost of surfacing would be from £40 to £50. The Architect on behalf of the School Authorities had also asked if the Council would be prepared to re-surface the school yard in tarmacadam. The Council agreed that public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over this section of road as a public road and agreed also that the Council might carry out the re-surfacing of the school yard in tarmacadam provided the cost was paid by the School Authorities.

ITEM No. 7—TINAHELY COURTHOUSE.

In the absence of Councillors Miss Walsh and A. H. Hadden, the Council agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting.

ITEM No. 8—DUNLAVIN COURTHOUSE — PROPOSED SCHEME FOR REPAIRS.

The County Secretary stated that in 1955 it was ascertained that the Estate owning the Dunlavin Courthouse was not in a position to maintain the premises which from a report submitted by the Council's Architect, was stated to be the

finest example of civic architecture in County Wicklow. The Council arranged to purchase the premises and the purchase was completed in 1956. The Council had carried out repairs to the premises since that date, but it was considered that fairly substantial works would be required to put the premises into a proper condition. The Council had recently been in communication with An Bord Fáilte with a view to seeing if any Grant could be obtained towards the cost of works to preserve the building and it was understood that a Scheme of Works to restore the building would qualify for a Grant of 50% of the costs from the Department of Local Government as an Amenity Scheme and that An Bord Fáilte would be prepared to contribute 25% of the total cost. The Council would consequently have to meet only 25% of the cost. In order that a Schedule of Works could be prepared, it would be necessary to engage an Architect and the approval of the Council was requested to the engagement of Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, who had previously been employed by the Council.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the engagement of Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, for the purpose of preparing a Schedule of Works for the restoration of Dunlavin Courthouse and of application being made for a Grant from the Department of Local Government towards the cost of the works when ascertained.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—ELECTRICAL RE-WIRING OF COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM NATIONAL BANK LTD., IN RESPECT OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £937. 16. 2.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated the 15th day of September, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £937. 16. 2. be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the cost of works additional to the original contract for the re-wiring of The Courthouse, Wicklow, to be repaid within eight and a half years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction, provided the said Loan and Interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £6,000

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works for Ireland, for the repayment of the sum of £6,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Health Acts, 1947 to 1958 and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1925 to 1957."

Passed unanimously.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby undertake that instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Pass (X) UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM No. 11—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF STAFFS—HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had now been reached in regard to the revision of remuneration of Medical Officers of the Council's Hospitals, Nursing Staffs and Ambulance Drivers and the approval of the Council to their revisions of salaries was required. Proposals were under consideration in regard to Wardsmaids and other staff in the Council's Institutions, Public Health Nurses, Midwives and Health Inspectors, and it was expected that agreement on the revisions of remuneration in these cases would shortly be reached. It was estimated that the net cost in the present financial year, allowing for 50% recoupment from the Health Grant would be about £4,000 and the revisions would involve about £3,700 in the coming financial year.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the revision of remuneration of Staffs under the Health Services in accordance with such terms as may be approved by the Minister and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised remuneration:

Medical Officers in Institutions
Nursing Staffs
Wardsmaids and other staff in Institutions
Ambulance Drivers
Public Health Nurses
Midwives
Health Inspectors."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT WATER EXTENSION BE PROVIDED FOR TWELVE HOUSES NEAR EXISTING MAINS AT CEMETERY, GLENEALY, AND THAT SERVICES BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS AT CHAPEL LANE, KILCANDRA, KILNAMANAGH AND BAHANA, AND THAT EXISTING PIPE AT BALLYKILLAVANE BE EXTENDED TOWARDS BALLYMERRIGAN AND BALLYLUSK AS TEN COTTAGES AND TWO FARMS WERE ALONG THIS ROUTE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Schemes included in the list prepared by the Council provided for an extension of the Glenealy Water Supply to Ballylusk Crossroads, at a cost of £9,060 and this would provide water for twenty-nine houses including the twelve houses near Glenealy Cemetery. There were four houses on Chapel Lane not included in the Scheme but these could be serviced off the existing 3" diameter main by a 2" diameter pipe at an estimated cost of £630. The existing Glenealy supply terminated opposite the road through Deputies Pass and to provide a supply to Bahana it would be necessary to extend this main another 1,200 lineal yards at an estimated cost of £1,800. Seven houses could then be served. The Scheme proposed for Milltown North and South and also Ballymerrigan would be an extension of the Cronroe Regional Supply and would supply 34 houses at a cost of £6,900. A Scheme had also been submitted for providing a supply to Kilcandra and Kilnamanagh. These districts were too high to be supplied by gravity from the Glenealy supply and it was proposed to pump from the Glenealy supply to a storage tank of sufficient size to provide an adequate supply for houses in the areas. The estimated cost would be £3,000 and twelve houses in all could be supplied. The County Secretary stated that it would be noted, therefore, that the total cost of

these Schemes was estimated at £21,390. Members of the Council having enquired when water supply schemes would be put in hands, the County Secretary pointed out that it was necessary to prepare detailed documents for each Scheme and submit these for approval by the Department before works could be commenced and the number of Schemes involved was considerable. At present the Council had only one Temporary Engineer engaged on water supplies and he was at present engaged on the Scheme for Blessington. The Scheme for water supply and sewerage facilities for Rathnew was almost ready and would probably be available for submission to the Department within about a week. The second Temporary Engineer employed by the Council was at present acting as Assistant County Engineer in the Southern Area, but would be available when the permanent Assistant Engineer, recommended by the Local Appointments Commission, took up duty early in December. The Members of the Council expressed concern at the time involved in getting Schemes under way and asked that every effort be made to expedite the completion of the necessary documents so that Schemes could be put in hands.

WATER SUPPLY—SEA ROAD, KNOCKROE, ETC.:

Councillor J. Temple handed in a letter received from the Kilcoole Development Association regarding the water supply for the Sea Road and stated that although pipes had been on the site for the past month or more the work had not yet been put in hands. Enquiry was also made as to when the extension of the water supply from the new School to Knockroe would be provided or the extension to five cottages in Lott Lane, Kiccoole. The County Secretary stated that 240 yards of 3" pipe which had been on order for over a month was expected to be delivered during the present week and that as soon as these pipes were available the work would proceed, on the water supply for the Sea Road. The necessary detailed Plans were not yet available for the extension to Knockroe.

ITEM No. 13—RE-ORGANISATION OF AREAS OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Council at the previous Meeting, details of the proposed Re-Organisation Scheme had been circulated to the Members. The Scheme was acceptable to the Officers concerned and involved a reduction in the total number of Assistance Officers from six to five. Councillor J. J. McCreagh stated that he was strongly opposed to the proposed re-organisation of areas and suggested that the matter would require further consideration and Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

ITEM No. 14—PROPOSED EXTENSION TO BURIAL GROUND AT GLENDALOUGH.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Bord Fáilte Éireann stating that they had discussed the question of the Extension of the Cemetery at Glendalough with the National Monuments Branch of the Office of Public Works and others, and found general agreement, that it would not be in the best interests of Glendalough to provide further facilities for burials. The Board pointed out that the whole area of Glendalough comprises Ireland's most outstanding early Christian Monastic Site and any interference with it should take place only on the strictest scientific supervision. A letter had also been received from the National Monuments Advisory Council pointing out that on the occasion of a previous proposal for the extension of the Burial Ground, the Council had recorded their opposition to the Plan on the grounds that any disturbance of the ground in this most important monastic site was highly undesirable since it would be gravely prejudicial to whatever information might be obtained by scientific excavation there in the future. It was pointed out that ground taken in for addition to the existing Cemetery must necessarily be excluded from excavation for the foreseeable future. The National Monuments Advisory Council had accordingly recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works that all the area extending from St. Savior's Monastery to

Temple na Skellig be taken into State care and they hoped that no extension would take place. The County Manager referred to the enquiry which had been held in 1952 into a proposal to extend the Burial Ground at Glendalough and the reasons given by the Department of Local Government at the time for refusing the Council's application. The County Secretary in reply to an enquiry stated that the proposed extension would provide space for 245 graves. The Members of the Council indicated that the necessary land for the purpose of the extension was being given free by the landowner and that the Council had already taken a decision on the matter to proceed with the Extension to the Burial Ground. The Council indicated that they were not prepared to alter their decision in the matter.

ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED SURVEY FOR COTTAGE REPAIRS—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter to the Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th December, 1961.

ITEM No. 16—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council adjourned this item to the next Meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the walks in Burgage Cemetery be put in proper repair and that the new graves should not be opened inside the entrance gate.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council give immediate consideration to the serious flooding of portion of the public road in the townlands of Coan and Ballineddin, Glen Imaal.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a report be obtained from the County Engineer as to the best means of providing a water supply for County Council Cottages at Ballymorris near Fort Falkner, Aughrim.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that a public light be erected on Greenane Bridge.

In the name of Councillor J. Temple—That I or someone on my behalf will move that the Scheme under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, as adopted by the Council, be amended to include legal costs incurred by borrowers for the amount of Loan advanced.

EASING OF CORNER AT BOGHALL ROAD AND KILLARNEY ROAD, BRAY.

Councillor Hipwell asked that provision be made in the Road Works Scheme for the coming year for the easing of the corner at Boghall Road and Killarney Road.

ERECTION OF 'STOP' SIGN.

Councillor Hipwell also asked that a 'Stop' Sign be erected on the Quinsboro' Road at the entrance to the Main Street, pending the provision of Traffic Lights.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th December, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman ;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill attended.

AGENDA

1. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for 1962/63—To consider recommendations of Scholarship Committee.
2. Advice of Council's Solicitor in regard to question of eligibility of Applicant to purchase Cottage under Cottage Purchase Scheme.
3. Application for Loan for Purchase of existing house.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Temple that Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be amended to include legal costs incurred by borrowers for the amount of Loan advanced.
5. Town Planning Applications.
6. Public Lighting at Tinahely.
7. Report of Architect in regard to condition of floors of certain Cottages at Kindlestown.
8. Application for Repairs to Cottage at Whaley Abbey.
9. Cottage Repairs—Report of County Engineer.
10. Appointment of Architect.
11. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of November, 1961, and Repairs to be carried out during December, 1961.
12. Arklow Bridge—To consider letter from Department of Local Government regarding proceeding with Scheme for Reconstruction.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Assistant Commissioner W. Quinn, expressing on behalf of his family and himself sincere appreciation of the kind expression of sympathy by the Members of the Council on his recent tragic bereavement.

ITEM No. 1—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS FOR 1962/63.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee had been circulated to the Members of the Council as requested at the previous Meeting. In letter of 7th November, 1961, from Department of Education, it had been stated that the Minister was disappointed to note that the Committee was recommending a total allocation of £2,520 for Scholarships, and pointed out that based on this provision the eventual maximum cost of Scholarships would be less than the total rate of 9d. which had been envisaged under the Act to qualify for the State Grant of the equivalent of a rate of 5d. in the pound. The Department had indicated that as regards the limits of income and valuation, the Minister was not prepared to sanction any Scheme which did not incorporate therein the limits suggested by him. It was stated in the letter that all Councils who had so far submitted Schemes had accepted the limits suggested by the Minister and that apart from the considerations of uniformity the Minister must have regard to the limits of income and valuation laid down in existing Social Welfare and Health legislation. There would be no objection, however, to the Council's reserving a certain proportion, not more than 50%, of the allocation for Scholarships for National Schools or for Rural Schools, if it so desired. In a further letter of 20th November, 1961, from the Department, it was suggested that the Council might increase the

provision for Scholarships to £2,700, i.e., £1,800 for Post Primary and £900 for University Scholarships. The County Secretary stated that based on the present experience, it was estimated that the total cost of the Scheme eventually would be 8.65d. of which 3.86d. would be the net rate levied by the Council and 4.79d. be the amount of the State Grant. If the present figures recommended by the Committee were increased it might result in the Council finding that the total costs of the Scheme eventually would exceed 9d. in the pound.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendations of Scholarship Committee and letter of 7th November, 1961, from the Department of Education, we hereby approve of Draft Scholarship Scheme, as recommended by the Committee and determine to carry the Scheme into effect, subject to the following amendments:—

1. **Clause 2(d):** The following words shall be inserted at the commencement of this Clause: "If the limit imposed by Clause 1(a) results in a lesser amount remaining available than is required to award a full Scholarship, the next qualifying candidate shall be awarded a bursary of the amount remaining available only."

2. **Clause 5:** The following words shall be inserted after (a): "Occupy agricultural land the annual rateable valuation of which does not exceed £50 in the case of families of one child, and provided that this limit shall be extended by £5 rateable value in respect of each additional child."

3. **Clause 5:** The following words shall be substituted after (b): "Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding £800 in the case of families of one child and provided that this limit shall be extended by £50 in respect of each additional child."

4. **Clause 9:** The following sentence shall be inserted at the end of this Clause: "It may be necessary to hold the examination at other centres in addition to Wicklow Town."

5. **Clause 11:** The following wording shall be substituted for Clause 11: "Candidates must not be over fourteen years of age on the 1st August, 1962."

6. **Clause 14:** The following words shall be inserted in Clause 14: "All questions in the examination papers, with the exception of History, Geography and Rural Science must be answered. A limited choice of questions will be allowed in History, Geography and Rural Science."

The syllabus in Arithmetic shall be amended to read as follows:—
Arithmetic (200 marks): The question papers in Arithmetic will consist of two sections: Section (a) straightforward arithmetical calculations, four questions, all of which are to be worked (100 marks); Section (b) questions of the usual problem type, four questions, all of which are to be worked (100 marks)."

7. **Clause 1(b):** The following words shall be added to this Clause: "Provided that not less than £630 of this sum shall be allocated to successful candidates attending National Schools."

8. **Clause 2(d):** The following words shall be inserted after first sentence in this Clause: "If the limits imposed by Clause 1(b) result in lesser amounts remaining available than are required to award full Scholarships, the next qualifying candidates shall be awarded bursaries of the amounts remaining available only."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—ADVICE OF COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR IN REGARD TO QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT TO PURCHASE COTTAGE UNDER COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The following report of the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.
9th November, 1961.

Re: Cottage Purchase Scheme.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 8th inst., and we note that at a recent Council Meeting, it was suggested that Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, be put into operation in the case of a serving member of the Garda

Siochana in Baltinglass. This section enables the Council to declare that a specified person is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936 and the Section also states that this is a reserved function of the Council.

The objection to putting this Section in force, is that the Member of the Garda Siochana becomes a Tenant Purchaser and therefore has rights of sale subject to certain restrictions and it also must be borne in mind that the members of the Gardaí are transferred frequently from place to place.

It would not be possible to insert a Condition that in the event of the Guard being transferred, the house would revert to the Council. This Condition would be ultra vires as the Guard would then be an owner of the premises.

The question of providing houses for members of the Garda Siochana does not appear to be a function of the Council, but it appears to be a matter for the Garda Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

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

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare Garda Timothy P. Griffin, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936."

As an amendment

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That the matter be deferred."

A vote having been called for on the Motion to defer the matter it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple—Total: 12.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., H. B. Hipwell, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—Total: 7.

The Motion to defer the matter was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to seven against.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSE.

The Council considered an application of Mr. Edward O'Byrne, Ballykealy, Ballon, Co. Carlow, for a Loan towards the cost of the purchase of an existing house at Killinure, Tullow. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the Meeting to be held on the 11th December, 1961, in order that further enquiries might be made.

In regard to the application of Mr. J. Doyle, for a Loan for the purchase of premises at Herbert Lodge, Bray, the following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

4th December, 1961.

JTO'B/AD

County Secretary.

Re: Town Planning Loan—Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray.

A Chara,

On my return from Annual Leave I was handed your letter of the 23rd October, 1961, which you addressed to the Acting County Engineer. I wrote my comments on the face of this letter and I also wrote to the Assistant County Engineer for the area for his observations on the 30th October, 1961. I have

not received any comments from the Acting County Engineer or Assistant Engineer, but I now wish to say that in regard to the paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, set out in your letter I do not agree.

- (1) Extra Window in the Kitchen: Windows are meant for ventilation as well as light. I do not agree to the proposal to put a glass panel in the door.
- (2) Proposed additional window in the eastern wall; and the suggestion by enlarging the existing window to give more than one-tenth glass area relative of floor area. The minimum standard of one-tenth glass area should be insisted upon and again I comment that windows are regarded as a source of ventilation as well as light.
- (3) The old farm structure now built against the western gable of the house should be taken away, as it is likely and, in fact, does cause dampness; because it is not the applicant's property is all the more reason why an arrangement should be made to remove this, so as to avoid a potential danger to a dwelling on which the County Council will make a Loan of £700. I think the applicant should approach the adjoining owner himself in this connection.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

The Council decided to defer the matter pending further information regarding the old structure built against the western gable of the house. It was pointed out by the County Secretary that Loans under the Council's Scheme could be made available only in respect of houses which had been erected within the last seventy-five years and there appeared to be some doubt as to whether the house in question had not been built more than seventy-five years ago. It was agreed that evidence as to the age of the house should be submitted.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. TEMPLE THAT SCHEME UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE LEGAL COSTS INCURRED BY BORROWERS FOR THE AMOUNT OF LOAN ADVANCED.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Temple, the County Secretary stated that Section 32 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, provided that the market value of a house for the purposes of Section 1 of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act of 1899, shall be the amount which in the opinion of the Council represents the reasonable cost of building the house including so much, if any, of the legal and other expenses incidental thereto or to the acquisition of the tenement upon which the house is built or to be built, as the Council may consider proper, but not including any fine, premium or other consideration for the acquisition of the leasehold interest in such tenement. It was not clear, however, as to whether the reference to legal and other expenses could be interpreted as covering the legal expenses of a borrower in respect of the preparation of the Mortgage. The Council decided to defer the matter for the advice of the Council's Solicitor in regard to the interpretation of the Section.

ITEM No. 5—TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to arrange a Meeting of the Sub-Committee in connection with the Brittas Bay Development Plan and the Council agreed that a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, 19th December, 1961, at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM No. 6—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT TINAHELY.

The County Secretary stated that following representations from Councillor Hadden and from the Tinahely Development Association for the provision of additional lighting at Tinahely, the Assistant Engineer had recommended the installation of five additional lights as follows:—

1. Near Killavaney School.
2. Outside Mr. Rothwell's house, Kevin Street.
3. Outside Mr. Symes Shop, Kevin Street.
4. Outside Mr. O'Brien's Shop, Barton Street.
5. On Shillelagh Road beyond existing terminal lights.

The E.S.B. had indicated that lights Nos. 2, 3 and 4 would be provided free of capital cost, but that there would be the usual annual charge of approximately £6. 0. 0. in respect of each light for maintenance. In the case of the

light on pole No. 2Q on the Shillelagh Road, a capital cost of £7. 0. 0. would be payable in addition to the maintenance charge of £6. 0. 0. per annum. In regard to the light on the existing pole near Killavaney School it would be necessary to provide a light with a solar dial timeswitch, meter and weatherproof meter-box which would involve a capital charge of £30. 0. 0. The charge for maintenance would be on the rural scale which is at present 3d. per unit, together with an annual charge of 15/- per annum for cleaning and fitting new bulbs twice yearly.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer and Quotation from E.S.B., we approve of the installation of five additional lights at Tinahely as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer in accordance with the terms of the Quotation submitted by the E.S.B."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—REPORT OF ARCHITECT IN REGARD TO CONDITION OF FLOORS OF CERTAIN COTTAGES AT KINDLESTOWN,

The following report of Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, was submitted:—

162 Lower Kilmacud Road,
Stillorgan,
Co. Dublin.
20th November, 1961.

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

Re: Kindlestown Cottages. Condition of Floors.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

As requested in your letter of the 25th ult., I have now inspected these cottages and report as follows:—

Five cottages were inspected—Nos. 14, 33, 34, 36 and 37. In two of these cottages defects were confined to part of the floor of one room—in one case the livingroom and in the other a back bedroom. In the other three cottages two rooms are partly affected—in each case the livingroom plus either the front bedroom, the back bedroom or the small back bedroom. In no case is the area of floor affected extensive and while the condition has persisted for some time after its initial appearance it has not spread rapidly. In all cases while the ground level at the rear wall is well below damp course level, at the front, for various reasons—the formation of access paths or flower beds close to the front gardens—the ground immediately at the front wall is up to damp course level. In all cases the affected floors are covered with linoleum, although only in one case could the description linoleum be correctly used for the floor covering.

It is realised that there is a steady ground slope to the site of this scheme of 40 houses, that the floors throughout these houses are all constructed in the same manner, that in all probability other floors throughout the other houses are covered with some form of linoleum and that other houses might not be scrupulously exact in maintaining the ground levels immediately at the external walls minimum 6" to 7" below damp course level. It was noted, however, that four of the affected cottages (33, 34, 36 and 37) were in one row to the highest point left of the spine road running through the scheme with an open continuously rising field immediately in front of the access road to the cottages. This field has a consistent surface and the run off of surface water, particularly in a time of heavy storm, could be considerable.

The ground level immediately at the front wall of the affected cottages is such that should storm water lodge against this wall it could readily find its way through the underfloor ventilators which are at damp course level and in turn lodge on the site concrete below the timber floors.

Should surface water find its way through the underfloor ventilators in this manner it would take some time to dry out and, as the site concrete is never perfectly level, this drying out would occur unevenly with small pockets of water remaining at the lowest concrete level for some time. The timbers to

the suspended part of the floor, while not in contact with this water, would absorb the moisture and the linoleum over the boarding would tend to seal it in long after the cause and source of the damp had vanished. In this connection it was noted that in the two cases where it was possible to see the site concrete this was found to be quite dry but the boarding immediately under the linoleum was damp. It is also worth noting that in one cottage ventilators opposite each other on the front and rear walls are covered up with earth yet neither of the two bedrooms at these two ventilator points are affected. These rooms will in time become affected if these ventilators remain covered, but usually defects arising from this affect the whole floor and are not confined to parts of the floor. The use of linoleum does, of course, tend to keep surface boarding damp, but, in my view, the present difficulty has arisen from water lodging on the site concrete at some time in the past. I would say that this water found its way through the ventilators after some heavy storm. In this connection it is significant that in the case of the fifth cottage the tenant complained of surface water running over the front garden after heavy storms and this complaint was also voiced by two tenants of the other four cottages.

I feel, therefore, that it is correct to get at the source of the trouble by opening a trench on the upper side of the access road and I feel that this trench might be deepened and turned into a French drain delivering into the existing ditch to the side of site. In addition a gulley trap could be provided near the upper side of the junction of the spine road and the access road in front of cottage No. 14 and delivering into the drain. At the front walls to the affected cottages the ground levels immediately at these walls should be reduced as far as possible below damp course and ventilator level even if this should entail forming a step up to the existing access paths. While the area of flooring in each case is not extensive it would be desirable that when the floors are being repaired the whole floor and underfloor in each room should be critically examined and all affected timbers carefully removed from site, and all new timbers should be pressure impregnated with preservative.

Yours sincerely,

P. O'Brien.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had already arranged for drainage to be carried out and that the Contractor had been instructed to replace flooring where defective. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT WHALEY ABBEY.

The County Secretary submitted estimate of the cost of repairs to Cottage of Mrs. Teresa Byrne at Whaley Abbey and stated that Mrs. Byrne had not applied for the purchase of the Cottage and consequently it was necessary to seek the Council's approval to the carrying out of repairs to this Cottage as normally priority was given to repairs to Cottages where Applications for Vesting had been received. The cost of the repairs was estimated at £63. 7. 2.

It was :—

Proposed by Councilor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of repairs being carried out to Cottage tenanted by Mrs. Teresa Byrne at Whaley Abbey, in accordance with the estimate submitted by the Assistant County Engineer."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—COTTAGE REPAIRS—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

The Council considered the report of the County Engineer dated 13th November, 1961, in which he indicated the position regarding repairs in each district. The County Engineer suggested that a small direct labour gang might operate in the vicinity of Rathnew, Glenealy and Ashford, so as to overtake arrears of repairs and that a small 10 cwt. truck be purchased for this purpose. The County Engineer also recommended that two Engineers be appointed at the earliest possible date to inspect all cottages requiring repairs for Vesting and all other Cottages needing repairs and to control the direct labour system of repairs to cottages in West Wicklow and re-organise direct labour units in South Wicklow to one Engineer and the second Engineer to control the Northern and South Eastern Districts. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that there was

a great demand for Cottage Repairs and stated that some houses were in bad condition and the extent of repairs seemed beyond the capabilities of their present Engineering Staff. He stated that the Council must accept responsibility in that sufficient monies had not been provided for Cottage Repairs. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that assuming the Council did employ two Engineers and provided a van, who was going to carry out the repairs? The County Manager pointed out that some years ago the Council had operated a direct labour system of repair, but it had not been found satisfactory, and consequently the Council had introduced the Contract System. It had been found in connection with direct labour that the costs of transport, both of materials and of men, represented a very high proportion of the total cost of repairs. He agreed with the Chairman in that the main difficulty at the moment was to obtain Contractors to carry out repairs and he felt that if the Council were to endeavour to operate a direct labour system there would be difficulty in obtaining tradesmen. A very considerable amount of work was being carried out at present in the County with the aid of Reconstruction Grants made available by the Council, and tradesmen and small contractors were engaged on this work which was very essential and desirable. For many years in the past very little repairs had been carried out to Council Cottages and at present there were still over 2,000 cottages for which the Council was responsible for repairs. Allowing for loan charges on the Loan raised some years ago for Cottage Repairs, a sum of only about £9,000 was available for repairs to Cottages and this represented only approximately £4. 0. 0. per house and the average cost of repairs was very much higher than that figure. In regard to the income from rents, the County Manager pointed out that the rents charged to tenants in Wicklow were probably as low as any charged throughout the State. The Council's difficulty was that that the income from rents was so low. The County Manager suggested that the possibility of trying to arrange with local contractors to carry out repairs to groups of houses might be investigated. The Council agreed that the County Manager's suggestion be followed and that efforts be made to arrange with Contractors for the carrying out of repairs to groups of Cottages for amounts to be agreed by the Council's Engineers. In reply to enquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne, the County Secretary stated that including a Loan of £20,000 raised by the Council, total of £110,000 had been spent by the Council on Cottage Repairs over the past ten years.

ITEM No. 10—APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works, had reached the age limit for the post, but was continuing in a temporary capacity pending permanent arrangements in regard to the matter of the appointment of an Architect. He stated that there was need for the appointment of an Architect to deal with design of Schemes for new houses and maintenance of houses, to advise on Town Planning, to supervise the maintenance of Institutions and to prepare and maintain Amenity Schemes. An Architect was also needed in regard to Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses.

It was :—

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That having noted report of County Engineer we approve of submission of a Statutory Request to the local Appointments Commission for the recommendation of a suitable person for appointment as Architect Grade 1."

Passed—Councillors J. Everett and R. Miley dissenting.

ITEM No. 11—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1961, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING DECEMBER, 1961.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during November and of those to be carried out during December, 1961.

ITEM No. 12—ARKLOW BRIDGE.

The following letter from Department of Local Government was submitted :—
Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

29th November, 1961.

Ref. R.27/6/7.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re/ Arklow Bridge.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 18th October, 1961, on the above subject and to state that on the basis of the Engineering advice available to him, the Minister is satisfied that no useful purpose would be served by proceeding as proposed in your letter. The planning of a scheme on the lines indicated in previous correspondence should proceed as soon as practicable, if the Council wish to avail of the grant which has been allocated. The Department should be notified at an early date of the action being taken in the matter.

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

Mise, le meas,

K. Coghlan.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

4th December, 1961.

JTO'B/AD.

County Secretary.

A Chara,

Re/ Arklow Bridge.

With reference to your letter of the 30th ult., in above with which you enclose copy of communication from the Department of Local Government, which states that the Department sees no useful purpose in obtaining an alternative design other than that which has been submitted by the Consultant Engineer and which, apparently, has secured the approval of the Department. I wish to comment that I am not satisfied that the alternative design construction as suggested by me, mainly arch with masonry facing would involve an additional cost. Further I feel that the final result in appearance would be unsatisfactory and in addition I am of the opinion that the estimate already submitted for the original design will be exceeded.

At the same time the Department is accepting responsibility for the proposal and has indicated that the Consultant should be requested to proceed with the completion of his plans and that if this is not done it is likely that the Wicklow County Council will lose the grant being made available for the purpose. Under those circumstances and having regard to the present condition of the footpath to the Old Bridge, and possibility of a serious accident, it would seem that the County Council will have to be advised to accept the Department's ruling in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter of 29th November, 1961, Ref. R.27/6/7, from Department of Local Government, we agree that the Council's Consulting Engineer be directed to proceed immediately with the completion of the planning of a Scheme for the Reconstruction of Arklow Bridge in accordance with the lines indicated by the Department of Local Government."

Passed unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I or someone for me will move that the County Council take over Coo'ahullen Lane connecting Roads 167 and 171, and that the County Council take over 150 yards of lane leading from the Square, Aughrim, via Mr. P. J. Phean's premises.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Everett referred to a number of men who had been laid off from the Council's Quarries recently and enquired if any work could be made available in the near future. The Council recommended that as far as possible a fortnight's work be provided for workers who had been employed by the Council and were now unemployed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th December, 1961, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, Noel D. P. Farrell, S. O'Fearghaill and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA

1. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government re Dangerous Trees adjoining Public Roads.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh that Ballycumber Lane be put in proper repair by the Council.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Road Improvement Schemes in future years together with Report of County Engineer.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Special Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for the provision of help for Farmers who suffered losses as a result of storms.
6. Appointment of Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 2 and 16.
7. Revision of Remuneration of Council's Staff.
8. Re-Organisation of Areas of Assistance Officers.
9. Proposed recruitment of additional Wardsmaid at District Hospital, Wicklow.
10. Centralisation of Staff.
11. Proposed Provision of New Dispensary at Blessington.
12. Report of County Engineer re Works required at Tinahely Courthouse.
13. To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage for Loan of £5,120, for Purchase of Fire Appliances for Wicklow and Baltinglass Fire Brigades.
14. Letter from Department of Local Government re Grants for Improvement of Public Library Services.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that Report be obtained from County Engineer as to the best means of providing water supply to Council Cottages at Ballymorris near Fort Faulkner, Aughrim.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that public light be erected on Greenane Bridge.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that extra public light be erected opposite Aughrim Post Office.
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that the Council give immediate consideration to the serious flooding of portion of the public road in the Townlands of Coan and Ballineddin.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor James Miley that walks in Burgage Cemetery be put in proper repair and that new graves should not be opened inside the entrance gate.
20. Proposed acquisition of Site at Meetings of the Waters, Avoca—Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding site.
21. Civil Liability Act, 1961.
22. Civil Defence.
23. Application for Loan for Purchase of house at Killinure, Tullow.
24. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the

Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1962, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1962, shall not exceed £5,000."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—DANGEROUS TREES ADJOINING PUBLIC ROADS.

The Council noted letter of 2nd December, 1961, from Department of Local Government in regard to dangerous trees adjoining Public Roads and noted that the Council's Engineers had been instructed to make regular inspections and reports in regard to any trees which were on private lands and considered to be dangerous in relation to the public road.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MISS M. WALSH THAT BALLYCUMBER LANE BE PUT IN PROPER REPAIR BY THE COUNCIL.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter pending a report from the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 4—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES IN FUTURE YEARS TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 28th November, 1961, received from the Department of Local Government in regard to proposed Scheme of Works at The Tap, Bardarrig. It was stated in the letter that while the entire Scheme was estimated to cost £7,263, it was proposed to spend only £1,390 mainly on gravel filling in the current year. The Department indicated that the splitting up of relatively small improvement works in this manner was uneconomic and otherwise undesirable and that furthermore the period from now until the end of March next was unsuitable for the placing and compacting of filling and accordingly the Minister was not prepared to approve of the proposed Scheme in the current grant year. The full Scheme might be put forward for consideration in 1962/63, but in the meantime the County Engineer should investigate the possibility of taking a more easterly line with the improvement and submit a report thereon with revised Plan and estimate. Particulars of a suitable alternative Scheme should be furnished for the current year. It was stated also in the letter that their comments regarding the small scale of this particular Scheme applied equally strongly to a number of the additional Schemes listed for execution in the present year. While the Minister had decided not to withhold approval to these Schemes it would be necessary for the Council in formulating proposals under the Grant in future years to concentrate on a reduced number of Schemes to be carried out on a sufficiently large scale to ensure maximum efficiency including the most economical use of plant. The report of the County Engineer dated 2nd December, 1961, was also submitted to the Council and in his report the County Engineer agreed that a large number of relatively small works could not promote economy and efficiency and that he

wished to be allowed to concentrate Main and County Road Grants into larger units in future. In view of the terms of the Department's letter, the County Engineer would submit for the year 1962/63 proposals for larger Schemes. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and the County Engineer's recommendation, but expressed the view that the types of Schemes being carried out by the Council were satisfactory and met the needs of the road users more than would be the case if a limited number of larger Schemes were carried out.

ITEM No. 5—SPECIAL SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME.

Letter of 4th December, 1961, from the Department of Local Government regarding a Special Seeds and Fertiliser Supply Scheme for the provision of help for farmers who suffered losses as a result of storms, was considered by the Council. The Council noted that the Minister asked that each County Council would consider making a Special Scheme under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, to enable them to advance Loans at an interest rate of 2% per annum for the purchase of Seeds and Fertilisers by farmers who, the County Council were satisfied, suffered serious crop losses as a result of weather conditions in the period from 1st September to the 31st October, 1961. The Council noted that the Minister would arrange in due course for the payment of a special interest subsidy to make good the difference between the interest at 2% per annum paid by the farmers on these loans and that paid by County Councils in respect of the money borrowed by them to finance the Scheme. The County Secretary submitted a Draft Scheme which was similar to the Scheme normally operated by the Council, but provided for the charging of interest at only 2% per annum in respect of loans to farmers who had suffered losses as a result of storms, and provided also that the loan to any one person should not exceed £50. 0. 0. in value.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor Hadden,
Seconded by Councillor Deering,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 4th December, 1961, from Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of help for farmers who suffered losses as a result of storms, we hereby adopt a special Supplementary Scheme under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, in accordance with the Draft submitted to this Meeting, for the advancing of loans at an interest rate of 2% per annum for the purchase of Seeds and Fertilisers by farmers who have suffered serious crop losses as a result of weather conditions in the period from 1st September to 31st October, 1961, the Special Scheme to be related to the acreage of various crops which an applicant had under cultivation in the 1961 season."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS FOR DISTRICTS NOS. 2 AND 16.

The County Secretary stated that there were eight qualified applicants for the post of Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District and four qualified applicants for the post of Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District.

The qualified applicants were as follows:—

No. 2 Collection District:

James Byrne, Borkle, Kiltegan.
Peadar Culien, Killamoat, Rathdangan.
Sean Foley, Glen View, Knockananna, Ballinglen.
Hugh Fox, Ballenfoyle, Knockenarrigan, Donard.
Thomas Hennessy, Jr., Curravanish, Tinahely.
Thomas Kehoe, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown.
Patrick O'Reilly, Blackmore, Donard.
Seamus O'Reilly, Woodfield, Baltinglass.

No. 16 Collection District:

John Foley, 13 New Road, Kilcoole.
 Thomas Hennessy, Jnr., Curravanish, Tinahely.
 Thomas Mulligan, "Finistere," Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
 Peter P. O'Byrne, Ballinatone, Rathdrum.

Two applicants did not attend for interview for the purpose of confirming that they had the necessary educational standard for the posts and these applicants had been informed that in consequence it was assumed that they were not proceeding with their applications. One applicant had withdrawn his application. Two applicants, Mrs. D. Sheehan and Mr. James J. Whelan were over the age limit prescribed for the post and one applicant, Mr. Joseph New, was ineligible as being a Member of Arklow Urban District Council. Councillor G. Timmins raised the matter of the application of Mrs. D. Sheehan and proposed that although over the age limit for the permanent post that she be appointed temporarily as Rate Collector. The County Secretary pointed out that the qualifications for the office were prescribed by the Minister and similar qualifications would apply both for a temporary or for a permanent post. In reply to further enquiries by Members on the matter, the County Manager suggested that if the Council wished they could adjourn consideration of the matter and apply to the Minister for an alteration in the qualifications for the post, but it seemed doubtful if such an alteration would be made. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the Council should proceed with the appointment of the Collectors and the Council agreed to proceed accordingly.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
 Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Resolved:—

"That this Council considers that having regard to the nature of the duties of the offices of Rate Collector for Districts Nos. 2 and 16, the knowledge and experience necessary to the efficient performance of these duties and the qualifications for these offices, the persons to be appointed to the offices cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the persons be selected following an examination of the applications received for these Posts."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that all qualified applicants be regarded as having been proposed and seconded for appointment to the Posts for which they had applied.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 16 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

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

FOR JOHN FOLEY: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole—4.

FOR THOMAS HENNESSY, JNR: NIL.

FOR THOMAS MULLIGAN: Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, J. Quigley, P.C., Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—8.

FOR PETER P. O'BYRNE: Councillors A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Temple, G. Timmins—8.

John Foley having been eliminated, a further vote was taken to determine whether Thomas Mulligan or Peter P. O'Byrne would be appointed and the vote resulted as follows:—

FOR THOMAS MULLIGAN: Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—10.

FOR PETER P. O'BYRNE: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Temple and G. Timmins—10.

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of Thomas Mulligan, It was:—

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,
 Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Resolved:—

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the Post of Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Thomas Mulligan to the Post, in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister.

Passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTOR FOR NO. 2 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A vote having been called for it was found that the voting resulted as follows:—

FOR JAMES BYRNE: Councillor H. J. Byrne—1

FOR PEADAR CULLEN: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole—5.

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—6.

FOR THOMAS KEHOE: Councillors J. Gregory, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, J. J. McCrea—6.

FOR PATRICK O'REILLY: Councillor M. Deering—1.

Messrs. Hugh Fox, Thomas Hennessy, Jnr., and Seamus O'Reilly, received no vote.

James Byrne and Patrick O'Reilly having been eliminated, a further vote was taken which resulted as follows:—

FOR PEADAR CULLEN: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole—6.

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—7.

FOR THOMAS KEHOE: Councillors J. Gregory, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, J. J. McCrea—6.

A further vote was taken to determine whether Peadar Cullen or Thomas Kehoe should be retained for consideration and resulted as follows:—

FOR PEADAR CULLEN: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. O'Toole—7.

FOR THOMAS KEHOE: Councillors Edward Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—12.

Peadar Cullen having been eliminated, a final vote was taken to determine whether Sean Foley or Thomas Kehoe would be appointed and resulted as follows:—

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors Edward Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—7.

FOR THOMAS KEHOE: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple and J. J. McCrea—12.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
 Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the Post of Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject

to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Thomas Kehoe to the Post, in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister."

Passed.

ITEM No. 7—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL'S STAFF.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was requested to revision of remuneration of officers and employees of the Council on the following Grades:—

- Courtkeepers and Caretakers of Courthouses
- Coroners
- Clerk of Works
- Machinery Overseer
- Rate Collectors
- Rent Collectors
- Caretakers of Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes, Burial Grounds and Dumping Grounds and Water Rate and Rent Collectors.
- Veterinary Surgeons
- Dispensary Caretakers, etc.

The remunerations proposed were on similar lines to revisions of remuneration of other officers which had already been approved by the Council.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the revision of the remuneration of Officers and employees of the Council of the Grades set out hereunder in accordance with the proposals of the County Manager as submitted to this Meeting subject to the approval of the appropriate Ministers with effect from 1st August, 1960, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revisions of remuneration:—

- Courtkeepers and Caretakers of Courthouses
- Coroners
- Clerk of Works
- Machinery Overseer
- Rent Collectors
- Rate Collectors
- Caretakers of Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes, Burial Grounds and Dumping Grounds and Water Rate and Rent Collectors
- Veterinary Surgeons
- Dispensary Caretakers, etc."

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that the revision of remuneration of officers and employees were estimated to involve an increase of about 10d. in the pound in the Estimates for the coming financial year, allowing for the additional payments arising in the present year in excess of the amounts provided in the Estimates.

ITEM No. 8—RE-ORGANISATION OF AREAS OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposed revision of areas of Assistance Officers had been circulated to the Members. The County Manager stated that over the past fifteen years there had been a substantial reduction in the numbers of persons receiving Home Assistance as a result mainly of increases in Social Welfare payments and payments of Disabled Persons Allowances and Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances. Both Disabled Persons Allowances and Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances were paid by Paving Order from the Council's Offices. Mr. P. Brennan who was over the age limit for the post had been continued in a temporary capacity pending a re-organisation of the areas. Mr. Brennan had been graded only as a Part-Time Assistance Officer and it was considered that the proposed alteration in

areas was desirable and reflected the altered conditions in relation to the duties of Assistance Officers. The County Manager added that the Re-Organisation Scheme had been accepted by the Assistance Officers and the Union concerned. Councillor J. J. McCrea opposed the proposal and stated that in his opinion an Assistance Officer residing at Aughrim would not be able to give satisfactory service to applicants for Assistance in the Coollattin Area.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we recommend that the present staffing arrangements for Assistance Officers be continued."

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

IN FAVOUR:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—12.

AGAINST:—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill—8.

The Motion was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to eight votes against.

ITEM No. 9—PROPOSED RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL WARDSMAID AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that following representations from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for improved wages and working conditions for non-nursing personnel at the District Hospital, Wicklow, it was considered necessary to recruit an additional wardmaid to enable the working hours to be reduced. The cost involved would be £290 per annum. The present non-nursing staff of the Hospital consisted of six persons.

It was:—

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report regarding discussions with representatives of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, we approve of the employment of an additional wardmaid for the District Hospital, Wicklow, to permit of the introduction of a 96 Hour Fortnight for Domestic Staff."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—CENTRALISATION OF STAFF.

The County Secretary stated that the report of the County Manager in regard to the proposed use of the hospital premises at Kilmartin Hill for the purposes of a Dispensary and Clinic and for accommodating the office staff at present housed in Rathdrum had been circulated to the Members. The matter had been considered by the Committee set up by the Council who had recommended the proposal. Councillor Haughton stated that the proposed transfer of staff from Rathdrum to Wicklow would have a serious effect on Rathdrum and put forward a number of queries which he considered should be answered in detail before the matter was finally decided. Councillor Haughton queried the cost of maintenance of the building at Kilmartin Hill as compared with the likely costs of providing satisfactory offices at Rathdrum and also enquired as to the suitability of the former Fever Hospital premises for patients at present housed at the District Hospital at Kilmartin Hill. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting in order that replies to Councillor Haughton's queries could be prepared and circulated to the Members.

ITEM No. 11—PROPOSED REVISION OF NEW DISPENSARY AT BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that in 1953 a report of a Medical Inspector of the Department had indicated in regard to the existing Dispensary at Blessington that a New Dispensary was needed as the present premises were too small, poorly lighted and very damp. The Chief Medical Officer had expressed the opinion that it would not be possible to carry out repairs to the existing Dispensary to make it suitable and that a new building would be advisable. It was estimated that the cost of erecting a New Dispensary would be about £3,000, which would involve annual loan charges of £250 per annum for a period of twenty-five years. No Grant was now available from the Department of Health towards the cost of erection of New Dispensaries and consequently the full cost would have to be borne by the Council. The County Secretary suggested that a further examination might be made with a view to ascertaining if it would be possible to carry out improvements to the existing Dispensary to make it suitable.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved —

"That we approve of the preparation of a Plan and detailed estimate of cost for the erection of a New Dispensary at Blessington on portion of the existing site at the Dispensary Residence and Dispensary."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—TINAHELY COURTHOUSE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an estimate of works required at the former Courthouse buildings at Tinahely, the total cost being £1,150. In his report he also recommended that the unsightly building known as the "Club Room," sited in front of the Courthouse, be removed. The main Courthouse buildings now accommodated a Dance Hall, a Cinema, Library, Public Meeting accommodation and the Assistant County Engineer's Offices. Councillor A. Hadden stated that he considered that an improvement could be made in the premises by removing a wall between two rooms so as to make a larger room available. He suggested that the matter be deferred to enable the County Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost involved in this suggestion and that the matter then be referred for consideration by the local Councillors. The Council agreed to defer the matter to enable the County Engineer to submit the required estimate and agreed that the views of the local Members in regard to the proposals be obtained.

The County Secretary stated that works required at the Courthouse in Wicklow at the request of the County Registrar and the Judge were estimated to cost over £700. Complaints had also been received from the District Justice regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the Courthouse accommodation at Rathdrum and an effort was being made to obtain suitable alternative accommodation. The County Manager pointed out that no financial assistance was given by the State towards the cost of provision and maintenance of Courthouses and suggested that the responsibility for Courthouses was one which should properly be borne by the State rather than by the Local Authority.

In regard to Tinahely Courthouse, Councillor Hadden stated that the Club Room referred to in the County Engineer's report had been erected by voluntary labour with funds supplied locally and the matter of arranging for its removal would require consideration. He suggested also that the matter of obtaining a Grant towards the cost of works for repairs and improvement to the building might also be examined.

ITEM No. 13—LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE APPLIANCES FOR WICKLOW AND BALTINGLASS FIRE BRIGADES.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 27th day of October, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £5,120. 0. 0. be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of the purchase of Fire Appliances for Wicklow and Baltinglass Fire Brigades, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Department of Local Government regarding the provision of Grants towards the cost of improvement of Library Services. The Library Council was empowered to recoup up to 50% of the annual loan charges incurred by Councils on projects of a capital nature approved by the Library Council and for which the Minister would sanction Loans. These projects included the erection, acquisition, reconstruction, alteration, improvement and furnishing of library buildings, the purchase of books and the provision of mobile libraries and of other vehicles for the transport of books. With regard to book stocks, local library authorities were expected to include a reasonable provision in their Annual Estimates to meet from revenue the normal replacement of book stocks and the Library Council would subsidise only major acquisitions of books to stock new Branch Libraries or to effect a substantial re-stocking of the existing Library Service in any area. Works of fiction in English would not be regarded as ranking for subsidy. The Council agreed that a copy of the Circular be forwarded to the County Librarian with the request that she submit her recommendations in regard to Schemes which would rank for Grant.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT REPORT BE OBTAINED FROM COUNTY ENGINEER AS TO BEST MEANS OF PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY TO COUNCIL COTTAGES AT BALLYMORRIS NEAR FORT FAULKNER, AUGHIRM.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the County Secretary stated that the Schemes approved by the Council included provision for extensions of the Aughrim Water Supply which would provide a Water Supply for the Cottages referred to. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BE ERECTED ON GREENANE BRIDGE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Post Office was on one side of the Bridge and a Public House at the other and that ordinarily these should give sufficient light nearby. It was agreed that in the circumstances a light on the Bridge would not be necessary.

ITEM No. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHT BE ERECTED OPPOSITE AUGHRIM POST OFFICE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was a light on each side of the Post Office at about 50 yards distance. Naturally at the centre part between the two lights the lighting was not as good as directly under the lights, but in his opinion the lighting was adequate. In addition there was a shop on each side of the Post Office and a well lit Garage opposite. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that it would be desirable to investigate the possibility of a re-distribution of public lights at Aughrim and the Council agreed that the Assistant County Engineer be asked to report on this suggestion.

ITEM No. 18—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL RE FLOODING OF PORTION OF THE PUBLIC ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF COAN AND BALLINEDDIN.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the County Council on previous occasions and that proposals had been put forward for a Scheme under the Local Authorities Works Act, about 1956, but that it had not been found possible to carry out the Scheme as some landowners were not agreeable. The Scheme submitted at that time was for eliminating some loops in the River course which were fairly close to the road and also for repairing the County Road. The Assistant County Engineer had suggested that in the absence of carrying out the Drainage Scheme as originally suggested, the level of the existing road might be raised over a length of about 200 yards and by as much as up to 2 ft. in places and that such work, would, he estimated, cost at least £250. The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to investigate the matter further and submit a report and recommendation.

ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JAMES MILEY RE BURGAGE CEMETERY.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miley for the putting into proper repair of the walls in Burgage Cemetery and asking that new graves should not be provided immediately inside the entrance gate, the County Secretary stated that this Burial Ground had been provided by the Electricity Supply Board to replace the Old Burial Ground which had been flooded under the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the paths were very much overgrown and suggested that they be treated with weedkiller, but if this did not prove effective, that proper surface of the paths would be needed. The Council agreed that improvement works be carried out on the paths and agreed also that the grave spaces be properly set out. The Council also asked that arrangements be made for the appointment of a Registrar.

ITEM No. 20—PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SITE AT MEETINGS OF THE WATERS, AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had submitted a Map showing the location and extent of the plot owned by Dr. Mackey at the Meeting of the Waters. The actual area being acquired by the Council would be 2 roods 39 perches for which a price of £300 was being sought. The Council agreed that it was desirable that the Council should acquire the site and appointed a Committee to meet Dr. Mackey to discuss the matter of the acquisition and the Council's proposals in regard to the site. The Council agreed that Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne and the County Manager would meet Dr. Mackey.

ITEM No. 21—CIVIL LIABILITY ACT, 1961.

The County Manager drew the attention of the Council again to the effects on the Council of the passing of the Civil Liability Act, 1961. He mentioned that already car insurance premiums had been increased and it was stated that this was due in part to the provisions of the Act in relation to contributory negligence. In regard to Section 60, the County Manager stated that this Section, when it came into operation, was likely to involve the Council in much difficulty. The Council could be held responsible for failure to maintain a road and he considered that any road accident was liable to give rise to a claim against the Council that the accident was caused or contributed to by some failure of the Council in regard to maintaining the road. He pointed out also that it would be very difficult for the Council to obtain insurance cover against any such claims. The Council agreed that the Section could have a very serious effect on the Council and agreed that the attention of the General Council of County Councils be directed to the provisions of this Section in the Act.

ITEM No. 22—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Defence was anxious that the arrangements for Civil Defence be expanded and in particular that the Warden Service be developed as soon as possible. Arrangements were being made for the assignment of responsibilities in respect of Civil Defence to the County Engineer as Chief Rescue Officer and to other officers of the Council in respect of the Casualty Service and Welfare Service. Arrangements were also being made for the recruitment of Scientific Intelligence Officers for training in relation to the reporting on Fall-Out. Additional instructors were being trained by the Department of Defence for the Welfare Service and appointments of Sub-County and District Wardens were being arranged. The Council noted the arrangements being made in relation to Civil Defence and the desirability of recruiting additional Volunteers.

ITEM No. 23—APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF HOUSE AT KILLINURE, TULLOW.

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mr. Edward O'Byrne, Ballykealy, Ballon, County Carlow, for a Loan towards the cost of the purchase of an existing house at Killinure, Tullow, had been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting and deferred for further enquiries. It had been ascertained now that Mr. O'Byrne's father, who was the owner of land adjoining the house, was prepared to guarantee the repayment of a Loan of £900. The Council approved of the making of a Loan of £900 to Mr. Edward O'Byrne, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

RATHDRUM WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Haughton stated that houses at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, had a water supply for only about 2 hours in each day and asked that arrangements for improving the water supply be carried out as soon as possible.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That we ask the County Manager to consider granting an increase in the Allowances to deserving recipients of Public Assistance.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That Caretakers be appointed to look after the Cemeteries in West Wicklow.