

WICKLOW
COUNTY
COUNCIL

MINUTES

1974

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH JANUARY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	E. Byrne
	T.J. Keenan	S. Costello
	K. Ryan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	J. Sweeney	Miss N. O'Neill
	Senator Miss Walsh	J. Temple
	D.J. McEvoy	J.J. Bourke
	J. Milev	J. Gregory
	M.J. O'Neill	R. Miley
	G. Timmins, T.D.	B.S.C. Phelan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

County Manager
County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
J. Flood, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing)
Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on the 4th February, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

A G E N D A

- 1 To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 3rd December, 1973.
- 2 Seminar for Elected Members of Local Authorities to be held on the 15th January, 1974.
- 3 Supplementary Housing Grants - To authorise borrowing of £100,000 to defray cost of grants for period 1st January, 1974 to 30th June, 1975.
- 4 Progress Report on Housing Schemes (copy circulated).
- 5 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:-
"That this Council provide fuel houses for the nine new houses at Aughrim."
- 6 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build private houses on Mr Sheehy's field near the Sports Field in Merrymeeting, Rathnew."
- 7 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors R. McKeon and G. Timmins, T.D:-
"That the earthen bank at Sylvan Lawn be removed."
- 8 Council houses repaired during the month of December, 1973 and to be repaired during the month of January, 1974.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

The Chairman and Members of the Council expressed their regret at the illness of the County Engineer and asked that their best wishes be conveyed to him for his speedy recovery.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and relatives of the late Commandant Matthew Kavanagh, Arklow.

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 1973

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor D. McEvoy

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd December, 1973.

Passed.

OPENING OF HOUSING SCHEMES BY MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The County Secretary informed the Members of the Council that the Minister for Local Government would open the Housing Schemes at Kilcoole and Kilmacanogue on the 16th January, 1974 and would attend at Kilcoole at 3.00 p.m. on that date.

PROPOSED SEMINAR AT LIMERICK AND VISIT TO HOUSING SCHEME FOR THE AGED

The County Secretary stated that he expected to receive before the end of the week particulars of the date of the proposed Seminar at Limerick and the arrangements in relation to it. Members of the Council would be notified as soon as the details were received.

ITEM NO. 3:- SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £100,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years at 9% to defray expenditure on Supplementary Housing Grants during the period 1st January, 1974 to 30th June, 1975.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 4:- PROGRESS REPORT ON HOUSING SCHEMES

The Housing Progress Report as at 31st December, 1973, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In respect of houses in progress the County Manager gave approximate dates for completion of the Schemes listed. In relation to Tenders accepted and awaiting commencement of work, it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and passed that provision be made in Contract Documents to require the Contractor to commence work within a reasonable time after the signing of the Contract.

RURAL COTTAGE AT BALLINABARNEY: Councillor Keenan stated that if piping were supplied by the Council to the Contractor for the provision of a water supply to the cottage, the Contractor would be prepared to lay the pipes. Mr. J. Flood, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that consideration was being given to providing a temporary water supply from a nearby stream should difficulties arise in laying the pipes for the water supply to the house.

In regard to Tenders received and under investigation or negotiation, the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing) stated that he would be submitting recommendations in respect of the Tenders for Laragh and for Ballinaclesh within a week. The Council noted that Tenders invited for houses at Aughrim were required to be submitted not later than the 24th January, 1974, and Members urged that the recommendation on the Tenders be made as soon as possible following that date.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION: The County Manager stated that it was expected to invite Tenders by public advertisement for houses at Roundwood (16) and Blessington (22) within the next ten days. Tenders for houses at Rathnew would also be invited within two weeks and Tenders for Tinahely within a month. In regard to houses for Newtown, the site was being surveyed and complete documents were expected to be available in about two months. The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, agreed that the number of houses to be built at Rathnew be increased from 30 to 36 and agreed also that the number of houses at Carnew be increased from 8 to 12. It was agreed that in advertising for Tenders for houses in the Northern Engineering District that it be indicated that Tenders would be considered for each Scheme separately or for all Schemes jointly.

HOUSING FOR RATHDANGAN, DONARD AND KILTEGAN: The Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing) stated that an acquisition of sites at Kiltegan and Rathdangan for housing were under negotiation and that an investigation would be carried out to find a suitable site or sites at Donard. Members of the Council asked that reports on these sites and also on the matter of housing at Shillelagh and in relation to the acquisition of sites at Ballyknockan and Vallemount and Coolboy be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

In regard to the reference under 8 (c) (Other Proposals) in relation to Baltinglass the County Manager stated that as soon as estimates of cost of the development of the site were available applications for developed sites would be invited by public advertisement. He stated that it was hoped to have available sites for two-storey semi-detached houses and also for bungalows. The County

Manager added that it was the intention, where possible, to provide developed sites for leasing in conjunction with all Council Housing Schemes in future. The matter of providing developed sites at Aughrim would be examined.

KILCOOLE: Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that consideration be given to providing some small houses such as had recently been provided in Bray for elderly or childless couples in the Kilcoole District.

COOKING FACILITIES AND HEATING IN COUNCIL HOUSES: On the proposal of Councillor E. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, it was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Minister for Local Government requesting him to arrange for an allocation of oil to serve the houses at Kilmacanogue and Greystones where oil was used for heating. The Council also asked that the report which had been sought from the County Engineer in regard to the provision of fireplaces in all Council houses be submitted to the Council Meeting on the 14th January, 1974, if possible.

ITEM NO. 5:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS K. RYAN AND J. WHELAN:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE FUEL HOUSES FOR THE NINE NEW HOUSES AT AUGHRIM".

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was the policy not to provide fuel houses in the type of house built under the last Scheme at Aughrim and also in the Council's Direct Labour Housing in order to cut down costs. It was considered that tenants themselves could either erect fuel houses to the back of the houses or provide fuel bins. In the opinion of the County Engineer fuel houses were uneconomical to build for fuel alone, because of the high cost per square foot of the small floor area, and if storage had to be provided bins would be the answer. He stated that a good class bin could possibly be provided at a cost of about £20.00 per house. Tenants could provide bins or fuel stores themselves and the amount of storage needed for fuel would be small as the fuel for the heaters was bought in small quantities. The Members of the Council having expressed the view that fuel houses were necessary, not only for the storage of fuel but for storage of other items,

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That this Council provide fuel houses in future for all Council houses.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL BUILD PRIVATE HOUSES ON MR. SHEEHY'S FIELD NEAR THE SPORTS FIELD IN MERRYMEETING, RATH EW".

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That this Council build private houses on Mr. Sheehy's field near the Sports Field in Merrymount, Rathnew.

Passed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hynes expressed the view that it was desirable that private building be mixed with Council houses and that this was particularly desirable in Rathnew where there was a large number of Council houses. He suggested that part of the field which had been acquired from Mr. Sheehy be used to provide developed sites for housing or for the provision of houses under a "package deal" with the Contractor.

At this stage the Council agreed to extend the time of the Meeting in order to complete the items on the Agenda.

ITEM NO. 7:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS R. McKEON AND G. TIMMINS, T.D:- "THAT THE EARTHEN BANK AT SYLVAN LAWN BE REMOVED".

The County Secretary stated that in 1969 the County Engineer had submitted an estimate in the sum of £475.00 for the removal of the earthen bank at Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole, and in a further report of 2nd February, 1973, he had recommended that the cost of the removal of the earthen bank be included in the next Road Works Programme. In a subsequent report, the County Engineer expressed the view that the funds for the work be provided from Housing Repairs. The County Secretary pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates under Cottage Repairs to allow of this expenditure which would probably be in the region of £500.00 or more and that it seemed appropriate that provision be made in the Road Works Programme for the coming year to defray the cost of removing the earthen bank, if the Council agreed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That provision be made in the Roads Estimates for the year 1974 for the removal of an earthen bank at Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 8:- COUNCIL HOUSES REPAIRED

Councillor Keenan complained that few repairs were being carried out in part of the Southern Area and he referred to a cottage at Templelusk, Avoca, which was in urgent need of repair and also houses at 7 and 8 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, where repairs carried out had not proved successful. He asked that these matters be attended to. Councillor Senator Miss Walsh also complained that repairs in the Rathdrum/Ballygannon Area were very slow. The Council agreed that the Council re-advertise for tradesmen for employment by the Council.

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CONDITION OF BOGHALL ROAD AND VEVAY ROAD, BRAY

Councillor J. Temple, supported by Councillor E. Byrne, referred to serious discontent in the Vevay and Boghall Road area in regard to the condition of roads and footpaths. He urged that immediate steps be taken to have the roads put in proper condition. Councillor G. Timmins, agreeing that these roads were in very bad condition, stressed also the need for providing better public lighting. The Acting County Engineer stated that a Survey and Design for the improvement of the roads had been prepared and was estimated to cost £100,000. He pointed out that the roads had to be opened for the purposes of the Sewerage Scheme, a Water Supply Scheme and also by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs for telephones. He agreed that the roads were in very bad condition and that pending the carrying out of the Scheme for improvement it was necessary that some surfacing work be done. He had already issued instructions for some repairs to be carried out that day and, in particular, had also instructed the replacement of three shores which had not been put back by the Contractor. The Acting County Engineer stated that a report and estimated cost of the temporary surfacing and restoration would be submitted during that week. The Acting County Engineer stated also that he would arrange to meet Councillor Temple to examine a blockage in the stream at Boghall Road.

FLOODING ON TINAHELY/CARNEW ROAD AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH

Councillor Senator Miss Walsh stated that on occasions of heavy rain flooding occurred at Quarry Street, Shillelagh on the Tinahely/Carnew Road and asked that steps be taken to alleviate this problem. She also urged that when "Road Closed" notices were erected that they should be set back further from the point where the flooding occurred to give adequate warning.

CARNEW SEWERAGE

Councillor K. Ryan asked that a report in regard to Carnew Sewerage be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 14th January, 1974.

W I C K L O W C O U N T Y C O U N C I L

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JANUARY, 1974

PRESENT :

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	E. Byrne
	T.J. Keenan	S. Costello
	K. Ryan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	J. Sweeney	Miss N. O'Neill
	Senator Miss Walsh	J. Temple
	D.J. McEvoy	J.J. Bourke
	J. Miley	J. Gregory
	M.J. O'Neill	R. Miley
	G. Timmins, T.D.	B.S.C. Phelan
		R. McKeon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

County Manager
County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
Staff Officer, General Purposes Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on the 11th February, 1974.

CHAIRMAN

A G E N D A

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 10th December, 1973.
2. Change of Financial Year - to consider letter of 6th December, 1973 from Department of Local Government and to fix date for Estimates Meeting for 1974.
3. Supplementary Loan for Oldcourt Housing Scheme.
4. Revision of Local Electoral Areas - Letter of 19th December, 1973 from Department of Local Government (copy circulated).
5. To adopt Polling Scheme (Draft Scheme circulated).
6. To fill vacancy on Local Health Committee caused by the death of Councillor M. Deering.
7. Local Government Reorganisation - to consider discussion document (copy circulated).
8. Eastern Regional Development Organisation - Report on Sewerage facilities in the Eastern Region (copy circulated).
9. Road and footpath surfacing - Boghall Road and Vevay Road, Bray.
10. Engineering Staff for National Primary Roads.
11. Carnew Sewerage Scheme.
12. To receive deputation from Carnew Area in regard to Water Rates.
13. Church Lane, Newcastle - Report of County Engineer.
14. Old Burial Grounds at Glenealy and Delgany.
15. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and B.S.C. Phelan:- "That in view of the published Report re Brittas Bay this Council proceeds forthwith to arrange and supply water from the suggested supply and because of the overwhelming number of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Residents using this national facility that the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council and the Dun Laoghaire Council be asked to contribute to the suggested improvements and the upkeep of this amenity."
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That the "Grass Diamond" opposite Brendan Gahan's house at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, be removed and road surfaced in the interest of safety."
17. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan:- "That the County Engineer take over and put into proper repair the road from Kilcarra to Rustigath if he has not already done so. The money for this work was included in the Estimates last March."
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill:- "That the Council provide a Scavenging Service in Stratford-on-Slaney."
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh:- (a) "That the extremely dangerous bend at the Gate Lodge at Glenart on the Woodenbridge Arklow Road be removed before there are any more accidents at this point."
(b) "That the two dangerous bends at the bottom of Laragh Hill at Conneran's Cottage, Kilquiggan, be removed."
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the bad bends from Murry's Hill to the village of Newtownmountkennedy be removed."

21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the County Council appoint a School Warden at Newtownmountkennedy School."
22. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council erect extra lights on the Greenane Road at Clash."
23. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the Council lay pipes of suitable size to carry all the water coming down County Council plot in winter (Cottage Tenant: Mrs Corrigan) - this water floods three houses in Clash."
24. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That a Report be given at the next Meeting of the County Council on the progress made on septic tanks for Messrs Bolton, Duffy and Doyle, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council do some improvement work on the Sea Road, Kilcoole, pending the resurfacing of the said road as soon as the sewerage scheme is completed."
26. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M.J. O'Neill, and G. Timmins:- "That the Council add additional lights on the access roads in Parkmore, Baltinglass and one additional lamp on the Bridge in Baltinglass."
27. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a footpath from McNulty's Public House in Ballinalea, to join the existing footpath in Ashford to enable the children in Ballinalea to walk in safety to school and back."
28. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That monies due for years for land acquired for road widening be paid without any further delay to (a) Bernard Jackman, Liscolman; (b) Richard Corrigan, Liscolman; (c) Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe; and (d) Samuel Bayley, Coolkenno."
29. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the wall beside the Graveyard in Greenane be repaired and also the paths be repaired and surfaced and a cross be erected in the Graveyard to replace the one which has fallen down."
30. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council clean up Macreddin Graveyard which is in a very overgrown condition".
31. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M.J. O'Neill:- "That a new Fire Engine with breathing apparatus and rescue equipment be provided at Baltinglass."
32. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill:- "That the Council extend the Eadestown Water Supply to five Council houses in the Castleruddery area."
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Staff of the County Council who do not leave the offices for their lunch be provided with accommodation including a cooker, tables, etc, to enable them to prepare and have their lunch; such accommodation to be temporary until the Council erect new Offices."
34. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill:- "That the Council provide a water supply for the tenants of Council houses in the Castleruddery area."
35. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council provide a Telephone Box at the Meetings of the Water, Avoca, to replace the AA Box which has been removed."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 1973

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on the 12th December, 1973.

Passed.

COMPLAINT IN RELATION TO HOUSING SCHEME AT KILGARRON

At the request of Councillor S. Costello the Council agreed to receive Mr. Patrick Seery, 44 Kilgarron Park, in relation to a complaint concerning the condition of the central heating piping in the house. Mr. Seery submitted a section of the piping forming part of the central heating system and stated that the pipes had corroded and the hot press had become flooded and that the piping used was not suitable for use for central heating purposes. The Council agreed that the matter be investigated by the Acting County Engineer and that the piping in all the houses at Kilgarron be examined to ascertain the condition of the central heating piping in them.

ITEM NO. 2:- CHANGE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

The County Secretary submitted letter of 6th December, 1973, reference AU/3/73, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the change of financial year which stressed the necessity to complete rate apportionment and issue rate demands as early as possible for the nine-month financial year ending on 31st December, 1974, and advising that local authorities review their time schedule for the holding of Estimates Meetings and bring dates of Meetings forward to the earliest convenient date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby fix Monday, the 18th February, 1974 as the date for consideration of the Estimates for period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:- SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR OLDCOURT HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that a Supplementary Loan of £85,400 repayable over a period of 35 years at 9% was required to meet the increased costs of the Oldcourt Housing Scheme at Bray, which were due to extras and increases in prices of labour and material.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That we approve of the raising from the Commissioners of Public Works of a Supplementary Loan in the sum of £85,400 to finance the increased costs arising due to extras and increases in prices of labour and materials in connection with the erection of 240 houses at Oldcourt, Bray.

Passed.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he had received complaints from tenants of the houses of defects in doors and of holes in ceilings. The Council asked that these complaints be investigated by the Acting County Engineer and that an inspection of the houses be arranged to be made by the Special Committee of the Council previously appointed to inspect the houses at Oldcourt. It was agreed that the inspection should take place in the presence of the Acting County Engineer or the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing) with a technical representative of the National Building Agency and a technical representative of the Contractors.

ITEM NO. 4:- REVISION OF LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS

The County Secretary stated that a copy of letter of 19th December, 1973, reference F 214/2/27, from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members of the Council. It was indicated in the letter that the Minister proposed to revise the Electoral Areas in County Wicklow by the transfer of a seat from Baltinglass to Bray Electoral Area but that before making an Order on that basis the Minister was prepared to consider any observations which the Council might wish to offer in the matter, provided such observations were submitted before the end of January.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

That no alteration be made in the representation for the Electoral Areas in the County.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne

That we accept the Minister's proposal in relation to the representation from the four Local Electoral Areas.

After a lengthy discussion on the proposal and the amendment a vote was called for on the amendment and it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple - 6

AGAINST

Councillors J.J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh (Senator), and J. Whelan - 14

The amendment was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 6 votes in favour and the proposal being then put was declared passed by 14 votes in favour to 6 votes against.

The Council considered the matter of the proposed change in the Bray and Wicklow Local Electoral Areas which had been put forward at a previous meeting by Councillor Gregory and deferred for further details of the proposal to be submitted. The County Secretary stated that Councillor Gregory's proposal involved the transfer from the Bray Electoral Area of the Electoral Divisions of Kilcoole, Calary and Togher to the Wicklow Electoral Area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

That Kilcoole, Calary and Togher Electoral Divisions be transferred from the Bray Electoral Area to the Wicklow Electoral Area.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J.J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and J. Whelan - 13

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple - 6

Senator Miss M. Walsh did not vote.

The proposal was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 6 against.

ITEM NO. 5:- TO ADOPT POLLING SCHEME (DRAFT SCHEME CIRCULATED)

The County Secretary stated that the Draft Polling Scheme had been circulated to the Members and was submitted for approval and Sealing. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that in relation to a part of the Baltinglass Electoral Area the amendments agreed by

the Local Electoral Area Committee had not been given effect to in the Scheme as circulated and Councillor J. Miley asked that the matter of the Granabeg/Coolmore Area would also be reviewed. Councillor Keenan stated that there were sections of the Polling Scheme in the Arklow Electoral Area which also required further revision. It was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to have the points raised by Members further examined.

ITEM NO. 6:- TO FILL VACANCY ON LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF COUNCILLOR M. DEERING

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby appoint Councillor Donal McEvoy, Baltyboys, Blessington, to be a member of the Local Health Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor M. Deering.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 7:- LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - TO CONSIDER DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Councillor S. Costello expressed disagreement with a number of the proposals made in the Discussion Document as circulated to the Members of the Council and proposed that the Council reject those proposals which would transfer to the County Council powers at present exercised by the Urban District Councils. Following a discussion on matters covered in the Discussion Document the Council agreed to defer further consideration of the Document to a Special Meeting to which representatives of the three Urban District Councils would be invited.

ITEM NO. 8:- EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION - REPORT ON SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE EASTERN REGION

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the Report to the Special Meeting to be arranged in relation to the Discussion Document on Local Government Reorganisation.

DRAINAGE IN GREYSTONES AREA Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to drains which had become choked in the Greystones/Delgany Area and which had given rise to flooding in a number of houses and asked that this matter receive immediate attention. The Acting County Engineer stated that because of the recent exceptionally heavy rains and storm building materials had been washed into open drains and had caused chokage of drain pipes which had resulted in manholes lifting and some flooding being caused. The matter had been attended to by the Council's staff.

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ITEM NO. 9:- ROAD AND FOOTPATH SURFACING - BOGHALL ROAD AND VEVAY ROAD, BRAY

The County Secretary submitted report of 11th January, 1974, of the Acting County Engineer, in which he indicated that plans for widening and strengthening Boghall Road and the provision of footpaths and public lighting were nearing completion and the works were estimated to cost £109,000. He recommended that the Department of Local Government be requested to make a special grant available to defray the cost of this work. The Acting County Engineer stated that even if monies were made available by the Department there would be delay involved as land had to be acquired for road improvement and since the Council could not wait any length time for putting the improvement scheme into operation he recommended that the worst sections of the road be strengthened and surfaced immediately, and portions which were not so bad be surfaced after the 1st April, 1974. The estimated cost of the work was £9,500 and he proposed that work to the value of £5,000 be expended within the current financial year and £4,500 after the 1st April. The work would be financed by the transfer of £4,000 from the provision made in the Road Works Scheme for widening and providing footpaths on the Kilgarron Road from Enniskerry, as since designs for widening and realignment had not been completed nor the land acquired it would not be possible to carry out that Scheme before the 31st March. The work at Enniskerry would be provided for in the Road Works Scheme for 1974. The balance of the cost of the work to the 31st March would be met from monies retained from the Contract for the Bray Sewerage Scheme towards the cost of restoration.

The Acting County Engineer informed the Members of the Council that since submitting the report arrangements had been made with Roadstone Limited to commence the work at Boghall Road within the next two weeks and to proceed with the work to completion. Not more than £5,000 would be required to be paid towards the cost of the work during the current financial year. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Temple concerning repairs to Vevay Road, the Acting County Engineer stated that the Council's staff would carry out temporary surfacing and that funds were available from the sum deducted from the Sewerage Contract. Councillor Costello pointed out that urgent repairs were also needed on Killarney Lane.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved - That having considered Report of the Acting County Engineer of 11th January, 1974, we approve of his recommendations for the strengthening and surfacing of Boghall Road, Bray, at a total estimated cost of £9,500, and approve of his recommendations for the financing of this work, and the transfer of funds from the Scheme for widening and providing footpaths at Kilgarron Road from Enniskerry, towards meeting the cost of the works to be carried out in the current financial year.

Passed.

EXTENSION OF TIME OF MEETING

At this stage the Council agreed to extend the time of the Meeting after 5.00 p.m. in order to deal with questions and Items 10 to 12 on the Agenda.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councillor E. Byrne referred to a report which has appeared in the newspapers from which it seems that the ambulances which had been stationed at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, would in future be based at James' Street, Dublin. He urged that the Council take this matter up with the Eastern Health Board as if the report was correct the Ambulance Service for people in the Wicklow area would be adversely affected. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that he understood that the ambulances would still operate from Loughlinstown but would be based overnight at James' Street in Dublin for the purpose of servicing. The Council agreed that the Eastern Health Board be asked to have a report on the matter available for the next meeting of the Local Health Committee.

FIRE STATION AT TINAHELY

Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that she understood that the Fire Station at Tinahely was being sold and that if this was correct the Council might be left without any accommodation for the fire engine in the area. On the proposal of Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, it was agreed that the matter be investigated.

HOUSE AT DRUMMIN, BALLINGLEN

Councillor J. Whelan referred to a demountable house which had been provided for a tenant at Ballinglen and stated that the house was now surrounded on three sides by water and that dampness would come up through the floor. He asked that the matter be attended to as one of urgency and suggested that a proper pathway be provided and a soak-hole to drain water away from the house. He expressed the view that a permanent house should be provided for the tenant.

ITEM NO. 10:- ENGINEERING STAFF FOR NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS

The County Manager stated that he had hoped to be in a position to submit a comprehensive report on staff requirements but for a number of reasons could report at this stage only on the Staffing Requirements for the Design and Construction of the National Primary Road. Having given details of the present Technical Staff for the National Primary Road, the County Manager stated that four permanent posts for Engineers were still not filled and that during recent months some six Temporary Engineers had left the Council's employment to take up permanent posts elsewhere. A recent advertisement by the Council had as yet failed to attract any person to take up duty as a Temporary Engineer. He pointed out that experience indicated that an offer of permanent employment does attract suitable applicants. The County Manager stated that the policy in relation to standard for improvement and upkeep of National Primary Roads was determined by the Department of Local Government who paid the full cost of the work, including the cost of approved staff. The Design and Construction was undertaken by the Council. It was understood that expenditure per annum would shortly be in the region of £500,000 increasing each year for many years to come, and the staff required to deal with this volume of expenditure would be as follows:-

- (a) 2 Chief Assistant County Engineers (1 Construction and 1 Design)
- (b) 5 Assistant County Engineers (3 Construction and 2 Design)
- (c) 4 Civil Engineering Technicians (2 Construction and 2 Design)
- (d) 1 Trainee Draughtsman
- (e) 1 Costing and Control Clerk
- (f) 2 Clerk/Typists (1 Construction and 1 Design)

The County Manager stated that the entire cost of the staff would be charged to National Primary Road Grant and there would be no cost to the ratepayers. He pointed out that it was necessary that advance land acquisition be put in hands and so avoid delays which were often experienced in the absence of forward land acquisitions. The County Manager listed a number of Schemes which were regarded as of urgency and which would have to be designed immediately. The County Manager stated he had discussed the matter thoroughly with the County Engineer and he is prepared to recommend these staff proposals to the Council for approval.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the creation of the following additional posts for the National Primary Road:-

- 1 Chief Assistant County Engineer
- 4 Assistant County Engineers
- 4 Civil Engineering Technicians
- 2 Clerk/Typists

Passed.

ITEM NO. 11:- CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Engineer had reported that detail plans and estimates of costs were now available for the Carnew Sewerage Scheme and could be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval to the invitation of Tenders. The Council approved of the submission of drawings and estimate for approval by the Department.

ITEM NO. 12:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM CARNEW AREA IN REGARD TO WATER RATES

Councillor K. Ryan conveyed the apologies of the members of the deputation to attend at the Meeting of the Council that day and asked if the Council would agree to receive the deputation on their next Meeting. The County Manager suggested that if desired he would be prepared to meet the members of the deputation to discuss the matter of the Water Charges in the Carnew area and the Council agreed that the deputation be asked to meet the County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	S. Costello
	T.J. Keenan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
	J. Sweeney	J. Temple
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	D.J. McEvoy	J. Gregory
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
J. Flood, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing)
U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on the 4th March, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

A G E N D A

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4. Housing Progress Report.
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9. Old Burial Grounds at Glenealy and Delgany.
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38. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council report on sewerage for Longhill, Lugduff, Tinahely."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 7TH JANUARY, 1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor D. McEvoy

Resolved - That we hereby Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 7th January, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT INDUSTRIAL SITE AT BLESSINGTON

The County Secretary stated that in item number five on the Statutory Information in the Notice furnished to the Members the words "or any part thereof" should have been inserted between the words "lease-hold interest" and the words "to any other party". The Council agreed with this correction in item five of the Notice.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the disposal of three acres approximately of land at the Council's Industrial Site at Blessington to Ennis Engineering Limited, Seville Place, Dublin, in accordance with the terms specified in the Notice issued to Members of the Council on the 10th January, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:- CIRCULAR N 1/74 FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Council noted the terms of Circular N 1/74 from the Department of Local Government and noted that arrangements were being made for the implementation of the suggestions made in the letter.

ITEM NO. 4:- HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Housing Progress Report as at 31st January, 1974, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Manager stated that fifteen houses at Glenealy had been completed during the month as well as two rural cottages and two system-built houses.

Kilmacanogue Houses: Councillor McKeon stated that he had received complaints from tenants of defects in the houses at Kilmacanogue which mainly related to leaking joints in the houses which resulted in wallpaper being damaged. Councillor S. Costello and Senator Miss M. Walsh stated they also had received similar complaints. The County Manager stated that these houses were still under maintenance by the Contractor and that the Acting County Engineer had been in touch with the National Building Agency to ensure that any defects appearing in

the houses were remedied. Councillor Costello drew attention to the damage to wallpaper caused by the defects and stated that tenants should be compensated for damage to wallpaper or furnishings.

The Council examined the Report in detail and the County Manager answered queries from Members in regard to progress on the various Schemes. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that sites be made available at Kilcoole for persons who wished to build their own houses and also asked that a report be submitted to the next Meeting on the matter of providing houses for old persons within new Council Housing Schemes.

ITEM NO. 5:- COUNCIL HOUSES REPAIRED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1974 AND TO BE REPAIRED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1974.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Council asked that the Acting County Engineer arrange for the completion of repairs to the house at Aughavannagh as a matter of urgency. Reference was made by Members to damage to houses caused by the recent storm and Members also referred to the danger of trees alongside roads falling on to roads and causing injury or loss of life. The Council asked that the condition of trees along the roads be examined and, where necessary, notices served on landowners for the removal of any trees found dangerous. Councillor T.J. Keenan, supported by Councillor Whelan, complained of the slow progress on housing repairs in the South/Eastern and Southern Areas and asked that applications be invited by public advertisement for tradesmen for work on repairs to Council houses in the area. Senator Miss M. Walsh asked that the carrying out of repairs to houses at Ballygannon be expedited.

ITEM NO. 6:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. WHELAN:-
"THAT THE NEED FOR HOUSES AT COOLBALLINTAGGART BE INVESTIGATED."

On the proposal of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Council agreed that the need for houses at Coolballintaggart be investigated and that a site be obtained for the provision of any necessary houses.

ITEM NO. 7:- REPORT OF EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
ON SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE EASTERN REGION

It was

Proposed by Councillor D. McEvoy

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That the Council note the Report of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation on Sewerage Facilities in the Eastern Region.

Passed.

Councillor Phelan pointed out that sewerage from each of the three Urban Districts of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow was discharged untreated into the sea and he suggested that this was giving rise

to problems of pollution. He referred in particular to Wicklow Harbour. The County Secretary stated that the Urban District Council had engaged a Consultant to prepare a new Sewerage Scheme. Councillor S. Costello stated that he understood that a problem had arisen in regard to disposal of sewerage from the City of New York into the sea and on his proposal, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be asked to supply any new information available to the Department on this matter.

ITEM NO. 8:- CHURCH LANE, NEWCASTLE - REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it had been represented to him that only part of the road known as Church Lane, Newcastle should be repaired and taken over, as there were very few houses on the southern side of the road leading on to the main road at Tiglin. He had submitted a revised estimate in the sum of £2,200 for reconstructing the bridge and had estimated at £820 the cost of putting into a state of repair and taking over of the portion of the road stretching from Valentine's, northwards, for a distance of 730 yards approximately to meet County Road No. 50 at Newcastle. The County Engineer recommended that the improvement of the road would be most suitable as a Local Improvements Scheme. The County Secretary suggested that the persons living on, or owning land along this section of road might be asked to make application for a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme and if a grant were approved and allocated the road could then be taken over and the Council would meet the cost of reconstructing the bridge. On the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan, the Council approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer that the section of the road as described in his report be improved under a Local Improvements Scheme, following which the Council would take over the road and carry out reconstruction of the bridge.

ITEM NO. 9:- OLD BURIAL GROUNDS AT GLENEALY AND DELGANY

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that it was proposed to dispense with the procedure of holding Public Inquiries in regard to the Closing of Old Burial Grounds and that instead a suitable Public Notice would be given in the Press to the effect that an application for a Closure Order had been made, and that anyone who wished to seek exemption from the Order could do so by applying to the Minister on a Form to be obtained in the Council Offices. Notices to this effect had been given in relation to the closure of the Old Burial Grounds at Delgany and Glenealy.

Burial Ground at Bray: The County Secretary stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council in respect of lands at Springfield near Bray required for the purpose of a Burial Ground had been confirmed by the Minister with modifications. The modifications had the effect of reducing the area which the Council sought to acquire from over 13 acres to 6 acres. In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer estimated the area which the Council was empowered to acquire by the Compulsory Purchase Order would meet the needs of Bray for a period of 40 to 50 years. The Council agreed that the lands specified in the Compulsory Purchase Order as modified by the Minister be acquired.

Templemichael Graveyard: Senator Miss M. Walsh complained of the condition of the old Graveyard at Templemichael and asked that the Council arrange to have the Graveyard cleaned.

Graveyard at Greenane: Councillor T.J. Keenan referred to the Notice of Motion in his name at Item 24 on the Agenda and stated that since submitting the Notice of Motion fencing had also been damaged at the Burial Ground and it was in urgent need of attention. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that a considerable length of wall needed reconstructing with rock face concrete blocks and copings and that the access road needed reconstruction and surfacing with stetmix or bitmac. The cost of carrying out the work was estimated at approximately £735.00.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor E. Miley

Resolved - That the Council repair the wall beside the Graveyard in Greenane and that the paths be repaired and surfaced and a cross erected in the Graveyard.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 10:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. WHELAN AND B.S.C. PHELAN:- "THAT IN VIEW OF THE PUBLISHED REPORT RE BRITTAS BAY THIS COUNCIL PROCEEDS FORTHWITH TO ARRANGE AND SUPPLY WATER FROM THE SUGGESTED SUPPLY AND BECAUSE OF THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF DUBLIN AND DUN LAOGHAIRE RESIDENTS USING THIS NATIONAL FACILITY THAT THE DUBLIN CORPORATION, THE DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE DUN LAOGHAIRE COUNCIL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE UPKEEP OF THIS AMENITY."

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Phelan stressed the need for the provision of a proper water supply for houses at Brittas Bay and to serve the toilets at the new car park and stated that the water supply at present serving some of the houses was not satisfactory. The proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Whelan. The County Secretary stated that it was intended that the Garryduff Regional Water Supply Scheme, Stage I of which was at present awaiting the approval of the Minister, was being designed primarily to serve Rathdrum, Avoca and Ballinaclesh, but the Consultant had been requested to submit a comprehensive report which would provide for extending the water supply to Brittas Bay as well. Councillor Phelan stated that it would probably be several years before a water supply would be available from this Regional Scheme and he urged that, in the meantime, a Group Scheme from a local source be provided for the Brittas Bay area. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Acting County Engineer for examination.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Senator Miss M. Walsh the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Mr. H.R.H. Sharpe, Chief Fire Officer, on the death of his wife. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

THE PRICE SISTERS AND OTHER IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Chairman agreed to consider a Motion submitted by Councillor S. Costello and signed by nine other Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - "That we ask Mr. Cosgrave to request the British Government to allow the Price sisters and any other Irish political prisoners at present serving sentences in British Prisons to return to Northern Ireland if they so desire, and that the forcible feeding of Irish political prisoners be terminated."

Passed.

VISIT OF INSPECTION TO PROTO-TYPE HOUSE AT WICKLOW

The County Secretary stated that an invitation had been extended by the Goulding Group (Terrapin) Wicklow to the Members of the Council to inspect a proto-type house which had been constructed at their premises at Wicklow. The Members of the Council agreed to inspect the proto-type house at 4 p.m. on Monday, 11th February, 1974.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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CONFIRMED at Meeting held on the 11th March, 1974.

J. Whelan
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32. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council provide sewerage for the Council houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."
33. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council report on sewerage for Longhill, Lugduff, Tinahely."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 14TH JANUARY, 1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on the 14th January, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967 -
TO CONSIDER GRANTING WAIVER FROM CONDITIONS IN SECTION 7 IN RESPECT
OF YEAR 1973/74.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That subject to the consent of the Minister, we hereby determine that the making of any allowances under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts 1939 and 1967 in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974 within such financial year.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:- CIRCUIT OF IRELAND INTERNATIONAL RALLY - APPLICATION
FOR CLOSING OF PUBLIC ROADS ON 16TH APRIL, 1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That we approve of public notice being given of intention to close to public traffic the roads in County Wicklow at Coan, Aughavannagh and Sally Gap on the 16th April, 1974 for periods between 12.30 a.m. and 5.00 a.m. for the purposes of the Circuit of Ireland International Rally.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 4:- TO ARRANGE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEES FOR REVISION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council agreed that the Members for each of the four Electoral Areas would meet and determine a date for the Meetings of the Electoral Area Committees and notify the Secretary of the dates agreed.

ITEM NO. 5:- REVISION OF REMUNERATION:- (A) PART-TIME FIRE BRIGADE
PERSONNEL (B) CLERK-TYPISTS (C) DRAUGHTSMEN AND (D) COUNTY SECRETARY

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we note the terms of the agreement reached at the Conciliation Conference in the Labour Court on the 10th July, 1973 between the group of Unions representing part-time Firemen and representatives of the County Managers, and approve of the application to members of the Fire Brigades in County Wicklow of the terms of the agreement as accepted by the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, and with effect from the 1st July, 1973. That we hereby authorise expenditure of £16,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the implementation of this Agreement.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That having noted the recommendation of the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board for revision of salary scales of Clerk/Typists, being part of the revised grading and salary structure for clerical and administrative staffs of Local Authorities and Health Boards, we approve of the implementation of the revised salary scales to Clerk/Typists with effect from 1st April, 1972, and hereby authorise expenditure of £5,000 in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of these salary scales.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - Having noted the terms of the Arbitration Award under the Local Government Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme in relation to the remuneration of the grades of Draughtsman Grade I and Draughtsman Grade II, we approve of the application of the revised salary scales to these Officers with effect from the 1st January, 1972, and hereby authorise expenditure of £400 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revised salary scales.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - Having noted recommendation of the Labour Court dated 7th January, 1974, in regard to the claim made by the Local Government and Public Services Union for an adjustment of the salaries of County Secretaries, we approve of the application of the revised salary scales as recommended from the 1st July, 1971, and hereby authorise expenditure of £750 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6:- TO ADOPT POLLING SCHEME (DRAFT SCHEME CIRCULATED).

Following a discussion in regard to the amendments proposed to the Polling Scheme,

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - That we hereby adopt the Revised Polling Scheme 1973 subject to the following amendments:-

BRAY ELECTORAL AREA: The Townlands of Templecarrig Lower (Greystones), Coolagad (Greystones), Kindlestown Lower (Greystones) in the Electoral Division of Delgany be included in Greystones for Polling purposes.

BALTINGLASS ELECTORAL AREA: The polling place at Donoughmore comprising the Townlands of Ballintruer Beg, Ballintruer More, Ballyhubbock Lower, Ballyhubbock Upper, Brusselstown, Castlequarter, Castleruddery, Castleruddery Upper, Castlesallagh, Coolamadra, Deerpark, Donoughmore, Killybeg, Newtown, Raheen, Randalstown, Whitestown Lower, Whitestown Upper, in the Electoral Division of Donoughmore to be retained. The polling place at Coonmore comprising the Townlands of Ballintober, Harristown, Johnstown, Toor, Walterstown in the Electoral Division of Hollywood; Coonmore, Corragh, Knocknaboley, Lugglass Lower, Lugglass Upper, in the Electoral Division of Lugglass, to be retained, with the addition of the Townlands of Bawnogue, Granabeg Lower, Granabeg Upper, Knockalt Lower, Knockalt Upper, Lockstown Upper, in the Electoral Division of Lugglass; Granamore, Knocknadruc, Oakwood, in the Electoral Division of Lacken (formerly at Granabeg Polling Place). The polling place at Lacken to include the Townland of Ballinastocken, Electoral Division of Lacken.

ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA: The polling place at Ballinaclash comprising the Townlands of Bahana (King), Bahana (Whaley), Ballard, Ballinaclash, Ballyeustace, Ballymoney, Coolaflake, Cronemore, Mongnacool Lower, Mongnacool Upper, in the Electoral Division of Ballinaclash and Ballyshane in the Electoral Division of Ballinacor to be retained.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6(a):- GREYSTONES SEWERAGE SCHEME - TO AUTHORISE BORROWING TO DEFRAY STAGE I OF THE SCHEME.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £144,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to defray the cost of Stage I of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 7:- LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - TO CONSIDER DISCUSSION DOCUMENT (COPY CIRCULATED).

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Council had already agreed to hold a Special Meeting to which Members of the Urban District Councils would be invited for a joint discussion in regard to the Discussion Document in relation to Local Government Reorganisation. Councillor S. Costello suggested that the Council should agree on the views to be put forward by the County Council at the joint Meeting. The County Secretary stated that the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Bray had held discussions on this matter and the views of these Councils had been set out in statements which had been supplied to him by the Town Clerks. Wicklow Urban District Council was holding a Special Meeting that evening to consider the matter. Following a discussion,

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - That a Special Meeting be held between the Urban District Councils and the County Council to consider the Discussion Document on Local Government Reorganisation and that we support the views of the Urban District Councils that they retain their present powers.

Passed.

The Council decided that the Special Meeting be held at the Council Chamber, at the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd February, 1974.

ITEM NO. 8:- APPLICATIONS FOR PROVISION OF SCHOOL WARDENS AT NEWTOWN-MOUNTKENNEDY AND BLESSINGTON.

The recommendations of the Garda authority and of the Acting County Engineer in relation to the proposal for the appointment of a School Warden at Newtownmountkenedy were submitted to the Council. Councillor J. Gregory disagreed with the recommendation that a School Warden operate at a crossing for children at the junction with the Monaline Road at the southern end of Newtownmountkenedy and pointed out that the south-bound bus stopped opposite the Church and that accordingly the Warden should operate at a crossing at the Church. He pointed out that since the Downs National School had been closed, a large number of children travelled by the south-bound bus and consequently the crossing should be near the Bus Stop. He stated that there were only a limited number of children coming from the southerly direction who would have to cross the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That the County Council appoint a School Warden at Newtownmountkenedy School, to operate at the Bus Stop opposite the Church

The recommendations of the Garda Authority and of the Acting County Engineer in regard to the proposal to provide a School Warden at Blessington were submitted to the Council. Councillor J. Miley disagreed with the recommendation of the Garda Authority and stated that a Warden was not required at the Main Street near the School but instead should operate at a crossing near the junction of the Lacken Road and the Main Street in Blessington. He pointed out that the greater number of children attending the School would be coming from the southern end of Blessington and would have to cross the road from Lacken to Blessington and that since there was considerable traffic on that road the Warden should operate for the crossing of the road. The Council agreed to defer the matter back to the Garda Authority for reconsideration.

SCHOOL WARDEN AT TEMPLERAINY

Councillor J. Sweeney urged that the salary of School Wardens be revised and stated that Arklow Urban District Council were finding it difficult to recruit a person to act as School Warden at the crossing at Templerainy. The Council agreed that a revision of salary of School Wardens be considered by the County Manager.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WARDEN AT KILCOOLE AND MOVING OF SPEED LIMIT SIGN

Councillor S. Costello submitted representations he had received from Kilcoole Residents Association seeking the appointment of a School Warden at the Boys' School, Kilcoole, and asking also that the Speed Limit Sign be moved 70 yards to the Greystones side of the School. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the recommendations of the Garda Authority and of the Acting County Engineer be obtained in relation to the proposal for the appointment of a School Warden at the Boys' School at Kilcoole and also on the proposal that the Speed Limit Sign be moved 70 yards towards the Greystones side of the School.

ITEMS 9 TO 33 ON AGENDA

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that the remaining items on the Agenda be regarded as approved subject to the necessary recommendations being available and that the County Secretary inform the Members who had submitted the Notices of Motion of the recommendations received. In cases where the proposals could not be implemented, he suggested that such matters be reported back to the Council for further consideration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Resolved - That items 9 to 33 on the Agenda be regarded as passed, subject to the necessary recommendations being in order and that Councillors who submitted Notices of Motion should be informed of the recommendations made; if proposals cannot be implemented, such matters to be reported to the Council.

Passed.

LOCAL ROADS MEETINGS

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - That Local Roads Meetings be held in each Electoral Area after the Acting County Engineer has submitted his recommendations, and monies have been allocated for works in each Area.

Passed.

HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT HOLLYWOOD CROSS

Councillor Costello referred to previous complaints considered by the Council in relation to the house under construction at Hollywood Cross and stated that he understood that the house had been inspected by an Inspector of the Department of Local Government in November and that a form had been sent from the Council Offices for rent purposes to the brother of the applicant. He stated that the house was not satisfactory and that there were pools of water in two of the rooms. Councillor Costello asked that details of the report of the Department's Inspector be supplied and that the Acting County Engineer indicate what was proposed to be done to remedy the defects. The County Manager pointed out that he had no notice of the question and was not in a position to give a reply at that Meeting. The Council agreed that a report on the matter be available for the Estimates Meeting which would be held on the following Monday.

The Meeting then terminated.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	E. Byrne
	T.J. Keenan	S. Costello
	K. Ryan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	Senator Miss Walsh	Miss N. O'Neill
	D.J. McEvoy	J. Temple
	J. Miley	J.J. Bourke
	M.J. O'Neill	J. Gregory
	G. Timmins, T.D.	R. Miley
		R. McKeon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
P. Hand, County Accountant
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 8th April, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

A copy of the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses and determination of Rates in the £ for the financial year ending 31st December, 1974, together with a copy of the County Manager's Statement on the Estimate and a copy of the proposed Roadworks Scheme had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In introducing the Estimates the County Manager referred to the affect on the Estimates as submitted of the rise in prices which had taken place over recent months and mentioned also the proposals as indicated in the Statement for the setting up of a County Development Team to look after the industrial development problems in the County and the arrangements proposed for making available improved legal facilities, and stated that these matters would be covered in detail in reports to be submitted regarding Staff Requirements. Members of the Council referred to the provision in the Estimates for a contribution to the West Wicklow Development Association and expressed the view that this provision should be retained at least for the current year having regard to discussions taking place between the Association and the Department of Finance for continued assistance to the Association from the Department. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello and seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill, that the provision of £1,500 as a contribution to West Wicklow Development Association be retained. The County Manager stated that this matter could be considered in conjunction with the Estimate for General Purposes.

The Council proceeded to consider the Estimates for Roads. The Acting County Engineer referred to increases in prices of materials such as tar and bitumen and fuel oil and also to the fact that approximately 90% of normal Roads Expenditure was incurred in the first nine months of the financial year, i.e. from between April and December, and that these matters were reflected in the Estimates for Road Services as submitted.

White-lining on Roads: Councillor J. Whelan complained that the provision of white lines on certain roads had not been carried out for two years although these were included in the works to be done by the contractor. He asked that it be ensured in future that white-lining be completed on all roads as included in the instructions issued to the contractor.

Condition of Main Roads in Bray Urban Area: Councillor J. Temple, supported by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and other Members, complained of the condition of Putland Road from Strand Road to the Vevay, and the Main Road from Newcourt Road through the Main Street to the junction at Old Conna and asked what arrangements were being made to ensure that this road was put in proper condition. The Acting County Engineer stated that he proposed to recommend that the surfacing of these roads be defrayed from the Block Grant to be made available by the Department of Local Government in the coming financial year. Councillor S. Costello recommended that this proposal be accepted provided it was assured that the sum of £20,000 being the amount estimated by the Assistant County Engineer, be allocated for the work of surfacing these Main Roads and that it also be assured that the work would be carried out no later in the year than if the monies were provided in the Estimates as submitted. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to defer this matter pending the submission of a more exact estimate of the cost before the termination of the Estimates Meeting.

Arklow Relief Road: In reply to enquiry from Senator Miss M. Walsh, the Acting County Engineer stated that plans were in course of preparation for the provision of the Relief Road at Arklow, the cost of which would be defrayed in full from National Primary Grant.

Road from Aughrim to Carnew and Quarry Street, Shillelagh: In reply to Councillor K. Ryan who raised the matter of flooding which occurred frequently on the Aughrim to Carnew Road and also on Quarry Street, Shillelagh, the Acting County Engineer stated that a survey and report in regard to the relieving of this flooding was being prepared.

Winter Relief:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved - That we provide an additional sum of £1,400 for Winter Relief on County Roads.

Passed.

Following the completion of the examination of the section of the Roads Estimates relating to the Roadworks Programme for the coming year, the County Manager pointed out to the Members that the Estimates for Roadworks submitted had been prepared in December and that since that date there had been very substantial increases in costs of road materials. He also pointed out that the proposed National Agreement had not been accepted and that revised terms for a National Agreement were at present under consideration and that in consequence it could be expected that there would be a further increase in labour costs. He estimated that the increases in costs were likely to give rise to additional expenditure in the region of £20,000. The Council noted that particulars of the Road Fund Grants to be made available in respect of the financial year 1974 had not yet been received from the Department of Local Government and in view of this and of the County Manager's statement in regard to likely additions to expenditure over the amount estimated, decided to defer a final decision on the Roads Estimates until the remaining headings of the Estimates had been examined. The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for the supply of details of the Grants to be made available in the coming year as a matter of urgency.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

In reply to enquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that works to which the Council were already committed for carrying out with the aid of Local Improvement Grants in the coming financial year were estimated to cost approximately £6,000. As the grant allocated to the Council in the current year amounted to £8,000 provision was made in the Estimates for a grant of £6,000 for 1974, being for a nine month period. The Council had received notification from the Department of Local Government that morning that arising from under-expenditure and savings in some Counties, the Minister was in a position to accept an over-expenditure of £2,000 by the Council on the Scheme in 1973/1974. This would enable the Council to undertake two of the Schemes costing approximately £2,000 from the total of £6,042 to which the Council was committed for the coming year. The Members of the Council asked that representations be made immediately to the Department of Local Government for the provision of increased funds for Local Improvement Schemes and pointed out that in addition to Schemes to which the Council were committed there were also a considerable number of other applications for grants for improvement of roads under the Scheme.

Members also referred to the need for improving roads serving turf bogs as it could be anticipated that there would be more persons wishing to provide their own fuel by cutting turf in the coming year.

SCHOOL WARDENS

The Council noted that provision had been made in the Estimates for providing School Wardens at Newtownmountkennedy and Blessington and passed Resolutions for the provision of School Wardens at Kilcoole (proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes), at Dunlavin (proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill), at Tinahely (proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan) and at Baltinglass from Gillespies at Mill Street to the Supermarket (proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Miley). The Council authorised the provision of an additional £1,000 to defray the cost of provision of the additional Wardens.

The Council approved of the remaining items in the Roads Estimates.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for the Health Services.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for Public Assistance Services.

SANITARY SERVICES

BLESSINGTON WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

In regard to the Blessington Water Supply, Councillor J. Miley stated that there appeared to be an excess of chlorine in the water as he had received many complaints that it tasted badly. It was agreed that this matter be examined by the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Sanitary Services). In reply to Councillor Miley's enquiry regarding the Sewerage Scheme at Blessington, the County Manager stated that the Consultant was revising the proposals for the Sewerage Scheme to take account of the up-to-date estimates of future population growth in the town.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Councillor F. Hynes stated that public lights provided at Rathnew had been incorrectly placed and that these lights should have been located on The Green. He asked that this matter be taken up with the Electricity Supply Board. Councillor J. Miley asked that additional lights be provided on the Dublin Road, Blessington. In reply to Councillor R. Miley, the County Manager stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for extra lights at Rathdrum.

It being 5 p.m. the Council decided to resume consideration of the Estimates at a Meeting to be held on Monday, 25th February, 1974, at 2.30 p.m.

LETTERS IN RELATION TO RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Nora E. Kavanagh, widow of the late Commandant Kavanagh, conveying her thanks for the expression of sympathy by the Council on the death of her husband. Mr. H.R.H. Sharpe, Chief Fire Officer, had also written to ask that his thanks be conveyed to the Council for their expression of sympathy on the death of his wife and also to Members who had attended the Church Services in Bray.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	S. Costello
	T.J. Keenan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
	J. Sweeney	J. Temple
	Senator Miss Walsh	J.J. Bourke
	D.J. McEvoy	J. Gregory
	J. Miley	R. Miley
	M.J. O'Neill	B.S.C. Phelan
	E. Byrne	R. McKeon

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
P. Hand, County Accountant
U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services
K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 8th April, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

The Council proceeded to consider the Estimates for Housing Services.

HOUSING REPAIRS

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan

That the provision in the Estimates for repairs to Council houses be increased by £15,000 to £50,000 and that all houses be repaired as required irrespective of whether applications have been made for vesting of such houses.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

That we approve of the provision made in the Estimates for Housing Repairs and that, if required, a supplementary estimate be submitted later.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, F. Hynes,
Mrs. M. Ledwidge, D. McEvoy, R.
McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J.
O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, J. Sweeney,
J. Whelan - 11

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello,
J. Gregory, T.J. Keenan, Miss N.
O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Temple, Senator
Miss M. Walsh - 8

The amendment was declared passed and on being put as a substantive Motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The Council approved of the remaining items in the Estimates for the Housing Services.

GENERAL PURPOSES

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

Resolved - That the provision for Tourist Development be increased by £250
Passed.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan

That we delete the provision made in the Estimates for Industrial Schools.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council were required by Statute to make provision for Industrial Schools.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory,
K. Ryan and J. Whelan - 4

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, F. Hynes, T.J.
Keenan, D. McEvoy, R. McKeon, J.
Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, Miss
N. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, J. Sweeney,
J. Temple, Senator Miss M. Walsh - 13

Councillors J. Bourke and Mrs. M. Ledwidge did not vote.

The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 4 in favour.

COURTHOUSES

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke

That we delete the provision made in the Estimates for maintenance of Courthouses.

The County Manager pointed out to the Members of the Council that the Council was obliged by the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act to make provision for the maintenance of Courthouses.

A vote having been called for on the proposal, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello,
J. Gregory, K. Ryan - 4

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, F. Hynes,
Mrs. M. Ledwidge, D. McEvoy, R.
McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J.
O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney,
J. Temple, Senator Miss M. Walsh,
J. Whelan - 13

Councillors T.J. Keenan and B.S.C. Phelan did not vote.

The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 4 in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor D. McEvoy

That the provision and maintenance of Courthouses be defrayed from Central Funds and that the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935 which imposes responsibility on local authorities for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses be repealed.

Passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The County Manager referred to the provision made in the Estimates under the heading "Planning and Development" and informed the Council that he proposed to appoint a County Development Officer and to set up a County Development Team who would be concerned with in particular industrial development in the County. There followed a lengthy discussion on the matter in the course of which reference was made to the position of the West Wicklow Development Association and the employment of a Development Officer by that Association, towards which a grant had been made available by the Council. It was finally decided, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, to defer consideration of the proposal to appoint a Development Officer pending consultation with the West Wicklow Development Association.

LEGAL EXPENSES

With reference to the paragraph in the County Manager's Statement, concerning Legal Expenses, in which he indicated that he was endeavouring to have the legal facilities available to the Council improved, the County Manager stated that it was proposed to set up a Legal Section which would be staffed directly by the Council and arrangements had been made with the Council's Solicitor whereby he would attend on three half-days each week to deal with legal matters. The Council approved of the County Manager's recommendations on this matter.

DEATH OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL

The County Manager informed the Members of the Council that news had just been received of the death of Councillor William Cleary. The Members of the Council on the proposal of Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of Councillor W. Cleary.

The Council then adjourned having decided to resume consideration of the Estimates at the Meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 4th March, 1974, and agreed that following the termination of the Estimates Meeting the Housing Meeting of the Council would be held.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, welcomed the members of the District Councils to the Joint Meeting held on Friday, 22nd February, 1974, for the purpose of considering with Members of the Council the Discussion Document in regard to the re-organisation of the Council.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	J.J. Bourke	R. Miley
	E. Byrne	M.J. O'Neill
	S. Costello	Miss N. O'Neill
	F. Hynes	B.S.C. Phelan
	Mrs. M. Ledwidge	K. Ryan
	D. McEvoy	J. Sweeney
		J. Temple

Arklow Urban District Council:

Mrs. M.A. Rynne

Commissioners for
Bray Urban District Council:

T. Byrne
C. Bishop

Wicklow Urban District Council:

J. Byrne
T. Delahunt
L. Kavanagh, T.D.
E. Kavanagh
Mrs. F. McEnroy
Mrs. W. McNamara

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
N. Bradley, Town Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council
P. Hughes, Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on the 11th March, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, welcomed the Members of the Urban District Councils to the Joint Meeting called by the County Council for the purpose of considering with Members of the Urban District Councils the Discussion Document in regard to Local Government Re-organisation. He asked that initially the representatives of the three Urban District Councils put forward their views in regard to the Discussion Document. Councillor J. Sweeney on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council stated that the views of the Urban District Council had been conveyed to the Minister for Local Government and a copy of these views had been sent to the County Council. He pointed out that the Urban District Council did not favour the proposal that the powers of the Urban District Council in regard to Planning and Development be transferred to the County Council and in regard to Housing stressed the excellent record which Arklow Urban District Council had in relation to Housing and that these powers should also be retained by the Urban District Council. In relation to Sanitary Services, he agreed that the Urban District Council would need assistance in respect of major Schemes for water supply or sewerage but considered that these could be arranged as Joint Schemes between the Urban District Council and the County Council. In regard to Roads, he pointed out that applications had been made by Arklow Urban District Council for Special Grants to assist in the maintenance of roads in the urban areas which carried exceptionally heavy traffic.

Councillor S. Costello put forward the views which had been expressed by Bray Urban District Council and stressed that the Urban District Council considered that they should be allowed to retain the powers which they at present exercised. The proposals in regard to extensions of boundaries were welcomed but the Council objected to the transfer of powers in relation to Planning, Sanitary Services and Housing. It was proposed by Councillor Costello:-
"That this Meeting composed of representatives of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council rejects all of those sections of the Discussion Document on Local Government Reorganisation which entail any loss of existing powers to Urban District Councils and we hereby request the Minister for Local Government to permit all Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners to continue their work without any loss of powers to County Councils or any other larger authority."

Councillor Mrs. McNamara, Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council, stated that the Wicklow Urban District Council agreed with Arklow Urban District Council in relation to Planning and Sanitary Services and also rejected the proposals in relation to the transfer of powers in relation to Housing. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that Planning and Housing in Wicklow had been adequately dealt with by the Urban District Council but that the Council would welcome the making available by the County Council of trained staff when required to assist the Urban District Council. He agreed with the proposals concerning extension of boundaries. Councillor Mrs. McEnroy objected to the proposal to curtail the right of surveillance by the Urban District Council of Housing Schemes and other Capital Works and stressed the need for close ties between all local authorities. Councillor Hynes drew attention to the difficulties which Urban District Councils would encounter in meeting the costs of major Capital Works such as a new water supply or a new sewerage scheme having regard to the limited income obtainable from rates within an Urban Area. He referred also to the cost involved to Urban District Councils if Supplementary Grants were made available for the repair and improvement of houses. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Planning Officers of the Council should assist Urban District Councils in relation to the preparation of Development

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"That the Council should be empowered to represent the views of the Urban District Council, Ardsley Urban District Council and Wetherby Urban District Council on all those matters of the Council which affect any of the Urban District Councils and we hereby request the Government to permit all Urban District Councils to continue their work without any loss of powers to Councils or any other larger authority."

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Councils of Urban District Councils.

Plans and Planning Control. He did not agree with Joint Housing Schemes between the County Council and Urban District Councils and considered that the provision of Housing should remain with the Urban District Councils. He pointed out that with the new system of subsidies for housing, the financing of Housing Schemes would not be an undue burden on rates in urban areas. Councillor S. Costello referred to the Motion he had proposed and suggested that that proposal be amended to read as follows:-

"That this Meeting composed of representatives of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, recommend to the County Council that all of those sections of the Discussion Document on Local Government Re-organisation which entail any loss of existing powers to Urban District Councils be rejected, and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to permit all Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners to continue their work without any loss of powers to County Councils or any other larger authority."

The proposal as amended was seconded by Councillor J. Temple and passed unanimously as a recommendation to the County Council.

The Members of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Urban District Councils having retired, the County Council considered the recommendation put forward by the Joint Meeting and on the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, accepted the recommendation and directed that the recommendation be conveyed to the Department of Local Government as representing the views of the County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1974

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 4th March, 1974. The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors F. Hynes	E. Byrne
T.J. Keenan	S. Costello
K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
Senator Miss Walsh	J. Temple
D.J. McEvoy	J. Gregory
J. Miley	R. Miley
M.J. O'Neill	B.S.C. Phelan
G. Timmins, T.D.	R.F. McKeon
	J.J. Bourke

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
P. Hand, County Accountant

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 8th April, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimates for General Purposes at the sub-head "Planning and Development".

In conjunction with a discussion on the proposal to set up a County Development Team and appoint a County Development Officer, the Council also considered the proposal to make available a grant of £1,227 to the West Wicklow Development Association.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

That we approve of provision in the Estimates for a grant of £1,227 to West Wicklow Development Association for next year.

In the course of the discussion on the proposal, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the work carried out by the West Wicklow Development Association in attracting new industries to West Wicklow during the period of the Association's existence and supported Councillor M.J. O'Neill in urging that the payment of a grant to the Association be continued at least for a further year. At the request of Councillor J. Miley, a letter which had been addressed to the Members of the Council by the Chairman of the West Wicklow Development Association was read to the Council. Members of the Council took exception to the statement in the letter to the effect that an effort had been made by some Member or Members of the Council to discredit the Association and asked that a letter be addressed to the Chairman of the Association requesting him to retract the statement. The proposal in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was put to the Meeting and the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy, R. McKeon, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan

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AGAINST

Councillors B.S.C. Phelan and K. Ryan

- 2

Councillor J. Temple did not vote.

The Motion was declared passed by 15 votes in favour to 2 against, with one Member not voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

That we approve of the setting up of a County Development Team and the appointment of a County Development Officer.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

That one Member from each Electoral Area be appointed to be Members of the County Development Team.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, D. McEvoy, R. McKeon and K. Ryan - 6

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan - 12

The Motion was declared defeated by 12 votes against to 6 votes in favour.

The Motion in the names of Councillor M.J. O'Neill and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. for approval to the setting up of a County Development Team and the appointment of a County Development Officer was then put and declared passed unanimously.

POLLUTION

Councillor S. Costello suggested that a full-time Officer duly qualified should be appointed for the purpose of dealing with pollution and enforcing measures against pollution. The County Manager stated that he would be putting proposals to the Council at an early date in regard to staffing and also in regard to Refuse Collection and he suggested that the matter of the appointment of an Officer as suggested by Councillor Costello be deferred pending the submission of the Reports. Councillor Costello asked that his proposal for the appointment of a full-time Officer be taken as a recommendation to the County Manager. In reply to an enquiry as to provision made in the Estimates under the heading "Pollution" the County Manager stated that a provision of £3,000 which was off-set to the extent of 50% by a grant was intended to cover the cost of the purchase of dispersants and equipment to deal with pollution on beaches and the coast from oil-slicks. He pointed out that during the previous month the Council had received a warning of the likelihood of an oil-slick being washed in on the coast of Wicklow and if this had occurred the Council had no dispersants or equipment available to deal with it. On the proposal of Councillor S.

The Council resolved consideration of the Estimates for General Purposes at the sub-head "Planning and Development".

In connection with a discussion on the proposal to set up a County Development Team and appoint a County Development Officer, the Council also considered the proposal to make available a grant of £1,257 to the West Wicklow Development Association.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
That we approve of provision in the Estimates for a grant of £1,257 to West Wicklow Development Association for next year.

In the course of the discussion on the proposal, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the work carried out by the West Wicklow Development Association in attracting new industries to West Wicklow during the period of the Association's existence and suggested that the period of the Association's existence be extended to a further year. At the request of Councillor G. Timmins, a letter which had been addressed to the Members of the Council by the Chairman of the West Wicklow Development Association was read to the Council. Members of the Council took exception to the statement in the letter to the effect that an effort had been made by some Member or Members of the Council to discontinue the Association and asked that a letter be addressed to the Chairman of the Association requesting him to retract the statement. The proposal in the name of Councillor M.J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was put to the Meeting and the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy, R. McKeon, J. Miley, E. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan - 12

Councillors B.S.C. Phelan and K. Ryan - 6

Councillor J. Temple did not vote.
The Motion was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 6 against, 6 one Member not voting.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
That we approve of the setting up of a County Development Team and the appointment of a County Development Officer.

Costello, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Minister again asking that Oil Companies be required to meet in full the cost of oil pollution on beaches and coasts generally.

SHILLELAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME

Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, urged that the Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme be extended to serve Ardeen, the Cheshire Home near Shillelagh. The County Manager stated that the cost of an extension to serve the Cheshire Home would be examined and a report submitted.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Councillor Phelan urged that a public convenience be provided for Ashford and Councillor R. Miley referred to the need for a public convenience near Hotel at Glendalough. Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that a public convenience was needed at Aughrim and Councillor K. Ryan stated that one was needed at Carnew.

The Council approved of the provision made for General Purposes.

SEPARATE CHARGES

The Council approved of the provisions made in the Estimates in respect of Separate Charges.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table "C" and Column 10 of Table "D" to be Rates in the £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending 31st December, 1974:-

	£
ROADS	1.83962
HEALTH	.92154
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	.08921
SANITARY	.67449
HOUSING	.66607
GENERAL PURPOSES	1.21907
TOTAL	5.41

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Councillor J. Whelan stated that it had been the intention of the Council following the completion of the Estimates Meeting to proceed with a Meeting in relation to housing and other matters, the Agenda for which had been circulated. He referred to the death of Councillor W. Cleary of which Members had been informed at the Meeting on the previous Monday and having paid a tribute to Councillor Cleary in respect of his long service to Wicklow and in particular to Arklow, as a Member of both authorities and a Chairman of Arklow Urban District Council, and also to his National Service, he proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the late Councillor Cleary and that the Meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded the proposal and he and other Members of the Council expressed their sympathy. The County Manager and the County Secretary asked that they and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday, 11th March, 1974 at which Meeting housing and general matters would be included on the Agenda.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	S. Costello
	T.J. Keenan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
	J. Sweeney	J. Temple
	Senator Miss Walsh	J. Bourke
	D. McEvoy	J. Gregory
	J. Miley	R. Miley
	M.J. O'Neill	B.S.C. Phelan
	G. Timmins, T.D.	R. McKeon
	E. Byrne	

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
P. Hand, County Accountant
U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting of Council held on 1st April, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 11/3/74

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 in the names of Councillors S. Costello, E. Byrne, Mrs M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and Miss N. O'Neill as follows:- "That the Order of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Warde, in respect of the allocation of the vacant house at Kilmacanogue to Mr Feagan be hereby rescinded and that the said house be re-allocated to Mr William Carrig."
2. To Confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 11th and 22nd February, 1974.
3. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th June, 1974..
4. Wicklow County Council (Amendement) Order 1974 and Bray Urban District Local Electoral Areas Order 1967 (Revocation) Order 1974.
5. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. - to appoint Nominee to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company.
6. Housing Progress Report.
7. Seminar on Landscape Development in Low Rise Residential Areas.
8. Water and Sewerage Programmes - Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re devolution to Local Authorities and procedures for submissions of Plans. (copy attached)
9. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council examine the possibility of building houses in Ballycoogue or Woodenbridge to meet the needs of people in that area, some of whom are living in caravans."
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the land known as Holywell be acquired for housing as Mrs De Caen is willing to sell her land to Wicklow County Council."
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council remove the speed limit signs on the Gorey Road, Carnew, from their present position to beyond the Council cottages."
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That a refuse collection be arranged for the village of Annacurra; this could be served by the dump at Aughrim."
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council extend refuse collection to serve the houses at Ballishel, Aughrim, as they are only a few hundred yards from the houses which are already served."
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide a Car Park in Rathdrum."
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Ballard, Kilbride, and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss."

ITEM NO. 1

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as follows:-
"That the Order of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Warde, in respect of the allocation of the vacant house at Kilmacanogue to Mr. Feagan be hereby rescinded and that the said house be re-allocated to Mr. William Carrig."

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Costello stated that Mr. William Carrig had been a member of the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Group Committee, now the Tenants Committee, who had pressed for the building of houses at Kilmacanogue. After completing 26 houses, there were at that time only four more applicants and the Council agreed to build four more houses and Mr. Carrig was led to believe that one of these four houses was being built for him. He stated that an extra eight houses were being built and that Mr. Feagan could be allocated one of these houses. Councillor J. Miley and Councillor F. Hynes indicated that they would oppose the proposal and pointed out that the Council built houses to satisfy housing needs in an area but that the tenancies of these houses were allocated on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer regarding the need for houses of the applicants; furthermore the Council had a Scheme of Priorities for the letting of houses. The County Manager pointed out that individual housing applications could not be discussed at a Meeting of the Council. The case in question had been re-examined but the County Medical Officer was not prepared to reconsider his recommendation in the matter. The County Manager pointed out that houses were allocated in accordance with the Priority Scheme which had been made by the Members of the Council and accepted by them.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Temple - 7

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill, B.S.C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan - 13

The Motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 7 in favour.

ITEM NO. 2

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 11th February, 1974 and the 22nd February, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:- OVERDRAFT ON GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER TO 30th JUNE, 1974.

The County Secretary stated that the County Accountant had suggested that the Council might consider approving of a temporary Overdraft on the Council's General Account for the financial year ending 31st December, 1974, instead of applying only for the quarter to the 30th June.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the making of application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland 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 financial year ending 31st December, 1974 shall not exceed £360,000.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 4:- WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1974 AND BRAY URBAN DISTRICT LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS ORDER 1967 (REVOCATION) ORDER 1974

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Minister's Order in relation to the County Council had been circulated to the Members and this provided that the number of Members to be elected from the Bray Electoral Area was increased from six to seven, and the number of Members to be elected from the Baltinglass Electoral Area was reduced from four to three. The Bray Urban District Local Electoral Areas Order 1967 (Revocation) Order 1974 provided that the Urban District of Bray would be one Electoral Area in future for the purposes of Local Elections.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

That the Minister be informed that the Council is dissatisfied with the decision altering the representation from the Electoral Areas in County Wicklow and that the Council does not accept the Minister's decision in relation to the Baltinglass Electoral Area.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

That we request the Minister to allocate seats on Wicklow County Council in proportion to population in the four Electoral Areas.

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

IN FAVOUR

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello,
R. McKeon, Miss N. O'Neill and
J. Temple - 5

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory,
F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy,
J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill,
B.S.C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss M.
Walsh and J. Whelan - 14

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge did not vote.

The amendment was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 5 in favour.

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was then put and a vote having been called for it was found the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory,
F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, D. McEvoy,
J. Miley, R. Miley, M.J. O'Neill,
B.S.C. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T.D. and J. Whelan - 13

AGAINST

Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello,
Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. McKeon, Miss N.
O'Neill, J. Temple and Senator Miss
M. Walsh - 7

The Motion was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 7 against.

ITEM NO. 5:- IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. - TO APPOINT NOMINEE TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE COMPANY

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby appoint Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge to represent the Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6:- HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Council considered the Housing Progress Report as at 28th February, 1974, and the County Manager replied to questions raised by Members in regard to individual items in the Report.

Bray (Oldcourt): Councillor J. Temple complained that the mound in front of the houses at Oldcourt had not been removed or landscaped in accordance with the agreed plan. He stated that this area was becoming used as a dump and it was essential that it be treated without further delay. It was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, that the Council request a meeting with the National Building Agency and the Builders on the site.

Houses at Kilmacanogue: Councillor Costello enquired when the defects in the houses would be remedied and stressed the urgency of having them eliminated. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that a full and up to date report on the remedying of the defects in the houses be obtained from the National Building Agency and the Builders and available for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 7:- SEMINAR ON LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT IN LOW RISE RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A copy of letter of 15th February, 1974, reference RD 19/8, from the Department of Local Government regarding the Seminar organised by An Foras Forbartha to consider the "Landscape Development in Low Rise Residential Areas" had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Following a discussion in regard to the attendance of Members of the Council at the Seminar, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, that the Chairman and one Member from each of the four Electoral Areas be nominated to attend the Seminar. The following Members were nominated in addition to the Chairman:-

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| Arklow Electoral Area | - Councillor T.J. Keenan |
| Baltinglass Electoral Area | - Councillor D. McEvoy |
| Bray Electoral Area | - Councillor Miss N. O'Neill |
| Wicklow Electoral Area | - Councillor J. Gregory or Councillor R. Miley. |

ITEM NO. 8:- WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMMES - CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE DEVOLUTION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF PLANS

A copy of the circular had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council noted that it was open to the local authority to submit a statement at the beginning of the last quarter of any financial year setting out briefly the small works which they propose

to carry out in the succeeding year and that Sanitary Authorities could submit proposals before the 30th April, 1974 for consideration under this heading for the transitional financial year ending on 31st December, 1974. The County Manager stated that a report setting out the proposals would be available for the Meeting of the Council to be held in April. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked that particulars in relation to Water and Sewerage Schemes, Housing, etc., be available for the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area to be held on Friday, 15th March, 1974 and Members agreed that the same procedure be adopted for the other Local Electoral Area Meetings.

HOUSES AT BALLINAGRAN, GLENEALY

The Chairman agreed to accept a Notice of Motion from Councillor F. Hynes as a matter of urgency.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor R. Miley:- "That this Council either sell or install full services into the two vacant cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy, as they are not fit for human habitation in their present condition and position; That the advertisements on the 'Wicklow People' for applications for the tenancies of the above cottages be cancelled; That a Member from each Electoral Area visit those two cottages."

Councillor Hynes stated that the cottages in question had no electricity service, no water and no sewerage and the tenants had to walk two miles to obtain water. He considered that cottages in such isolated positions ~~and~~ either be fully serviced or sold as tenants would not continue to reside in them. Councillor Keenan stated that a cottage at Moneyteige had been vacant for 20 years during the last 24 years and urged that this cottage also be sold as no tenant would occupy it. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that he would second Councillor Keenan's proposal but subject to the cottage being sold only to a person qualifying for housing and Councillor Keenan accepted this amendment. Senator Miss Walsh stated that there were other cottages in isolated areas which would not be occupied by tenants and she proposed, seconded by Councillor Keenan, that the Rent Collectors be asked to make a survey of the cottages in their area. The County Manager stated that he would have the matter of the cottages referred to investigated and submit a report on the matter to the Council.

CHARGES BY GAS COMPANY TO PERSONS TAKING UP TENANCY OF HOUSES

Councillor Temple complained that tenants occupying the houses at Oldcourt, Bray, which were centrally heated by gas, were being required by the Gas Company to pay a deposit of £25.00. He felt that this was unreasonable and suggested that the County Council should accept responsibility for payment of the deposit and recover the amount by a payment of 50p a week from the tenants. He stated that he understood that Dublin Corporation had paid the deposits on behalf of the tenants in such cases. The County Manager stated that the Council had never accepted responsibility for payment of such deposits and it would seem unreasonable that the local authority should have to do so. He stated that he would have the matter investigated for the information of the Members.

Resolved - That we hereby appoint Councillor Mrs. M. Leach to represent the Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited.

ITEM NO. 61 - HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Council considered the Housing Progress Report as at 28th February, 1974, and the County Manager replied to questions raised by Members in regard to individual items in the Report.

Mr. (Councillor) J. Temple complained that the ground in front of the houses at Oldcourt had not been removed or landscaped in accordance with the agreed plan. He stated that this area was remaining used as a dump and it was essential that it be cleared without further delay. It was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Leach, that the Council request a meeting with the National Building Agency and the Builders on the site.

Councillor Keenan stated that when the letter of the Council was received and the urgency of having them removed. On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that a full and up to date report on the removal of the debris in the houses be obtained from the National Building Agency and the Builders and available for the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 71 - SENATOR ON LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT IN LOW RISE ESTATE

A copy of letter of 19th February, 1974, reference No. 19/8, from the Department of Local Government regarding the Senator's proposal to consider the "Landscape Development in Low Rise Estates" was read to the Council. The letter stated that the Senator had been elected to the Members of the Council. A decision in regard to the attendance of Members of the Council at the meeting was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Leach, that the Chairman and one Member from each of the four Electoral Areas be nominated to attend the meeting. The following Members were nominated in addition to the Chairman:-

Councillor J. J. Keenan - Wicklow Electoral Area
Councillor D. Miley - Wicklow Electoral Area
Councillor Mrs. M. Leach - Wicklow Electoral Area
Councillor J. Hynes - Wicklow Electoral Area
Councillor J. Temple - Wicklow Electoral Area

ITEM NO. 81 - WATER AND SEWERAGE WORKS IN BALLINAGRAN, GLENEALY

A copy of the circular had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council noted that it was open to the local authority to submit a statement at the beginning of the last quarter of any financial year setting out briefly the small works which it proposed.

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY SECRETARY

The County Manager informed the Members that Mr. K.J. Brangan, County Secretary, had indicated his intention to retire from the post of County Secretary with effect from the 6th June, 1974.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST APRIL, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	E. Byrne
	T.J. Keenan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
	J. Sweeney	J. Temple
	Senator Miss Walsh	J.J. Bourke
	D.J. McEvoy	J. Gregory
	J. Miley	R. Miley
	G. Timmins, T.D.	B.S.C. Phelan
		R.F. McKeon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 6th May, 1974.

J. Whelan
CHAIRMAN

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 1st APRIL, 1974

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on 11th March, 1974.
2. Applications for closing of roads by:- (a) Royal Irish Automobile Club; (b) Irish Motor Racing Club Limited.
3. Report of Committee on the Price of Building Land - Letter dated 28/2/1974, Ref. PD 76/7 from Department of Local Government (Copy of letter and Report circulated).
4. Housing Progress Report.
5. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council examine the possibility of building houses in Ballycoogue or Woodenbridge to meet the needs of people in that area, some of whom are living in caravans."
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the land known as Holywell be acquired for housing as Mrs. De Caen is willing to sell her land to Wicklow County Council."
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council purchase land in Glenealy for the future development of the Village."
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council provide a house for Mr. Thomas Cullen, Coolruss, Clonegal."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 1974.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

Resolved - To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on 11th March, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSING OF ROADS BY:- (a) ROYAL IRISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB; (b) IRISH MOTOR RACING CLUB LIMITED

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the closing of the public roads as set out hereunder for the times indicated hereunder on 16th April, 1974, and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1974, on these roads when so closed to public traffic:-

From Three Roads at Ballinguile, via Cranareen, Slieverueagh, Ballinabarney, Ballinfoyle, Coan, Seskin, Knicken, to Three Roads at Ballinlea, over the following County Roads: Nos. 261, 263, 264, 262, 265, 327, 326, 325, 329 respectively. From 12.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

From Three Roads at Farbreaga via Aughavannagh and Drumgoff to Three Roads, Derrybawn via County Roads: Nos 129, 128 and 83 respectively. From 12.45 a.m. to 4.45 a.m.

From Three Roads at Laragh via Sallygap to Three Roads, Glencree via County Roads: Nos. 58, 57 and 12 (1.94), respectively. From 1.00 a.m. to 5.00 a.m.

The closing of the roads is subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) That the Royal Irish Automobile Club indemnify the Council against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads.
- (ii) Repairing any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council, or recouping the Council the cost of doing so.
- (iii) Adequate Notices to be provided in regard to the closing and necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on Saturday, 20th

April, 1974, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of a motor car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3:- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PRICE OF BUILDING LAND - LETTER DATED 28/2/1974, REF. PD 76/7 FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COPY OF LETTER AND REPORT CIRCULATED).

Following a brief discussion in regard to the terms of the Report and the Department's Circular Letter on the matter and having noted that observations were requested by the Department within six weeks from the date of issue of the Report, it was agreed to have the matter included again on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 8th April at which Members could put forward any observations they wished to make on the Report.

ITEM NO. 4:- HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Council noted the submission of the Report and of replies given by the County Manager to matters raised in the course of the discussion on the Report. In regard to complaints made of shortage of water in the Greystones and Bray Areas it was agreed that a report be submitted to the May Meeting of the Council on the matter of water supply in this area.

ITEM NO. 5:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS T.J. KEENAN AND J. SWEENEY:- "THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING HOUSES IN BALLYCOOGUE OR WOODENBRIDGE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN THAT AREA, SOME OF WHOM ARE LIVING IN CARAVANS."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That the County Council examine the possibility of building houses in Ballycoogue or Woodenbridge to meet the needs of people in that area some of whom are living in caravans.

Passed.

Councillor Keenan stated that four or six houses would be needed preferably at Ballycoogue or if not, at Woodenbridge. The County Manager stated that an advertisement was being published in the local paper that week inviting applications from persons needing houses in the Ballycoogue/Woodenbridge Area.

ITEM NO. 6:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. GREGORY:-
"THAT THE LAND KNOWN AS HOLYWELL BE ACQUIRED FOR HOUSING AS MRS. DE CAEN IS WILLING TO SELL HER LAND TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL."

It was
 Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

That the land known as Holywell be acquired for housing as Mrs. De Caen is willing to sell her land to Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Gregory stated that Mrs. De Caen was the registered owner of the lands at Holywell and that she is prepared to sell 22 acres to the County Council for £20,000. As Councillor Phelan claimed an interest in the lands, he had approached Councillor Phelan also who had indicated he was agreeable to the sale of part of the lands to the Council. The County Manager stated that land was being acquired by the County Council at Kilpedder by Compulsory Purchase Order and that this land was considered the most suitable for development and that the area being acquired was adequate to meet the needs of Kilpedder. He pointed out that the Council had been informed that there were two High Court Actions pending in respect of the ownership of the lands at Holywell and that in these circumstances he could not advise the Council to purchase the land offered by Mrs. De Caen. He pointed out also that the land at Holywell was not suitably located and would be more costly to develop than the lands which were the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order. On the proposal of Councillor of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Gregory, the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal for the advice of the Council's Solicitor.

ITEM NO. 7:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL PURCHASE LAND IN GLENEALY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE."

It was
 Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes
 Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That this Council purchase land in Glenealy for the future development of the Village.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 8:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR K. RYAN:-
"THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE A HOUSE FOR MR. THOMAS CULLEN, COOLRUSS, CLONEGAL."

It was
 Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan
 Seconded by Councillor Senator Walsh

Resolved - That the Council provide a house for Mr. Thomas Cullen, Coolruss, Clonegal.

Passed.

WATER CHARGES AT CARNEW

Councillor K. Ryan asked that the Council receive a deputation from Carnew Traders in regard to Water Charges in Carnew. The County Manager stated that the Council had agreed at a previous Meeting that the deputation be received by him and two letters had been addressed to the Carnew Traders asking them to state a date when they would call on the County Manager but no reply had been received. Councillor Ryan stated that they wished to be received by the Members of the Council and the Council agreed that a deputation be received at the Meeting to be held on 8th April, 1974.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Council agreed to consider an emergency Motion which had been signed by seventeen Members of the Council. The Motion read as follows:-

"That the Council appeal to the Minister of Local Government to increase the local authority House Purchase Loan by at least £1,500 to bring it up to £6,000 and increase the salary or wages limit to £3,000 to qualify for such a loan."

The Motion was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, and declared passed with the following additions thereto:-

- (a) That the limit of valuation for persons deriving their income from farming be increased from £60 to £80.
- (b) That State Grants and Supplementary Grants for New Houses be increased from a maximum of £325 to a maximum of £400.

The Resolution was declared passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple suggested that it would be desirable also that a maximum figure be determined for deposits in respect of new houses as considerably increased deposits had been sought from persons purchasing new houses in recent years. The Council asked that the Resolution be conveyed immediately to the Department of Local Government.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

Senator Miss M. Walsh stated that no Council houses in the Arklow Rural/Avoca Area had been repaired for a considerable time and she referred to details she had submitted of houses requiring repair. She asked that additional tradesmen be obtained to carry out repairs or that Contracts be sought for doing these repairs. Other Members of the Council submitted details of cottages which required repairs and these were noted for attention.

VESTED COTTAGES

Councillor F. Hynes referred to difficulties the Council had experienced in recovering possession of vested cottages in cases where the tenant-purchaser had died intestate and no members of the family were occupying the cottage. He stated that new legislation was needed to cover this problem and asked that it be taken up again with the Department. He suggested also that tenant-purchasers of vested cottages be advised of the desirability of their making Wills and also of the need to insure the contents of the cottages and the value of any extensions or improvements as these would not be covered by the Council's Insurance Policy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that persons in rural areas who obtained Planning Permission to build houses frequently found on application to the E.S.B. for a supply of electricity that because of the siting of their houses they had to meet substantial charges for installation of the electricity supply. He suggested that such persons should be advised to make application to the Electricity Supply Board for an electricity supply before finally determining a site for a house.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR BRIDGE STREET, ARKLOW

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Sweeney, the Acting County Engineer stated that it was expected that traffic lights would be provided in Arklow before the Summer.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ARKLOW

Councillor Sweeney stated that the Headmaster of Templeraíne School had urged the need for the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at the school, which is attended by 330 children. The matter arose because it had not been found possible to fill the vacancy for a Traffic Warden at this place. It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Ryan and passed that a Pedestrian Crossing be provided.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT POST OFFICE, ARKLOW

On the proposal of Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council approved of provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at the Post Office, Arklow.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to include on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th April the filling of the vacancy on the County Council occasioned by the death of Councillor William Cleary. A letter had been received from Arklow Tenants' Association stating that Mr. Denis Kinsella, Chairman, Arklow Urban District Council, who was a Tenant Association Representative, was seeking co-option to the County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Cleary who, it was stated, had been elected to both the Urban Council and County Council as a representative of the Tenants' Association at the last Local Election. A letter had also been received from Mr. Kinsella confirming that he was seeking co-option to fill the vacancy on the County Council and that he was willing to act as a Member of the County Council if co-opted.

WESTERN COTTAGES

Councillor J. Hynes referred to difficulties the Council had experienced in recovering possession of Western Cottages in cases where the tenant-purchaser had died intestate and no members of the family were occupying the cottages. He stated that the new legislation was needed to cover this problem and asked that it be taken up again with the Department. He suggested also that tenant-purchasers of Western Cottages be advised of the desirability of their taking out life insurance and also of the need to insure the contents of the cottages and the value of any extension or improvements on these would not be covered by the Council's Insurance Policy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor G. Manning, Planning, stated that persons in rural areas who obtained Planning Permission to build houses frequently found that an application to the E.R.B. for a supply of electricity was necessary at the time of the planning application. He suggested that charges for installation should be reduced for persons who applied for electricity supply before finally determining plans for a house.

TRADING HOURS FOR BUILDING STREET, ARKLOW

In reply to a query from Councillor J. Hynes, the Acting County Engineer stated that it was proposed that trading hours would be provided in Arklow before the summer.

PROPOSED CROSSING AT PORT OFFICE, ARKLOW

Councillor Swamy stated that the Chairman of Templemore School had urged that for the proposed crossing at the school, which was intended by the school, it had not been possible to fill the vacancy for a crossing at this point. He proposed that a crossing be provided at this point. He stated that a crossing was provided at this point.

PROPOSED CROSSING AT PORT OFFICE, ARKLOW

On the proposal of Councillor Swamy, seconded by Councillor Manning, the Council approved of provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at the Port Office, Arklow.

W I C K L O W C O U N T Y C O U N C I L

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL, 1974

PRESIDENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	G. Timmins, T.D.
	T.J. Keenan	E. Byrne
	K. Ryan	S. Costello
	J. Sweeney	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	Senator Miss Walsh	Miss N. O'Neill
	D.J. McEvoy	R. Miley
	M.J. O'Neill	B.S.C. Phelan

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. Miley and J. Temple.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. C'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
P. Hand, County Accountant

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 13th May, 1974.

CHAIRMAN

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 8/4/1974

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Estimate Meetings held on 18th and 25th February, and 4th March, 1974.
2. Third National Agreement - To approve implementation of terms of Agreement and to authorise necessary expenditure.
3. Local Elections - Issue of Voting Cards.
4. Proposed provision of School Warden at Blessington.
5. To fill vacancy on Council caused by death of Councillor William Cleary.
6. To appoint representative on Arklow Harbour Commissioners in place of the late Councillor William Cleary.
7. To fill vacancy on National Monuments Advisory Committee consequent on death of Commandant Matthew Kavanagh.
8. Road Grants for period 1st April to 31st December, 1974 - Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th March, 1974.
9. To fix dates for Meetings of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Local Electoral Area Committees to consider Road Works Programme.
10. Water and Sewerage Programme for Schemes costing less than £20,000 - Report of Acting County Engineer on works proposed to be carried out in 1974.
11. Report of Committee on the Price of Building Land (Kenny Report).
12. To receive deputation from Carnew Traders in relation to Water Charges.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council remove the speed limit signs on the Gorey Road, Carnew, from their present position to beyond the Council cottages."
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That a refuse collection be arranged for the village of Annacurra; this could be served by the dump at Aughrim."
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council extend refuse collection to serve the houses at Ballishel, Aughrim, as they are only a few hundred yards from the houses which are already served."
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide a Car Park in Rathdrum."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Ballard, Kilbride, and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss."
18. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council proceed with the construction of the Car Park and Toilets at Clogga Strand as agreed in the granting of Planning Permission to Herr Schutz."

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 18th and 22nd February, and 4th March, 1974.
2. Third National Agreement - To approve implementation of terms of Agreement and to authorize necessary expenditure.
3. Local Elections - Issue of Voting Cards.
4. Proposed provision of School Warden at Blessington.
5. To fill vacancy on Council caused by death of Councillor William Gregory.
6. To appoint representative on Arklow Harbour Commissioners in place of the late Councillor William Cleary.
7. To fill vacancy on National Monuments Advisory Committee consequent on death of Commandant Matthew Kavanagh.
8. Road Grants for period 1st April to 31st December, 1974 - Letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th March, 1974.
9. To fix rates for Housing, Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow Local Authorities Area Committee to consider Housing Works Programme.
10. To consider and approve Report of Acting County Engineer on works proposed to be carried out in 1974.
11. Report of Committee on the Price of Building Land (Kenny Report).
12. To receive information from Carrow Traders in relation to Water Pollution.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council remove the speed limit signs on the Gowy Road, Carrow, and their present position to beyond the Council's jurisdiction."
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That a scheme be arranged for the village of Annamoe; this could be served by the dump at Ashrum."
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council extend collection to serve the houses at Ballinacorney, Ashrum, as there are only a few hundred yards from the houses which are already served."
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council provide a Car Park at Ashrum."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Ballinacorney, Ashrum, and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss."
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Gregory and T.J. Keenan:- "That the Council proceed with the connection of the Car Park and Taxis at Clonsilla Strand as agreed in the Report of Planning Commission to Barr Schatz."

19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- That this Council tarmacadam the car park outside the Glenealy Hall as the public are using it for car parking at funerals and when playing games, etc., the money to be used from Amenity Grants."
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Miley:- "That the Council will provide a Scavenging Service for Laragh, Glendalough and Annamoe."
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That the Council provide a house for Mr. Thomas Cullen, Coolruss, Clonegal."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF ESTIMATE MEETINGS HELD ON 18TH AND 25TH FEBRUARY, AND 4TH MARCH, 1974

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Estimates Meetings held on the 18th and 25th February, and 4th March, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- THIRD NATIONAL AGREEMENT - TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND TO AUTHORISE NECESSARY EXPENDITURE

It was

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the implementation of the Third National Agreement in respect of employees and officers of the Council and authorise expenditure of £72,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current years Estimates to defray the cost of the implementation of the Agreement, and authorise expenditure of £15,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1973/1974.

Passed.

In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that the Third National Agreement would apply to Council employees and staff with effect from 1st June, 1974. The National Agreement however applied to craftsmen and building workers from 1st January, 1974, and also affected the rates of remuneration of Fire Brigade Staff.

ITEM NO. 3:- LOCAL ELECTIONS - ISSUE OF VOTING CARDS

The County Secretary submitted details of circular issued by the Department of Local Government in regard to the Local Elections indicating the dates for receipt of nominations, the date for the poll, etc. It was indicated in the circular that local authorities might consider the issue of Voting Cards.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That we approve of the issue of voting cards in relation to the Local Elections to be held in June, 1974 and authorise expenditure of £2,100 in excess of the amount provided in the current years Estimates to defray the cost of printing, completing and issuing of voting cards.

Passed.

The Council noted that the Urban District Councils would contribute towards the cost of the issue of voting cards in proportion to the numbers on the Register of Electors in the Urban Areas.

ITEM NO. 4:- PROPOSED PROVISION OF SCHOOL WARDEN AT BLESSINGTON

In the absence of Councillor J. Miley the Council deferred consideration of this matter.

ITEM NO. 5:- TO FILL VACANCY ON COUNCIL CAUSED BY DEATH OF COUNCILLOR WILLIAM CLEARY

The County Secretary submitted letter of 28th March, 1974, from The Arklow Urban Tenants' Association stating that Mr. Denis Kinsella, Chairman, Arklow Urban District Council, who was a Tenants' Association representative, was seeking co-option to the County Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councillor William Cleary who, it was stated, had been elected to both the Urban Council and the County Council as a representative of the Tenants' Association at the last Local Elections. The County Secretary stated a letter had also been received from Mr. Denis Kinsella stating that he was willing to act as a member of the Council if co-opted. A letter handed in from Mr. Thomas Clandillon, 3a South Quay, Arklow, stated that subject to his being nominated and elected, he was in a position to accept and serve as a Councillor, was also submitted to the Council. Councillor S. Costello proposed that Mr. Denis Kinsella be appointed to be a Member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor William Cleary, but the proposal was not seconded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That we defer filling the vacancy on the Council.

Passed - Councillor Costello dissenting.

ITEM NO. 6:- TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE ON ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS IN PLACE OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR WILLIAM CLEARY

ITEM NO. 7:- TO FILL VACANCY ON NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSEQUENT ON DEATH OF COMMANDANT MATTHEW KAVANAGH

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That we defer consideration of Items No. 6 and No. 7 on the Agenda.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 8:- ROAD GRANTS FOR PERIOD 1st APRIL TO 31st DECEMBER, 1974
- LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DATED 28th MARCH, 1974

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that the Road Grants allocated to the Council for the period from 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 were as follows:-

(1) <u>National Primary Roads</u>	
(a) Improvement	£250,000
(b) Upkeep	£ 31,000
(11) <u>National Secondary Roads</u>	
(a) Improvement	£ 21,000
(b) Upkeep (100%)	£ 15,380
(111) <u>Other Main and County Roads</u>	
{Improvement and Upkeep of other Main Roads}	
{Improvement of County Roads}	
	£116,750

The grant for the improvement of National Primary Roads showed a reduction of £43,000 but the Upkeep Grant had been increased by £4,000. The grant for improvement of National Secondary Roads had been increased by £3,000 and the grant for upkeep by £5,380 as compared with the previous year. The Upkeep Grant for the National Secondary Road was now 100% as compared with 50% in previous years. The grant for improvement and upkeep of Other Main Roads and the improvement of County Roads showed a reduction of £34,080. The Council noted the grants allocated.

The County Manager stated that during year ended 31st March, 1974 there had been a total over-expenditure of approximately £30,000 on Road Works and it would be necessary to recover a good part of this sum from the grants allocated for the nine month period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.

ITEM NO. 9:- TO FIX DATES FOR MEETINGS OF ARKLOW, BRAY AND WICKLOW LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME

The Council fixed the following dates for Meetings of the Local Electoral Area Committees:-

- Arklow - 24th April, 1974 at 3.30 p.m.
- Bray - 17th April, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.
- Wicklow - 16th April, 1974 at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 10:- WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMME FOR SCHEMES COSTING LESS THAN £20,000 - REPORT OF ACTING COUNTY ENGINEER ON WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN 1974

The County Secretary submitted the list of small Water and Sewerage Schemes for carrying out during the financial year 1974 and for submission to the Department of Local Government in accordance with the recent

circular. The Council agreed that a copy of the list be circulated to the Members and approved of the list of Schemes being submitted together with the following additional Schemes:-

- Water Supply Extension to Killoughter/Ballinapark
- Sewerage Extension to Killacoran, Aughrim
- Sewerage Scheme for Coolboy/Coolroe
- Water Supply Extension to Killiskey
- Water Supply for Glendalough.

ITEM NO. 11:- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PRICE OF BUILDING LAND
(KENNY REPORT)

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne

Resolved - That we support the Majority Report of the Committee on the Price of Building Land.

Passed - Councillors M.J. O'Neill and Miss N. O'Neill dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory

Resolved - That we recommend that the Local Authority have the final responsibility for designating areas of lands to be acquired, and that whatever appeal processes are determined should be completed within six months.

Passed - Councillors J. Bourke and M.J. O'Neill abstaining.

ITEM NO. 12:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM CARNEW TRADERS IN RELATION
TO WATER CHARGES

The Council received a deputation from Carnew Traders in relation to Water Charges in Carnew. The deputation pressed for a reduction in the accounts furnished to them and contended that the charges were unduly high. The County Manager pointed out that the charges covered a period of over two years and an allowance of 200 gallons per day for domestic consumption was allowed and having regard to charges made by other authorities he could not see his way to increasing this allowance or reducing the charges which had been made. The County Manager also stated that following the making of the revision in the domestic allowance over two years ago all arrears of water supply charges had been collected except in the case of the Carnew area.

ITEM NO. 13:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR K. RYAN:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL REMOVE THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON THE GOREY ROAD,
CARNEW, FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITION TO BEYOND THE COUNCIL COTTAGES."

It was

ITEM NO. 14:- ROAD GRANTS FOR PERIOD 1st APRIL TO 31st DECEMBER, 1974
ITEM NO. 15:- ROAD GRANTS FOR PERIOD 1st APRIL TO 31st DECEMBER, 1974

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that the Road Grants allocated to the Council for the period from 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 were as follows:-

National Primary Roads		(1)
(a) Improvement	£250,000	
(b) Upkeep	£ 31,000	
National Secondary Roads		(2)
(a) Improvement	£ 24,000	
(b) Upkeep (100%)	£ 17,500	
Other Main and County Roads		(3)
(a) Improvement and Upkeep of other Main Roads	£116,750	
(b) Improvement of County Roads		

Grant for the improvement of National Primary Roads showed a reduction of £25,000 but the Upkeep Grant had been increased by £3,000. The grant for improvement of National Secondary Roads had been increased by £2,000. The grant for Upkeep by £2,500 as compared with the previous year. The grant for the National Secondary Road was now £100,000 as compared with the previous year. The grant for improvement and upkeep of other Main and County Roads showed a reduction of £116,750 as compared with the previous year.

The County Secretary stated that during the year ended 31st March, 1974 the Council had received a grant of approximately £30,000 on account of the grant for improvement and upkeep of other Main and County Roads. It would be necessary to recover a good part of this sum from the ratepayers for the next financial year.

ITEM NO. 16:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM CARNEW TRADERS IN RELATION TO WATER CHARGES

The Council received a deputation from Carnew Traders in relation to Water Charges in Carnew. The deputation pressed for a reduction in the accounts furnished to them and contended that the charges were unduly high. The County Manager pointed out that the charges covered a period of over two years and an allowance of 200 gallons per day for domestic consumption was allowed and having regard to charges made by other authorities he could not see his way to increasing this allowance or reducing the charges which had been made. The County Manager also stated that following the making of the revision in the domestic allowance over two years ago all arrears of water supply charges had been collected except in the case of the Carnew area.

Resolution - 10th April, 1974
Resolution - 17th April, 1974
Resolution - 24th April, 1974

ITEM NO. 17:- WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL TO 31st DECEMBER, 1974

The County Secretary submitted the list of small Water and Sewerage schemes for carrying out during the financial year 1974 and for submission to the Department of Local Government in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan

Resolved - That this Council remove the speed limit signs on the Gorey Road, Carnew, from their present position to beyond the Council Cottages.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 14:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T.J. KEENAN:-
"THAT A REFUSE COLLECTION BE ARRANGED FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANNACURRA;
 THIS COULD BE SERVED BY THE DUMP AT AUGHIRM."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That a refuse collection be arranged for the village of Annacurra; this could be served by the dump at Aughrim.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that an estimate of the cost of providing this service in Annacurra had been obtained and arrangements were being made to provide the service.

ITEM NO. 15:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T.J. KEENAN:-
"THAT THE COUNCIL EXTEND REFUSE COLLECTION TO SERVE THE HOUSES AT
 BALLISHEL, AUGHIRM, AS THEY ARE ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE
 HOUSES WHICH ARE ALREADY SERVED."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That the Council extend refuse collection to serve the houses at Ballishel, Aughrim, as they are only a few hundred yards from the houses which are already served.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 16:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE A CAR PARK IN RATHDRUM."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor E. Miley

Resolved - That this Council provide a Car Park in Rathdrum.

Passed.

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of providing the Car Park was from £400 to £500 and that this work could be done from Maintenance subject to the site for the Car Park being provided free of charge by the local Development Association.

ITEM NO. 17:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. GREGORY:-
"THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS TO
 ERECT A TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BALLARD, KILBRIDE, AND THAT THE COUNCIL
 GUARANTEE THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST LOSS."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory

Seconded by Councillor B. Miley

Resolved - That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Ballard, Kilbride, and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 18:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. SWEENEY
 AND T.J. KEENAN:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION
 OF THE CAR PARK AND TOILETS AT CLOGGA STRAND AS AGREED IN THE GRANTING
 OF PLANNING PERMISSION TO HERR SCHUTZ."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan

Resolved - That this Council proceed with the construction of the Car Park and Toilets at Clogga Strand as agreed in the granting of Planning Permission to Herr Schutz.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been addressed to the Solicitors for Holiday Site and Land Development Company Limited requesting them to submit a map showing the area of approximately 2 acres of land to be transferred to the Council together with section of land to provide the public right-of-way from the Car Park to the beach as this latter area had not been shown on the map previously sent.

ITEM NO. 19:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL TARMACADAM THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE GLENEALY HALL
 AS THE PUBLIC ARE USING IT FOR CAR PARKING AT FUNERALS AND WHEN
 PLAYING GAMES, ETC., THE MONEY TO BE USED FROM AMENITY GRANTS."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor Senator Miss Walsh

Resolved - That this Council tarmacadam the car park outside the Glenealy Hall as the public are using it for car parking at funerals and when playing games, etc., the money to be used from Amenity Grants.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 20:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR R. MILEY:-
"THAT THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE A SCAVENGING SERVICE FOR LARAGH, GLENDALOUGH AND ANNAMOE."

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That the Council will provide a Scavenging Service for Laragh, Glendalough and Annamoe.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 21:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR K. RYAN:-
"THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE A HOUSE FOR MR. THOMAS CULLEN, COOLRUSS, CLONEGAL."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been dealt with at the Meeting held on the 1st April, 1974.

PUBLIC TOILETS IN AVOCA

Councillor Keenan stated that the toilets in Avoca required to be painted and asked that this be arranged.

DANGERS OF ALCOHOLISM

Councillor J. Sweeney proposed that a Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils asking that the General Council request the appropriate State Agency to make grants available to local committees for the building of Community Centres - the cost of building such Centres to be shared on a fifty-fifty basis by the local community and by the State Agency. He stated that the purpose of building the Community Centres would be to enable the youth of the areas to spend leisure time there rather than in lounge bars. The Council approved of the Resolution and agreed that it be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, the Council passed votes of congratulation to (a) The Wicklow Vocational Gaelic Football Team on their recent successes, (b) to Miss Mary Kearney, Donard on her athletic success and (c) to the Wicklow Cross Country Quiz Team on their success.

ALLOCATION OF TENANCY OF HOUSE AT OLD COURT PARK

Councillor Costello referred to a house at Oldcourt Park which had been allocated and the keys issued to the tenant but stated that the tenant had not yet taken up occupation and that there were rumours that the tenant in question intended to allow the house to be occupied

by his sister and her family as he had recently been left a house by Will. He urged that the Council recover the keys if the house was not occupied without further delay. Councillor Costello's proposal was supported by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

BREACHES OF PLANNING REGULATIONS

Councillor Costello asked that particulars be circulated to the Members of the Council of all cases of breaches or alleged breaches of Planning Regulations currently under investigation by the Planning Staff of the Council. Councillor Hynes seconded Councillor Costello's proposal. Senator Miss M. Walsh suggested that a Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils asking that substantial fines be imposed for breaches of the Planning Acts. The County Manager pointed out that the new Planning Bill at present before the Dail contained provisions for heavy penalties for breaches of the law in relation to planning.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH MAY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors F. Hynes	S. Costello
T.J. Keenan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
K. Ryan	Miss N. O'Neill
J. Sweeney	J. Temple
Senator Miss Walsh	J.J. Bourke
D.J. McEvoy	J. Gregory
J. Miley	B.S.C. Phelan
G. Timmins, T.D.	R. Miley
E. Byrne	R.F. McKeon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

K.J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager
 P. Hand, Acting County Secretary
 J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
 J. Flood, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing)
 U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 10th June, 1974.

James Whelan
 CHAIRMAN

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 6/5/1974

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st April, 1974.
2. Proposed disposal of land at (a) Oldcourt, Bray (b) Newtownmountkennedy and (c) Aughavannagh - Notices issued to Members on 22nd April and 25th April, 1974.
3. Cottage Purchase Scheme (copy of Scheme circulated).
4. Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of Dwellings - To amend Scheme.
5. Housing Scheme at Kilmacanogue - Report of National Building Agency.
6. Report on isolated cottages and proposed sales.
7. Application from Arklow Chamber of Commerce for reception of deputation at Meeting on 13th May on the subject of an internal Relief Road in Arklow Town.
8. Tender from Goulding Limited for erection of six houses at Tinahely.
9. Housing Progress Report.
10. Offer to donate garden seat in memory of Councillor Christopher White.
11. Council houses repaired in April, 1974 and to be repaired in May, 1974.
12. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That William Farrell, Gorey Road, Carnew be made tenant of cottage No. 22/9 at Carnew which is in the name of his late father, Michael Farrell."
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council buy land near Wicklow Town as there is no land available in the Urban Area to buy."

The Chairman informed the Members of the Council that Councillor M.J. O'Neill was hospitalised. He asked that the good wishes of the Council for his speedy recovery be conveyed to Councillor O'Neill.

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL, 1974

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st April, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT (a) OLDCOURT, BRAY (b) NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY AND (c) AUGHAVANNAGH - NOTICES ISSUED TO MEMBERS ON 22nd APRIL AND 25th APRIL, 1974

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That the disposal of 10 sq. perches approximately of land with shop-cum-dwellinghouse thereon at Oldcourt Housing Scheme, Oldcourt, Bray, be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to the Members of the Council on 22nd April, 1974.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That the disposal of 6 areas of 11 sq. perches each at Newtownmountkenedy Housing Scheme in the townland of Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow, to the six persons listed on schedule attached to the notice dated 25th April, 1974 issued to each Member of the Council, be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in such notice.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the sale of the plot containing 2 roods and 3 sq. perches at Aughavannagh Ram to Mrs. Heather Constance Tyrrell, 'Kamiro's, Dublin Road, Arklow, subject to the conditions set out in the statutory notices issued on the 24th April, 1974.

Passed.

Arising out of the disposal of land, it was agreed that a survey would be done on various parcels of land owned by the County Council throughout the County which were available for sale and that the result of that survey would be put before the Council. This arose out of the wish of the Council that where such land was available for sale consideration might be given to its utilisation as a housing site for persons who had been accepted as eligible for Council housing.

ITEM NO. 3:- HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME (COPY OF SCHEME CIRCULATED)

There was a general discussion on the House Purchase Scheme which had been circulated. Members mentioned specific cases in which they considered that the purchase price for particular houses and housing schemes was too high. It was the feeling of the Meeting that special concessions for reduction of gross price should be made in the case of system-built houses and it was agreed that representations in that regard be made to the Minister for Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the terms, conditions of sale and other particulars of the Tenant Purchase Scheme 1974, as set out in circular letter dated 29/4/1974 from County Secretary and schedule attached thereto.

Passed - Councillor Gregory dissenting.

ITEM NO. 4:- SCHEME FOR LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF DWELLINGS - TO AMEND SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the amendment of the scheme for loans for the Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement works on dwelling houses by the addition of the following condition thereto:- "One instalment not exceeding more than half the amount of loan allocated, or 75% of estimated value of work done, whichever is the lesser, may be paid at the discretion of the Council during the course of the works on receipt of a Certificate from the Council's Engineer that the work done to date has been carried out in a satisfactory manner".

Passed.

ITEM NO. 5:- HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMACANOGUE - REPORT OF NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY

The Deputy County Manager advised the Meeting that the report of the National Building Agency had not been received. Councillor S. Costello proposed that a Meeting of the Bray Electoral Area Members be held on 13th May, 1974 at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme and that members of the Tenants' Association and

representatives of the National Building Agency and of the builders be invited to attend the Meeting. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Temple and agreed. The wish of the Council was that consideration would also be given at the Meeting to the overall condition of the Oldcourt Housing Scheme, Bray.

ITEM NO. 6:- REPORT ON ISOLATED COTTAGES AND PROPOSED SALES

The Council considered a report dated 19th April, 1974 on isolated cottages in the County. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, and agreed that the following vacant cottages would be disposed of:-

Cottage No. 204/11 at Ballykillavane
Cottage No. 205/11 at Ballinagran, Glenealy.

ITEM NO. 7:- APPLICATION FROM ARKLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION AT MEETING ON 13TH MAY ON THE SUBJECT OF AN INTERNAL RELIEF ROAD IN ARKLOW TOWN

The Council agreed to receive a deputation from Arklow Chamber of Commerce on the subject of an internal relief road in Arklow Town at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 13th May, 1974.

ITEM NO. 8:- TENDER FROM GOULDING LIMITED FOR ERECTION OF SIX HOUSES AT TINAHELY

The Meeting considered the provision of a Scheme of six houses at Tinahely of the "Goulding Building" Prototype House. Senator Miss Walsh disagreed with the provision of system-built type houses in Tinahely and the Meeting agreed that advertisements be issued inviting tenders for a scheme of traditional-type houses at Tinahely. After a very full discussion, it was agreed that the Council's Technical Officers would have further meetings with representatives of Gouldings Limited about the type of house being provided by that Company and would report to a Meeting of the Council at a later date. Members pointed out that the decision of the Council not to proceed with a scheme of system-built houses in Tinahely was in no sense a reflection on Gouldings Ltd.

ITEM NO. 9:- HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Council noted the submission of the Housing Progress Report and of replies given in relation to matters raised in the course of discussion on the Report.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH MAY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	E. Byrne
	T.J. Keenan	S. Costello
	K. Ryan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	J. Sweeney	Miss N. O'Neill
	Senator Miss Walsh	J. Temple
	D.J. McEvoy	J.J. Bourke
	J. Miley	J. Gregory
	M.J. O'Neill	B.S.C. Phelan
	G. Timmins, T.D.	R. Miley
		R.F. McKeon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
P. Hand, County Accountant

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 10th June, 1974.

CHAIRMAN

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 13/5/74

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th April, 1974.
2. Report on Water Supplies - Copy circulated.
3. Report on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal - Copy circulated.
4. Report on Refuse Collection and disposal - Copy to follow.
5. Environmental Services Section - Proposed creation of Office of Staff Officer.
6. Murrough Coast Protection Scheme - To consider letter of 22nd April, 1974 from Commissioners of Public Works and to authorise borrowing to defray additional cost of works.
7. Amenity Grants - To approve schemes for 1974.
8. Local Improvements Schemes - Letter from Department of Local Government allocating grant for 1974.
9. To receive deputation from roads and parking section of Arklow Chamber of Commerce in connection with the internal relief road in Arklow Town."
10. Closing of Templeraíney Burial Ground.
11. Application for use of Council field at Parkmore, Baltinglass as a sporting centre by Youth Clubs in Baltinglass.
12. Offer to donate Garden Seat in memory of Councillor Christopher White.
13. Application from Presentation College, Bray, for contribution towards cost of operation of swimming pool.
14. Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme - report from National Building Agency.
15. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M.J. O'Neill, D.J. McEvoy, B.S.C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. Temple and F. Hynes:- "That this Council purchase a Mobile Toilet Unit for Ladies and Gents for West Wicklow."
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the footpath from the Dispensary to the village of Aughrim be repaired as it has become dangerous to pedestrians using it."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a footpath from the Old Village, Rathnew to Merrymount as this road is narrow and a large number of people use the road going to Church, School and shops."
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T.J. Keenan:- "That the road from Tinakilly Bridge, Aughrim, to junction leading to Three Wells be taken over and repaired by the County Council; this road is used regularly by six families and Forestry Department."
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes to prevent water flowing across the main Carnew/Shillelagh Road at Croneyhorn."
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council will extend the refuse collection service to serve the six houses on the Tinakilly/Three Wells Road, Aughrim."
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council collect the refuse from the people at Ballymerrigan as the refuse truck passes that way to the dump."

- 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B.S.C. Phelan:- "That a Comprehensive Road Plan be prepared and implemented for Wicklow Main Street and the town's approach roads, having regard to large developments approved by this Council in the surrounding areas in the interest of progress and safety."
23. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council spread some fine chippings on the car park opposite the Catholic Church in Avoca."
24. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B.S.C. Phelan:- "That this Council provide a weekly refuse collection for the Brittas Bay area recognising the avoidance of pollution on its own property and the appearance of this high amenity area for the duration of the summer."
25. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge :- "That the Council enter into negotiations regarding the purchase of the land opposite the Picture House, Greystones, for a Park. Also that provision be made to lease a site to the C.B.S.I. and the A.S.I. Troups for the erection of Clubhouses."
26. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B.S.C. Phelan:- "That the proposal - Refuse Collection for Ashford be now implemented before the occupation of the new houses in the interests of Sanitation and proper management."
27. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That the County Council provide water for 5 cottages at Tinnakilly and Ballymorris where all domestic water has to be carried from a well across two fields almost a half mile from some of them."
28. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs M. Ledwidge:- (i) "That the bad corner at 97 Ballybawn Cottages, Kilmacanogue be removed. The hedge of the field in the ownership of Mr Anthony Dunne should be lowered in the meantime, pending negotiations for purchase of portion of his land to ease the corner. There is a concealed entrance at 97 Ballybawn - could sign be erected."
(ii) "That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Council Housing Schemes at Grattan Park, Blacklion and Killincarrig, and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss."
29. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T.J. Keenan:- "That this Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Kilcarra; the nearest phone is approximately 2 miles away."
30. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and R. Miley:- "That the County Council surface the right-of-way to the vested cottages of Patrick Byrne, Main Street, Rathdrum, to facilitate the use of an invalid car which must be used by a member of his family."
31. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and R. Miley:- "That the public street lighting in Rathdrum be examined and be improved as necessary by changing to the new system and fitting additional lights where necessary."

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL, 1974

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th April, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- REPORT ON WATER SUPPLIES

ITEM NO. 3:- REPORT ON SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

ITEM NO. 4:- REPORT ON REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, decided to defer consideration of the Reports on (a) Water Supplies (b) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal and (c) Refuse Collection and Disposal for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 20th May, 1974.

ITEM NO. 5:- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SECTION - PROPOSED CREATION OF OFFICE OF STAFF OFFICER

The County Manager referred to his previous indication of intention to establish an Environmental Services Section which would deal with pollution and with the services at present described as Sanitary Services, i.e. water, sewerage, public conveniences, burial grounds, amenities, etc. He requested the approval of the Council to the creation of a post of Staff Officer for this new Section and also to the creation of a post of Clerk/Typist.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we approve of the creation of a post of Staff Officer for the Environmental Services Section of the Council and of a post of Clerk/Typist.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6:- MURROUGH COAST PROTECTION SCHEME - TO CONSIDER LETTER OF 22ND APRIL, 1974 FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO AUTHORISE BORROWING TO DEFRAY ADDITIONAL COST OF WORKS

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That having considered letter of 22nd April, 1974 from Commissioners of Public Works in relation to the Murrough Coast Protection Scheme, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a supplementary loan of £7,840 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 20 years to defray the Council's contribution towards the balance of the cost of the Scheme.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 7:- AMENITY GRANTS - TO APPROVE SCHEMES FOR 1974

The following list of Schemes for Amenity Grants for consideration for 1974 was submitted by the County Engineer who indicated that the Schemes had been listed in the order in which they had been arranged by the Members of the Council for 1973/1974 with the addition of Schemes No's 18 and 19:-

No.	Scheme	Estimate
1	Provision of open air Swimming Pool, Children's Playground and Recreation Centre, Baltinglass.	£23,000
2	Contribution to Swimming Pool and Recreation Centre at Blessington.	£2,300
3	Completion of Pitch & Putt and Community Centre, Tinahely.	£1,150
4	Fencing and Provision of Footpaths at the Murrough.	£1,400
5	Playing Ground and Public Park at Enniskerry.	£2,300
6	Recreation and Playing Field, Newtownmountkennedy.	£1,200
7	Surfacing of Scenic Car Park & Road to North Beach, Greystones.	£1,000
8	Development of Playing Field at Bray.	£1,200
9	Provision of Car Park and Pitch & Putt Course, Recreation Centre at Ballyknockan.	£1,200
10	Recreation and Community Centre, Baltinglass.	£3,000
11	Scenic Car Park and Picnic Centre, Lockstown.	£2,500
12	Scenic Walk, Recreation Park, Riversdale Walk, Ashford.	£1,800
13	Provision of Car Park and Picnic Site, Knockieran.	£2,500
14	Conversion of closed graveyard to Recreation Centre, Dunlavin.	£1,200
15	Provision of Car Park and Picnic Site, Baltyboys.	£2,500
16	Pitch & Putt Course at Glendalough.	£2,300
17	Provision of Car Park and Community Centre, Kiltegan.	£2,000
18	Brittas Bay - Toilets, Water Supply, Fencing, Planting, etc.	£10,000
19	Glenealy Car Park.	£1,000

TOTAL: £63,550

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the carrying out of works with the aid of Amenity Grants for the year 1974.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that when information was obtained from the Department of Local Government of the amount of grant available to the Council for the current financial year a further recommendation would be submitted to the Council for Schemes to be carried out with the aid of the monies made available.

ITEM NO. 8:- LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMES - LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATING GRANT FOR 1974

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had allocated a grant of £6,000 to the Council for the nine month year, from 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974. This corresponded to a grant of £8,000 for the previous local financial year. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

COUNTY SECRETARY

10th May, 1974.

**Local Improvements Scheme: Allocation for 9 Months
Period 1st April to 31st December, 1974**

A Chara,

With reference to your letter 17th ultimo enclosing copy of the circular from the Department of Local Government it is noted that the amount allocated for the current year is £6,000. I am arranging that the following works be put in hand:-

Scheme No.	Location	Grant	Local Contribution	Total
106	Knockatomcoyle	£ 225	£ 56	£ 281
78	Johnstown	760	586	1,346
103	Annacrevey	293	-	293
84	Tombrean	630	270	900
115	Knockatomcoyle	315	79	394
112	Killabeg	720	180	900
61	Crone	236	101	337
108	Ballynultah	450	675	1,125
116	Rednagh	393	169	562
127	Church Lane, Newcastle	860	152	1,012
80	Ballinasillogue	622	109	731
TOTALS:		5,504	2,377	7,881

The above list embraces all schemes for which local contributions have been paid to date. The balance of the grant amounting to £496 will be allocated as further contributions are received.

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A/COUNTY ENGINEER.

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss M. Walsh

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That having noted letter of 9th April, 1974 from the Department of Local Government notifying the allocation of a grant of £6,000 to the Council for works under the Local Improvements Scheme and the report of the Acting County Engineer, we approve of his recommendations for the carrying out of works with the aid of grants under the Local Improvements Scheme during the period to 31st December, 1974.

Passed.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, referred to the need for widening certain roads which had been improved under Local Improvement Schemes as they were not capable of carrying farm machinery. It was agreed that provision be made in the Roadworks Scheme for the next financial year for widening of such roads. The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for an increase in the amount of the grant for the current financial year and asked that the Acting County Engineer complete estimates in respect of other schemes for which applications had been received as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 9:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM ROADS AND PARKING SECTION OF ARKLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNAL RELIEF ROAD IN ARKLOW TOWN

The Council received a deputation of five persons representing the Roads and Parking Section of Arklow Chamber of Commerce and Mr. T. O'Neill, President of the Arklow Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on behalf of the deputation. Mr. O'Neill stressed the need for carrying out works on an internal Relief Road to relieve traffic congestion in the Main Street in Arklow and submitted a plan showing a proposed internal road running from the Graveyard in the Main Street via the River Bank to join with the bridge at Ferrybank and a further section, described as Phase Two, for widening of the South Quay, Arklow. The deputation asked that the County Council approve of this scheme and seek a grant from the Department of Local Government to meet the cost of the work. The Acting County Engineer pointed out that the County Council had recently advertised for a Consultant to design bridges for a proposed Bye-pass Road for Arklow which would form part of the National Primary Route and which would take through-traffic away from Arklow and thereby relieve the congestion in the Main Street. He stated that the road should be ready in about five years and that the matter of an internal Relief Road was one for Arklow Urban District Council and not for the County Council. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Members of the Council suggested that the County Council had a degree a responsibility in the matter, it was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that a joint meeting be held with Arklow Urban District Council to discuss the matter of the relief of traffic congestion in the Main Street, Arklow.

ITEM NO. 10:- CLOSING OF TEMPLERAINNEY BURIAL GROUND

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney
Resolved - That having noted letter of 9th April, 1974 from the Department of Local Government notifying the allocation of a grant of £6,000 to the Council for works under the Local Improvements Scheme and the report of the Acting County Engineer, we approve of his recommendations for the carrying out of works with the aid of grants under the Local Improvements Scheme during the period to 31st December, 1974.
Passed.

ITEM NO. 11:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM ROADS AND PARKING SECTION OF ARKLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNAL RELIEF ROAD IN ARKLOW TOWN

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ITEM NO. 12:- TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION FROM ROADS AND PARKING SECTION OF ARKLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNAL RELIEF ROAD IN ARKLOW TOWN

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Scheme No.	Location	Grant	Local Contribution	Total
106	Knockstown	285	56	341
78	Johnstown	760	380	1,140
107	Knockstown	293	-	293
84	Templeman	630	270	900
115	Knockstown	315	75	390
112	Kilbegg	150	180	330
81	Croane	250	101	351
108	Ballymattin	400	675	1,075
116	Rednagh	300	169	469
127	Garraigh, Newlands	850	158	1,008
80	Ballymattin	625	109	734
TOTAL:		5,504	1,375	6,879

The above list comprises all schemes for which local contributions have been paid to date. The balance of the grant amounting to £190 will be allocated as further contributions are received.
None to date.
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That having noted report of the Health Inspector and recommendation of the County Medical Officer, we approve of the closing of Templerrainey Burial Ground.

Passed.

The Members of the Council asked that a report on the Burial Grounds in the County maintained by the County Council be completed and submitted to the Council as soon as possible. Members also suggested that the remuneration of Caretakers required revision and that consideration be given to the maintenance by the Road Staff of Burial Grounds.

ITEM NO. 11:- APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNCIL FIELD AT PARKMORE, BALTINGLASS AS A SPORTING CENTRE BY YOUTH CLUBS IN BALTINGLASS

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M.J. O'Neill

Resolved - Having considered application from Rev. P. McDonnell, C.C. Baltinglass, on behalf of the Boys' Club, Youth Club and Adults of Baltinglass, we approve of the letting for 11 month period of 3 acres of land at Parkmore, Baltinglass for recreational purposes for a rent of £1.00 for the 11 month period.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 12:- OFFER TO DONATE GARDEN SEAT IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER WHITE

It was

Proposed by Councillor R.F. McKeon

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved - That we accept with thanks the offer of Mrs. Gretta Smith, 45 Moorton Avenue, Burnage, Manchester 19, to donate a Garden Seat, in teak, with a small plate thereon bearing the inscription:- "Presented to the Village of Enniskerry in Memory of the late Councillor Christopher White" to be placed on a site approved by the Council.

Passed.

The Members of the Council suggested that the seat might be placed at the Clock Tower in Enniskerry and if a Park were provided in Enniskerry at a later date that the seat could then be placed in the Park.

ITEM NO. 13:- APPLICATION FROM PRESENTATION COLLEGE, BRAY, FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COST OF OPERATION OF SWIMMING POOL

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved - That we approve of the making of a grant of £3,600 to Presentation College, Bray, towards the cost of operation of the swimming pool of the College during the period to 31st December, 1974, and authorise the additional expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost involved.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 14:- KILMACANOGUE HOUSING SCHEME - REPORT FROM NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY

The County Secretary read the letter of 10th May, 1974 from the National Building Agency Limited. The Council noted that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area was taking place that evening and that representatives of the National Building Agency and of the Contractor together with representatives of the tenants would be present at the Meeting and that the points referred to in the letter would be considered.

ITEM NO. 15:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. MILEY, G. TIMMINS, T.D., M.J. O'NEILL, D.J. McEVY, B.S.C. PHELAN, J. SWEENEY, T.J. KEENAN, MISS N. O'NEILL, MRS. M. LEDWIDGE, R. MILEY, J. GREGORY, K. RYAN, J. TEMPLE AND F. HYNES:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL PURCHASE A MOBILE TOILET UNIT FOR LADIES AND GENTS FOR WEST WICKLOW."

The Council considered the report of the Assistant County Engineer of the 13th May, 1974 in which he stated that a quotation had been received from A.H. Masser Limited for the supply of a Portaloo Model 150 which would be equipped with a treatment tank and need not be connected to a septic tank and consequently would be suitable for use in the Lake Area of Blessington where there would be restriction on discharge of effluent to the Lake. The Council noted that the price quoted, including tax, amounted to approximately £4,665 and that delivery would take from eight to ten weeks. Following a discussion on the matter,

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That this Council purchase a Mobile Toilet Unit for Ladies and Gents for West Wicklow, similar to that in use at Brittas Bay, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost involved.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the Mobile Toilet be made available for the Festival of Blessington which would take place from the 5th to 14th July and would also be made available for use on the County Show Grounds at Tinahely on August Monday.

ITEM NO. 16:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T.J. KEENAN:-
"THAT THE FOOTPATH FROM THE DISPENSARY TO THE VILLAGE OF AUGHIRM BE REPAIRED AS IT HAS BECOME DANGEROUS TO PEDESTRIANS USING IT."

Having been proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan and seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, the Acting County Engineer indicated that this footpath would be repaired.

ITEM NO. 17:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL LAY A FOOTPATH FROM THE OLD VILLAGE, RATHNEW TO MERRYMEETING AS THIS ROAD IS NARROW AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USE THE ROAD GOING TO CHURCH, SCHOOL AND SHOPS."

The Acting County Engineer reported that the provision of a footpath at this point would be beneficial to the residents of Rathnew and that the estimated cost for a length of 230 yards was £1,000. He pointed out that when the Roadworks Scheme was being prepared the provision of such a footpath was not considered to reach a high enough priority to be included. It was agreed that provision be made for this work in the Roadworks Scheme for the year 1975.

ITEM NO. 18:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T.J. KEENAN:-
"THAT THE ROAD FROM TINAKILLY BRIDGE, AUGHIRM, TO JUNCTION LEADING TO THREE WELLS BE TAKEN OVER AND REPAIRED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL; THIS ROAD IS USED REGULARLY BY SIX FAMILIES AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT."

The Acting County Engineer reported that the cost of repairing the road was £1,100 and that it had a total length of 400 lineal yards. The Assistant County Engineer had stated that it would be desirable to take over the road as a public road. The Acting County Engineer recommended that the road be taken over but that before this was done it should first be put into a proper state of repair by the adjoining landowners with the aid of a Local Improvement Scheme Grant. Members of the Council pointed out that there were six or seven vested cottages on the road and also some cottages built by the Meath Estate and that contributions could not be expected from the occupants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved - That the road from Tinakilly Bridge, Aughrim, to junction leading to Three Wells be taken over and repaired by the County Council; this road is used regularly by six families and Forestry Department.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands be approached and requested to make a contribution towards the cost of putting the road in proper repair having regard to its use by forestry traffic.

ITEM NO. 19:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR K. RYAN:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL LAY PIPES TO PREVENT WATER FLOWING ACROSS THE
MAIN CARNEW/SHILLELAGH ROAD AT CRONEYHORN".

Having been proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, the Acting County Engineer stated that arrangements were being made to have this work done.

ITEM NO. 20:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF SENATOR MISS MARY WALSH:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL WILL EXTEND THE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE
TO SERVE THE SIX HOUSES ON THE TINAKILLY/THREE WELLS ROAD, AUGHIRM."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh

Resolved - That this Council will extend the refuse collection service to serve the six houses on the Tinakilly/Three Wells Road, Aughrim.

Passed.

Councillor Keenan asked that Mill Road and Glen Road also be included in the Aughrim Refuse Collection Service.

ITEM NO. 21:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR F. HYNES:-
"THAT THIS COUNCIL COLLECT THE REFUSE FROM THE PEOPLE AT BALLYMERRIGAN
AS THE REFUSE TRUCK PASSES THAT WAY TO THE DUMP."

It was agreed that the matter of collecting the refuse for people at Ballymerrigan be investigated and that this be arranged if possible.

ITEM NO. 22:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR B.S.C. PHELAN:-
"THAT A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD PLAN BE PREPARED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR WICKLOW
MAIN STREET AND THE TOWN'S APPROACH ROADS, HAVING REGARD TO LARGE
DEVELOPMENTS APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS IN THE
INTEREST OF PROGRESS AND SAFETY."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That a Comprehensive Road Plan be prepared and implemented for Wicklow Main Street and the town's approach roads, having regard to large developments approved by this Council in the surrounding areas in the interest of progress and safety.

Passed.

The Council noted the Acting County Engineer's statement that discussions had taken place with the Town Engineer in regard to road improvements to deal with traffic in the Main Street in Wicklow and with future traffic on the approach roads and that a Plan was being prepared.

ITEM NO. 23:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. SWEENEY AND T.J. KEENAN:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL SPREAD SOME FINE CHIPPINGS ON THE CAR PARK OPPOSITE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AVOCA."

Having been proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Acting County Engineer stated that this would be arranged.

ITEM NO. 24:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR B.S.C. PHELAN:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE A WEEKLY REFUSE COLLECTION FOR THE BRITTAS BAY AREA RECOGNISING THE AVOIDANCE OF POLLUTION ON ITS OWN PROPERTY AND THE APPEARANCE OF THIS HIGH AMENITY AREA FOR THE DURATION OF THE SUMMER."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered in conjunction with the report on Refuse Collection and Disposal to be considered at the Special Meeting to be held on 20th May, 1974.

ITEM NO. 25:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS MISS N. O'NEILL AND MRS. M. LEDWIDGE:- "THAT THE COUNCIL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND OPPOSITE THE PICTURE HOUSE, GREYSTONES, FOR A PARK. ALSO THAT PROVISION BE MADE TO LEASE A SITE TO THE C.B.S.I. AND THE A.S.I. TROUPS FOR THE ERECTION OF CLUBHOUSES."

The Acting County Engineer stated that this matter was under examination.

ITEM NO. 26:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR B.S.C. PHELAN:- "THAT THE PROPOSAL - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR ASHFORD BE NOW IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE OCCUPATION OF THE NEW HOUSES IN THE INTERESTS OF SANITATION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT."

The County Manager stated that arrangements had been made for Refuse Collection from the new houses in course of construction at Ashford.

ITEM NO. 27:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS T.J. KEENAN AND J. SWEENEY:- "THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE WATER FOR 5 COTTAGES AT TINAKILLY AND BALLYMORRIS WHERE ALL DOMESTIC WATER HAS TO BE CARRIED FROM A WELL ACROSS TWO FIELDS ALMOST A HALF MILE FROM SOME OF THEM."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered in conjunction with the Report on Water Supplies to be considered at the Special Meeting to be held on Monday, 20th May, 1974.

ITEM NO. 28:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS MISS N. O'NEILL AND MRS. M. LEDWIDGE:- (i) "THAT THE BAD CORNER AT 97 BALLYBAWN COTTAGES, KILMACANOGUE BE REMOVED. THE HEDGE OF THE FIELD IN THE OWNERSHIP OF MR. ANTHONY DUNNE SHOULD BE LOWERED IN THE MEANTIME, PENDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF PORTION OF HIS LAND TO EASE THE CORNER. THERE IS A CONCEALED ENTRANCE AT 97 BALLYBAWN - COULD SIGN BE ERECTED."

The Acting County Engineer reported that there was a serious traffic hazard at this corner, particularly for the owner of cottage No. 97, and the cost of acquiring land, removing the ditch, erection of fencing and minor road improvements was £500. The corner in question was situated on Main Road 18 on the right-hand side of the road from Kilmacanogue to Enniskerry. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for 1975 for the easing of this corner.

(ii) "THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS TO ERECT A TELEPHONE KIOSK AT COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES AT GRATTAN PARK, BLACKLION AND KILLINCARRIG, AND THAT THE COUNCIL GUARANTEE THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST LOSS."

On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was agreed that the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Council Housing Schemes at Grattan Park, Blacklion and Killincarrig and that the Council guarantee the Department against loss.

ITEM NO. 29:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. SWEENEY AND T.J. KEENAN:- "THAT THIS COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS TO ERECT A TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILCARRA; THE NEAREST PHONE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES AWAY."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Resolved - That this Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Kilcarra; the nearest phone is approximately 2 miles away.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 30:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS T.J. KEENAN AND R. MILEY:- "THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE VESTED COTTAGES OF PATRICK BYRNE, LOWER STREET, RATHDRUM, TO FACILITATE THE USE OF AN INVALID CAR WHICH MUST BE USED BY A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY."

The Acting County Engineer stated that this matter would be examined and a report submitted.

ITEM NO. 31:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS T.J. KEENAN AND R. MILEY:- "THAT THE PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING IN RATHDRUM BE EXAMINED AND BE IMPROVED AS NECESSARY BY CHANGING TO THE NEW SYSTEM AND FITTING ADDITIONAL LIGHTS WHERE NECESSARY."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That the public street lighting in Rathdrum be examined and be improved as necessary by changing to the new system and fitting additional lights where necessary.

Passed.

The Acting County Engineer stated that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to carry out a survey in Rathdrum and to recommend an improved system of lighting. The Council asked that the Electricity Supply Board be requested also to survey the street lighting in Roundwood and to submit recommendations.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed unanimously the following Resolution:-

"That this Council extends its congratulations and thanks to the Garda Siochana on its exemplary police work which has resulted in the recovery of the valuable and internationally famous collection of masterpieces of art, the property of Sir Alfred Beit, which were stolen by armed raiders from Russborough House, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on Friday, April 26th, 1974."

Members of the Council expressed concern that a collection of such valuable paintings was not better protected against theft or against damage to the paintings and asked that representations on this matter be made to the Department of Justice.

MEETING OF COUNCIL IN JUNE

The County Secretary stated that as Monday, 3rd June, was a Bank Holiday normally the Housing Meeting of the Council would be held on 10th June and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 17th June. In view of the Local Elections taking place on the 18th June a Meeting on the 17th was unlikely to be convenient for Members to attend. He suggested that the Meeting of the Council on the 10th June might deal with both Housing and General matters. The Council agreed that the Ordinary Meeting of the Council which would deal with Housing and General matters be held on 10th June.

BLESSINGTON FESTIVAL

The Council considered a letter from Mr. Louis M. Byrne on behalf of Blessington Agricultural and Horse Show Society in regard to the

Festival of Blessington which would take place from 5th to 14th July, 1974. Mr. Byrne stated that in the previous year the Council had agreed to let the Festival have two bands from within the County to give Recitals and that these contributed greatly to the success of the Festival. He asked that the Council consider doing the same again this year. On the proposal of Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that two Band Recitals be made available.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON CHURCH LANE, NEWCASTLE

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That we authorise excess expenditure of £3,000 to defray the cost of reconstruction of the bridge on Church Lane, Newcastle.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 21 - NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE MATTER OF COUNCILLOR T. J. KEENE
The Council considered a letter from Mr. Louis H. Byrne on behalf of the Blessington Agricultural and Horse Show Society in regard to the

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keene
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley
Resolved - That the public street lighting in Blessington be examined and the improvement as necessary by consulting to the new system and fitting additional lighters where necessary.
Passed.

The Acting County Engineer stated that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to carry out a survey to Blessington and to recommend an improved system of lighting. The Council asked that the Electricity Supply Board be requested also to survey the street lighting in Roundwood and to submit recommendations.
Passed.

As the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed
Seconded by the following Councillors:-

The Council approved the recommendations and thanks to the Garda Síochána for the assistance which has resulted in the recovery of the stolen goods and the collection of the stolen goods.
Passed.

The Council expressed concern that a collection of goods and chattels was not better protected against theft or damage and requested the Garda Síochána to make arrangements on this matter.
Passed.

LETTER OF COUNCIL

The County Engineer stated that as Monday, 10th June was a bank holiday, normally the Council would be held on Tuesday, 11th June. In the event, the Council was held on the 10th June. The Council considered a letter from Mr. Louis H. Byrne on behalf of the Blessington Agricultural and Horse Show Society in regard to the

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Festival of Biscuits which would take place on 10th June 1974. Mr. Ryan stated that in the previous year the Council had agreed to let the Festival have the bands and the Council to give Biscuits and that these contributed to the success of the Festival. He asked that the Council consider doing the same again this year. On the proposal of Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that two Band Biscuits be made available.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON CHURCH LANE, NEWCASTLE

It was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke and seconded by Councillor J. Miley that the Council should consider the cost of reconstruction of the bridge on Church Lane, Newcastle. The cost of reconstruction of the bridge on Church Lane, Newcastle, was estimated at £2,500. It was agreed that the Council should consider the cost of reconstruction of the bridge on Church Lane, Newcastle.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON 20TH MAY, 1974

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors	F. Hynes	G. Timmins, T.D.
	T.J. Keenan	Miss N. O'Neill
	K. Ryan	Mrs. M. Ledwidge
	J. Sweeney	J.J. Bourke
	Senator Miss Walsh	J. Gregory
	D.J. McEvoy	R. Miley
	J. Miley	B.S.C. Phelan
	M.J. O'Neill	R.F. McKeon
	J. Temple	

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

F.J. O'Brien, County Manager
K.J. Brangan, County Secretary
J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
J. Crotty, Chief Assistant County Engineer (Sanitary Services)
P. Hand, County Accountant
U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing & Sanitary Services Section

CONFIRMED at Meeting held on 10th June, 1974.

James Whelan
CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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A G E N D A

1. Report on Water Supplies - Copy circulated.
2. Report on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal - Copy circulated.
3. Report on Refuse Collection and Disposal - Copy circulated.
4. Application for closing of roads at Wicklow on Monday, 3rd June, 1974 for purposes of cycle race.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the people of Dublin and Monaghan and in particular with the relatives of the victims and those maimed and injured as a result of the dastardly acts of leaving bombs in cars causing the death and injury of innocent people; and expressing also their admiration for the work of the Gardai, medical, nursing and ambulance staff and civilians who rendered aid to the injured and for those who responded to the call for donations of blood; and endorsing the Government's appeal for co-operation with the Gardai and Army in their efforts to find those responsible.

ITEM NO. 1:- REPORT ON WATER SUPPLIES - COPY CIRCULATED

The County Manager stated that the reports on Water Supplies and on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal had been prepared in order to inform the Members of the Council fully on the present position in relation to these services. He pointed out that capital expenditure on Sanitary Service Works had shown a substantial increase in recent years; the amount expended in 1971/72 was £38,000; in 1972/73, £89,200 and in 1973/74, £164,100. It was expected that expenditure in the current year would show a substantial increase on that for the year 1973/74. The list of Schemes costing under £20,000 each which had been approved by the Council at a recent Meeting, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval but had not yet been sanctioned. As soon as sanction was received to the proposals and to the necessary borrowing, these works would be put in hands.

Bray Environs:- In reply to statements by Members that there had been no improvement in the Water Supply in the Bray Environs Area, the County Manager stated that the new reservoir to serve the area had been completed and was in operation and that the water supply in that area should show an improvement very shortly.

Greystones Area:- The Acting County Engineer stated that arrangements were being made for scraping the main serving part of the Greystones Area which would improve the supply and that plans for relaying certain mains in the area were nearing completion.

Tinahely/Carnew/Shillelagh Area:- Senator Miss Walsh drew attention to the condition of the water supplies in Tinahely, Carnew and Shillelagh as indicated in the Report and, on her proposal, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, it was agreed that the sanction of the Minister be sought to proceeding with the Tinahely/Shillelagh/Carnew Regional Water Supply Scheme as soon as possible.

Water Connections in Newtownmountkennedy Area:- In reply to enquiries by Members, the County Secretary stated that the Council was authorised to grant connections to distribution mains in the area served by Dublin Corporation Water Supplies apart from the Greystones Area, but that it was necessary to consult the Corporation in respect of supplies for large scale housing developments which would give rise to a substantial increase in water consumption.

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, seconded by Councillor G. Fleming, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the people of Dublin and Monaghan and in particular with the relatives of the victims and those injured as a result of the disaster acts of leaving bombs in cars causing the death and injury of innocent people and expressing also their admiration for the work of the Garda, medical, nursing and ambulance staff and civilians who rendered aid to the injured and for those who responded to the call for donations of blood and endorsing the Government's appeal for co-operation with the Garda and Army in their efforts to find those responsible.

ITEM NO. 1:- REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY - COPY CIRCULATED

The County Manager stated that the reports on Water Supply and on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal had been prepared in order to inform the Members of the Council fully on the present position in relation to these services. He pointed out that significant progress had been made in the past few years and that the County Council had spent a substantial amount in the year 1977/78. The amount expended in 1977/78 was £20,000.00 and in 1976/77 £18,000.00. It was expected that expenditure in the current year would show a substantial increase of £20,000.00 each year. The first of schemes costing under £20,000.00 each which had been approved by the Council at a recent meeting, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval but had not yet been sanctioned. As soon as sanction was received the works would be carried out and the necessary borrowing, from which would be met in future.

In reply to statements by Members that there had been no improvement in the water supply in the Long Green area, the County Manager stated that the new reservoir at Boree Hill had been built and was in operation and that the water supply in that area would show an improvement very shortly.

The Acting County Engineer stated that arrangements were being made for extending the main supply to Boree Hill area which would improve the supply and that plans for extending certain mains in the area were being completed.

Councillor Cavanagh/Whelan stated that when water supply to the residents of the Boree Hill area was improved, it was agreed that the extension of the main supply to the Boree Hill area should be carried out as soon as possible.

Water supply in the Boree Hill area was improved by the County Council and the County Council was authorised to extend the main supply to the Boree Hill area. It was agreed that the extension of the main supply to the Boree Hill area should be carried out as soon as possible.

Group Water Supply Schemes:- Councillor Ryan urged that the Council make available a pump for the purpose of testing the yield from sources for Group Water Supplies and also urged that the Council provide bridging finance for Group Water Supply Schemes pending the issue of grants. On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, the Council agreed that a suitable pump be purchased which could be made available for the purpose of testing the yield for Group Water Supply Schemes. Councillor F. Hynes suggested that it would assist the organisation of Group Water Supply Schemes if a local official could be assigned to act as secretary for such Groups.

Cronroe Water Supply:- The Acting County Engineer stated that the Contract for the construction of the new reservoir at Cronroe had been signed and that work would be commencing shortly and that the plans for the main from Roundwood to Ashford were being prepared.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council approved in principle of the Report on Water Supply Schemes and agreed that the Report be referred to the Local Electoral Area Committees of the Council for detailed consideration and recommendations.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £ 50,000.00p. from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of water supply schemes costing under £20,000 each as approved by the Council.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- REPORT ON SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL - COPY CIRCULATED

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council approved in principle of the Report on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal and agreed that the Report be referred to the Local Electoral Area Committees for consideration and recommendations.

ITEM NO. 3:- REPORT ON REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - COPY CIRCULATED

In reply to enquiries from Members regarding extensions of the existing refuse collection services, the County Manager stated that it was the intention to extend these services wherever possible. Extensions mentioned included from Blessington to Hempstown and Tinode and between Leabeg and Kilcoole. It was agreed also that the suggestion that refuse collection be carried out once monthly in the summer in Valkeymount and Ballyknocken would be examined.

Dump at Rathdrum:- In regard to a complaint of a plague of rats from the dump which was causing concern to the Co-Operative at Rathdrum, it was agreed that members of the Co-Operative should contact Mr. J. Crotty, Chief Assistant County Engineer Sanitary Services with a view to dealing with this matter.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Council adopted the Report on Scavenging Services. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. pointed out that some persons had been encouraged to spend monies on purchasing trucks and enter into contracts for refuse collection services and urged that regard be had to the circumstances of these people when the recommendations in the Report were being implemented.

Fassaroe Dump:- The County Manager stated that as the Council were aware, a dumping ground had been acquired at Fassaroe and recently Dublin County Council had been in touch with the County Council in regard to a proposal to acquire a large area at Fassaroe to provide a dumping ground for South County Dublin and for the North Wicklow Area. He asked the approval of the Council in principle to proceeding with the acquisition of the necessary lands by Compulsory Purchase. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council approved in principle of the proposal.

MEETINGS OF LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEES

The Council decided that the holding of Meetings of the Local Electoral Area Committees to consider the Reports on Water Supplies and Sewage Disposal be deferred until July, 1974 following the Annual General Meeting of the newly elected Council.

ITEM NO. 4:- APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1974 FOR PURPOSES OF CYCLE RACE

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic the section of the Main Dublin/Wicklow Road at Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd June, 1974 from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of a cycling event. No objections had been received. The Council had passed a Resolution on the subject at their previous Meeting subject to no objections being received. The Council noted that no objections had been received and confirmed the decision to close the road.

PERMIT FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the issue of a permit to Thomas Kilbride, Chairman, St. David's Building Fund, Windy Ridge, Delgany, for the use of a public address system attached to a Morris Minor car, Registered Number RNI 839, on public roads within the County Health District of Wicklow on Saturday, 25th May, 1974.

Passed.

The Council approved in principle the proposal of Councilman G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councilman Miss M. McNeill, the Council approved in principle to proceeding with the acquisition of the necessary lands by compulsory purchase. On the request the approval of the Council in principle to proceeding with a temporary ground for North County Dublin and for the North Wicklow Area, regard to a proposal to acquire a large area at Fassaroe to provide Dublin County Council had been in touch with the County Council in 1967, a meeting would had been acquired at Fassaroe and recently Fassaroe Bridge. The County Manager stated that on the Council were

17. The Council decided that the holding of meetings of the Local Government Committee to consider the Report on Water Supplies in November 1974 be deferred until July 1975 following the Annual General Meeting of the newly elected Council.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to effect the public transfer of the section of the Main Building at Wilkes, on Monday, 2nd June, 1975 from 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of the building of a cycling event. The question had been resolved. The Council had agreed a resolution on the subject at their previous Meeting and had no objections being recorded. The Council noted that no objections had been received and confirmed the decision to give the road.

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registered Number RM 927, on public roads within the County Health District of Winkler on September 23rd 1966.

The County Secretary stated that notice had been received of the holding of the IFHP Congress at Vienna from the 18th to 24th August, 1974. In the previous year the Council had decided to send representatives to the Congress. If it was proposed to do so in the current year it would be necessary to reserve places as soon as possible. The County Secretary drew Members' attention to the terms of the letter of 8th March, 1974, Reference G 5/74, in relation to attendances at International Conferences and stated that the cost per Member attending would be in the region of £300. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council agreed to reserve places for three Members, to be nominated by the Council, to attend at the Congress. The Council agreed that the selection of the Members be deferred for consideration by the incoming Council.

Members of the Council stated that some members of the Engineering Staff were not answering telephones and were not certifying overtime worked by employees and enquired as to the position. The County Manager stated that certain members of the Engineering Staff who were members of AUEW (Tass) were "working to rule" in consequence of an inter-union dispute concerning recognition of the union by the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board. On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, the Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Labour to intervene in this matter with a view to settling the dispute.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, pointed out to the Members that since the County Secretary would be retiring with effect from 6th June, 1974, the present Meeting would be the last Meeting at which he would be present. The Chairman and Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the services given by Mr. K.J. Brangan as County Secretary since 1944 and wished him and Mrs. Brangan health and happiness in his retirement. Mr. J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer, on behalf of the County Engineer and the Engineering Staff, also extended good wishes to Mr. Brangan. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the Council's tributes and good wishes. Mr. Brangan expressed his thanks for the kind remarks and good wishes and expressed his appreciation for the courtesy and co-operation received from Members of the Council and for the help afforded by a most efficient staff throughout his service.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON 10TH JUNE, 1974

PRESENT: Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman

Councillors F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, D.J. McEvoy, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, J.J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B.S.C. Phelan, R.F. McKeon.

Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. P. Hand, Acting County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr. J. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Mr. J. Flood, Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing), Mr. N.J. Byrne, County Checker, Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, were in attendance.

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh

Seconded by Councillor D.J. McEvoy

Resolved - That we adopt the rates for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st December, 1974 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 the 31st December, 1974.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh

Seconded by Councillor D.J. McEvoy

Resolved - That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on the 31st December, 1974 as follows:-

Arklow	-	£40,821
Bray	-	£129,991
Wicklow	-	£29,976

Passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON 10TH JUNE, 1974

ITEM NO. 1:- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 6TH, 13TH AND 20TH MAY, 1974

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved - That we hereby confirm Minutes of Meetings of Council held on the 6th, 13th and 20th May, 1974.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2:- AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME 1974

Letter of the 21st May, 1974, from the Department of Local Government indicating a grant allocation of £7,000 was tabled. The Council considered the County Engineer's recommendations for the execution of works and decided unanimously, on the proposition of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that the following works of amenity be proceeded with in the current nine month financial year:-

1. Open Air Swimming Pool and Childrens Playground and Recreation Centre, Baltinglass. Preliminary work and Land Acquisition.	£6,000
2. Development of Recreation Centre on Swimming Pool site at Blessington.	£1,150
3. Completion of Pitch and Putt and Community Centre, Tinahely.	£1,150
4. Fencing and Provision of footpath at the Murrough.	£1,400
5. Playing Ground and Public Park at Enniskerry.	£2,300
6. Glenealy Car Park surfacing.	£1,000
7. Brittas Bay - Water Supply to Car Park. Fencing and planting to protect sand dunes.	£1,000
TOTAL	£14,000

Design of new toilets to be proceeded with. Plans to be ready and work ready to commence in early 1975. To be completed for 1975 Season for our Amenity Grant allocation of that year.

ITEM NO. 3

It was

Proposed by Senator Miss Walsh

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That Wicklow County Council make a contribution of £150 in the current financial year towards the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 4:- HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME FOR 1974

The Council was informed that a communication had been received from the Department of Education dated 16th May, 1974 setting out amendments which should be made in the Council's Higher Education Grants Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Resolved - That the amendments listed in the Department's letter of the 16th May, 1974 be incorporated in the Scheme to be prepared by Wicklow County Council for 1974 under the Higher Education Grants Act 1968.

Passed.

Councillor F. Hynes drew attention to the fact that circumstances could arise in which an application for a grant was not made by a student because he was aware that under the terms of the Scheme he was not eligible for assistance. It could happen that such a student would require assistance at a subsequent time, in the event, for example, of the death of a parent, but there was no provision in the Scheme whereby in such circumstances the student could be assisted. This was an anomaly and the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, that the Department of Education be requested to authorise the making of provision in the Scheme for an eventuality such as mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 5:- CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR SANITARY SERVICES WORKS

The Council was advised that an initial capital allocation had been made for Wicklow County Council of £133,800 in respect of the year 1974.

ITEM NO. 6:- ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1973/1974

The Abstract of Accounts was tabled and noted.

ITEM NO. 7

Councillor F. Hynes moved the following Motion on behalf of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That the scavenging service be extended from Newcastle to Kilcoole." The Motion was seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan and agreed.

ITEM NO. 8

The following Motion was moved by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan, and agreed:- "That this Council lay a

footpath on each road from Ballygannon Council Cottages to Rathdrum to enable the people to walk in safety to shops, school and Church."

ITEM NO. 9

On the proposal of Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, it was resolved:- "That this Council will provide a house or flatlet for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Broughan, Ballinglen, Arklow."

ITEM NO. 10

The following Motion was moved by Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council install the necessary services to Mr. Jerry Kearns Cottage at Ballinderry, Rathdrum - there are ten of a family with children from 8 years to 5 months old." Following a discussion, it was agreed that a report and estimate of cost be prepared.

ITEM NO. 11

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and agreed:- "That the cul-de-sac opposite Mr. Robertson's at Tinahely be taken over, surfaced, and put into proper repair."

The County Engineer pointed out that he understood that the cul-de-sac in question was private property. The County Manager explained that what was involved was declaring the road to be a public road and that steps to have that done would be put in train.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and agreed:- "That drainage pipes be laid outside the 8 cottages in Rossbawn to alleviate flooding being caused during periods of heavy rain."

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council install water and sewerage to Mr. John Davitt's cottage, Kiltimon, Ashford, as there are seven of a family." After a discussion, it was agreed that a report and estimate of cost would be prepared.

ITEM NO. 14

Councillor T.J. Keenan proposed:- "That the Minister for Health

be requested to include Coeliac children in the scheme for the supply of free drugs for long term illnesses." The Motion was seconded by Senator Miss Walsh and passed. It was agreed that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Health and to the Regional Health Authority.

ITEM NO. 15

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan and Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh and agreed:- "That the County Council examine the possibility of building houses in the Thomastown/Barnaclea area to house young people in that area who have to move away when they get married."

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan, "That this Council construct two turn-tables at the two cul-de-sacs at the Furry Brow, Rathnew, as cars and lorries have to be reversed out onto the very dangerous main road."

Following a discussion, it was decided that consideration be given to the inclusion of provision for this work in the Road Works Scheme for 1975.

ITEM NO. 17

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Gregory, it was agreed that steps be taken to have the road leading from Church Road, Newcastle, - where Mr. Hackett, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Craven and others live, declared to be a public road.

ITEM NO. 18

The Council noted the submission of the Housing Progress Report and to replies given in relation to matters raised in the course of discussion on the report.

PERMIT FOR PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM - (a) BOYS' CLUB, BALTINGLASS (b) IRISH EVANGELISTIC BAND

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the issue of a permit to the Boy's Club, Baltinglass, for the use of a public address system attached to motor car WZE 33 between the hours 2.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. on the 22nd and 23rd June, 1974.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the issue of a permit to the Irish Evangelistic Band, 67 Dublin Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, for the use of a public address system attached to a Volkswagen van, regd. no. XZ 612 on public roads within the County Health District of Wicklow, during the period 1st June, 1974 to 31st August, 1974.

Passed.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF ROAD AT BLESSINGTON

It was

Proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan

Seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the closing to public traffic of Road No. 371 at Blessington on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th July, 1974 for the purpose of the holding of the Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake, subject to no objections being received to the closing.

Passed.

GENERAL

Councillor J. Temple drew attention to the fact that Councillor E. Byrne, who had been elected member since 1945, was not seeking re-election. He paid a tribute to the courtesy and efficiency of Councillor Byrne during his term as a Member of Wicklow County Council and regretted that the Council would no longer have the benefit of his wise counsel. The Chairman, Members and County Manager were associated with the remarks of Councillor Temple.

Before the conclusion of the Meeting the Chairman mentioned in some detail the achievements of the present Council since they took office seven years ago. He expressed thanks to the Members and officials for the help and co-operation extended during the life-time of the present Council. During the discussion which followed all Members contributed and there was a general "welcome back" to Mr. T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, following his recent illness.