

CONFIRMED at Housing Meeting of Council held on 3RD FEBRUARY, 1975.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1975 AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley,
G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M.
Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke,
M. Cullen, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager,
Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan,
County Engineer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental
Section, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

At the commencement of the Meeting it was unanimously agreed that
messages of sympathy would be conveyed as follows:-

To Councillor D. Kinsella on the death of his mother, Mrs. Kinsella.
To Mr. J.H. McCarroll, Law Agent, on the death of his mother.
To the relatives of the late Dr. Byrne of Arklow.
To the relatives of the late Kevin Kinsella, former employee of the Council.
To Mr. Eamonn De Valera on the death of Mrs. Sinead De Valera.

The County Manager, on behalf of himself and of the staff, was associated with
the messages of sympathy.

It was also agreed unanimously that the good wishes of the Council for
the speedy recovery of Messrs. P. O'Dargain and T. Johnson would be conveyed
to them.

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, and Councillor R. Miley were welcomed
back after their recent illnesses.

ITEM NO. 1

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh

That the Minutes of Housing Meeting of Council held on the 2nd December, 1974,
be confirmed and signed.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 2

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,000,000 from the Local Loans Fund repayable over a period of 35 years for the purpose of New House Loans.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 3

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £200,000 from the Local Loans Fund repayable over a period of 25 years, for the purpose of New House Grants.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 4

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £72,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to cover the cost of a 60 House Scheme at Greystones.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 5

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Resolved - That we hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the year ending 31/12/1975 shall not exceed £500,000.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 6

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary Loan of £50,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the Ashford Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

ITEM NO. 7

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary Loan of £18,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years for the purpose of the Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that a report would be furnished to the Council regarding connections to Council Sewerage Schemes.

ITEM NO. 8:- DECEMBER HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

A detailed discussion took place on the Housing Progress Report for December, 1974.

Arising from the report on housing at Greystones, it was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor S. Costello and agreed:- "That the Council do not again engage the National Building Agency on any future Scheme" Councillor J. Miley dissented from this Motion.

The County Engineer informed the Meeting that he had carried out works to eliminate the fire hazard in the Council houses at Tinahely.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that every effort was being made to have the Contractor finish the houses at Dunlavin. It was decided that a meeting would be held with the Contractor at an early date to discuss completion of the project.

The Council expressed their satisfaction at the completion of the houses at Ballinaclesh which were completed three months in advance of the stipulated completion date.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, and passed by 12 votes in favour to 6 against, that the Meeting be extended by 15 minutes.

Councillor K. Ryan complained regarding a delay in the issue of tender documents for the proposed Housing Scheme at Carnew to a Contractor. Councillor Ryan was informed that while some delay did occur, the Contractor in question received the documentation in time to enable him to submit a quotation. It was pointed out that a number of Contractors who applied for tender documents received them at a later date and it was evident from the number of tenders received that they were in a position to submit tenders before the closing date. The County Manager advised against an extension of the closing date. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., that the Council open the tenders for Carnew Housing Scheme at the close of the Meeting. This Motion was passed by 11 votes in favour to 6 against in a show of hands.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, with the consent of the Chairman, the County Manager indicated to the Members that he proposed to grant a licence to Mrs. J. Fenelon, Greystones, for a total of 50 caravans. The licence would be for the first field and would be subject to the condition that all caravans in the second field would be removed. The licence would be for one year.

Consideration of Items Nos. 9 to 30 on the Agenda were deferred to a later Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

J. Fenelon

CHAIRMAN

Date

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1975 AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 9th December, 1974 be confirmed and signed.

It was agreed at this stage that the Council would consider applications for the closing of roads in connection with the Circuit of Ireland Rally and Races at Shillelagh.

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, and unanimously agreed that this Council approve the granting of the application received for the closing of roads in connection with the proposed Races at Shillelagh on the 17th March, 1975.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and unanimously agreed that this Council approve the granting of the application for the closing of roads in connection with the Circuit of Ireland Rally.

ITEM NO. 2

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed that Mr. Fergus Quinn, 8 Goldsmith Terrace, Quinsboro Road, Bray be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee which was caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Farrelly.

ITEM NO. 3:- TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BALLYCONNELL

Letter dated 13th January, 1975 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs

regarding provision of a telephone kiosk at Ballyconnell, Killinure, was read. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, and unanimously agreed that this Council guarantee the provision of a telephone kiosk at Ballyconnell, Killinure.

ITEM NO. 4:- REPORT ON PUBLIC LIGHTING

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received a report from the Electricity Supply Board in which recommendations were made for improved standards of public lighting in the County. He informed the Meeting however, that this Report dealt only with 16 of the larger towns in the County. A further meeting had taken place between Officials of the Council and the Electricity Supply Board and arrangements had been made to receive a further report setting out recommendations in relation to other populated areas in the County. Councillors requests for public lighting would be considered in the context of this report. It is proposed to submit proposals for improvement of Road Traffic Lighting when the Road Grant Schemes for 1975 were being considered.

ITEM NO. 5:- REPORT ON BURIAL GROUND OPERATIONS

The Report on Burial Grounds controlled by Wicklow County Council dated 29th August, 1974 was considered. It was agreed that before finally closing the Burial Grounds mentioned in Schedule 5 that consideration would be given to the adequacy of Burial Grounds in the respective areas. It was also agreed that the Clergy should be notified of the Council's intention to close these Burial Grounds with a view to ensuring that the proposed closures would be brought to the notice of persons concerned. The County Manager indicated that where it is proposed to extend any of the Burial Grounds mentioned in Schedule 5, the Council would not seek a formal Closure Order for the existing Burial Ground.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to the extension of Cranareen Burial Ground. The future of Kilranelagh and Kiltegan Burial Grounds would also be considered. It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, and unanimously agreed that the Council would seek to extend Glendalough Burial Ground.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that no provision has been made in the current year's Estimates to carry out improvements in relation to Burial Grounds. It is proposed however, that a comprehensive report will be made setting out the Council's proposals in relation to existing and proposed Burial Grounds. This report will include proposals for financing improvements which are considered necessary. It was agreed that the standard of maintenance of Burial Grounds in the County left much to be desired and this would also be dealt with in the proposed report.

ITEM NO. 6:- WAIVER OF RATES SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and unanimously agreed that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the Council adopt the Waiver of Rates Scheme for 1975. It was agreed that Members would be notified when the Scheme becomes operative. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government should be requested to make the costs of operating the Council's Waiver of Rates Scheme a National Charge.

ITEM NO. 7

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That pedestrian crossings be provided at the junction of the Bray/Greystones and Bray/Killincarrig Roads at Blacklion".

The County Engineer reported that it will be necessary to take vehicle counts and pedestrian counts in connection with this proposal. Arrangements are being made to put this work in hand.

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council direct the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to move the telephone kiosk in Laragh to a place there where users will not cause a disturbance to the householders in the village".

It was indicated that this telephone kiosk could be resited across the road from the existing kiosk.

ITEM NO. 9

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.,:-

"That this Council provide Childrens Playing Equipment for Newtownmountkennedy and Glenealy".

It was unanimously agreed that this matter would be considered by the County Engineer. An investigation will be carried out to find a suitable site for the Playground in Glenealy.

ITEM NO. 10

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That Wicklow County Council call on the Minister for Local Government to restore the Amenity Grants Scheme".

It was agreed to send a copy of this Resolution to the General Council of County Councils for consideration.

ITEM NO. 11

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the County Engineer examine and report on the possibility of easing the bad corner at 'Avonmore' on the Delgany/Killincarrig Road, by cutting away the grass bank on the south side of the road".

The County Engineer furnished a detailed report with regard to this problem and stated that the whole road requires realignment and that no useful purpose would be served by attempting to improve it piece-meal. It was agreed however, that the Council would carry out some maintenance which would effect some improvement at this location.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That the footpath from the Burnaby Hotel to Mr. Frank Clarke's Hairdressing Shop be reduced in size to the path outside the Hotel and that the Telephone Kiosk be transferred to outside the Railway Station".

The County Engineer submitted a detailed report in connection with this matter. The traffic problems at this location are due to vehicles being parked in a "No Parking" area. The footpath could be reduced by about 4 feet, which would necessitate the re-siting of the telephone kiosk. It is not considered that the expenditure is warranted. It was agreed that the Garda Siochana be informed of the problem.

ITEM NO. 13

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

"That the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be asked to re-site the telephone kiosk at the entrance to Grattan Park, the kiosk is blocking the view from the right-hand side of Killincarrig/Blacklion Road on leaving Grattan Park; also it is down in a hole".

The County Engineer reported that the kiosk does not block any view on leaving Grattan Park. It is situated in a depression as stated, but apart from its very poor aesthetic quality it is difficult to envisage where this kiosk could be more suitably sited. The County Engineer however, stated that in due course the Council will carry out some improvements in the vicinity of the kiosk.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That the Council examine ways that the flooding may be prevented at Quarry Street, Shillelagh also a place known as the White Gate on the Tinahely side of Quarry Street".

The County Engineer's report was read. Following consideration of this report it was agreed that as the prevention of this flooding is a major operation that a detailed investigation would be carried out and a report submitted setting out the details and estimated cost of eliminating the flooding.

ITEM NO. 15:- APPLICATION OF MANOR KILBRIDE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN APPROVED LOCAL COUNCIL

The Council were informed that the Manor Kilbride Community Council

had furnished all necessary information regarding their application for registration as an Approved Local Council. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Manor Kilbride Community Council be declared an Approved Local Council in accordance with Sections 72 to 75 of the Local Government Act, 1941.

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council tarmacadam the paths in Redford Cemetery, Greystones, and also provide a water tap".

The Council were informed that the water tap has been provided and provision would be made in next year's Estimates to tarmacadam the paths at an estimated cost of £160. It was agreed that this work should be carried out.

ITEM NO. 17

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council extend public lighting to the Council Cottages on the Gorey Road at Carnew".

The Council were informed that the Electricity Supply Board have been asked to submit a quotation for the provision of a light directly outside the last two Council Cottages, on the right-hand side of the road as one leaves Carnew for Gorey. It was agreed that the provision of lighting in this area would be considered in the context of the report on Public Lighting.

ITEM NO. 18

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh and seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That Ballintemple Old Graveyard be fenced and dangerous trees be felled".

This matter was investigated by the County Engineer and it was found that three trees are to be removed. These will be removed by a Mr. Hurley, an adjoining farmer. It will be necessary to provide 200 lineal yards of fencing at an estimated cost of £100. This Burial Ground will be considered in the context of the proposed Report on Burial Grounds.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Council were informed that C.I.E. had now replaced the two broken light fittings on the pedestrian Railway Bridge at Greystones.

Letter dated 17th December, 1974 from the Department of Justice regarding under-age drinking was read and noted.

The County Engineer furnished a detailed report on the proposed road widening and stated that the whole road widening scheme would be carried out in stages. It was agreed that the County Engineer should be asked to submit a detailed report on the proposed road widening and to advise the Council on the estimated cost of the scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council should be asked to request the County Engineer to submit a detailed report on the proposed road widening and to advise the Council on the estimated cost of the scheme."

The County Engineer submitted a detailed report on the proposed road widening and stated that the whole road widening scheme would be carried out in stages. It was agreed that the County Engineer should be asked to submit a detailed report on the proposed road widening and to advise the Council on the estimated cost of the scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

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It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Manor Kilbride Community Council be declared an Approved Local Council in accordance with Sections 72 to 75 of the Local Government Act, 1941.

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It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Manor Kilbride Community Council be declared an Approved Local Council in accordance with Sections 72 to 75 of the Local Government Act, 1941.

The Council were informed that the County Engineer had now replaced the two broken light fittings on the pedestrian Railway Bridge at Greystones.

Letter dated 2nd December, 1974 from Mrs. Slazenger concerning the recent fire at Powerscourt House, Enniskerry, was read and noted.

PROVISION OF POUND AT AUGHIRM

The County Engineer reported that as instructed at a previous Council Meeting he had investigated the provision of a Pound at Aughrim. It is considered that part of the Council dump could be fenced off to make a suitable Pound at an estimated cost of £1,000. Provision will be made for this work in the next Estimates. It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and unanimously agreed that this work should be carried out.

SIGN POST AT AVOCA

Senator Miss Walsh, by permission of the Chairman, raised the matter of a report in the "Sunday Independent" of the 19th January, 1975. It was considered by the Members that the report was erroneous in that An Droicheadh Nua was a translation of Newbridge which was the name by which the present Village of Avoca was known. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Irish Place Names Commission and that a letter setting out the position be sent to the Editor of the "Sunday Independent".

The County Manager informed Councillor J. Miley that arrangements are in train to carry out a review of the County Development Plan and he would have more information in connection with this matter in February. The County Engineer agreed to investigating a complaint regarding a car outside the Dargle Tavern, Bray.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:



CHAIRMAN

had furnished all necessary information regarding the application for registration as an approved local authority. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and unanimously agreed that the Manor Kilbride Community Council be granted an approved local authority in accordance with Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1971.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor M. M. McGee, that the Council terminate the path in Bedford Cemetery, Greystown, and also provide a water tap. The Council were informed that the water tap has been provided and provision would be made in next year's Estimates to terminate the path at an estimated cost of £100. It was agreed that this work should be carried out.

ITEM NO. 13

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ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, that the Council terminate the path in Bedford Cemetery, Greystown, and also provide a water tap. The Council were informed that the water tap has been provided and provision would be made in next year's Estimates to terminate the path at an estimated cost of £100. It was agreed that this work should be carried out.

COMMENTS

The Council were informed that the County Engineer had now received the two broken light fittings on the Powerscourt Railway Bridge at Greystown. Letter dated 17th December, 1974 from the Department of Transport regarding bridge safety was read and noted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy,
C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L.
Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager,
Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E.,
County Engineer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental
Section, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. J.
Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Senator
Miss Walsh, and unanimously agreed that the sympathy of the Council be
extended to the relatives of the late Mother Mary Martin, Foundress of
the Medical Missionaries of Mary.

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan,
and agreed that a message be conveyed to Mr. Thomas Brennan, an employee of
the Council, for his speedy recovery to health.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Miley,
and agreed that the Minutes of Housing Meeting of Council held on the 13th
January, 1975 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM NO. 2:- REPORT ON PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Report on Public Conveniences circulated with the Agenda was
considered. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded
by Councillor R. Miley, and unanimously agreed that the recommendations
regarding repairs and improvements to existing Public Conveniences outlined
in the Report would be adopted and that work would commence as soon as
possible. The section of the Report dealing with proposed new public
conveniences would be considered at Area Meetings. It was agreed that at
these Area Meetings the proposals for new conveniences would be listed on
a priority basis.

ITEM NO. 3:- GENERAL REPORT ON HOUSING

The General Report on Housing dated 13th November, 1974 was noted.

EXTENSION OF SHILLELAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME TO CHESHIRE HOME

Report dated 31st December, 1974 from Messrs. John B. Barry & Partners, Consulting Engineers, was read together with the recommendation of the County Engineer. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan "That the Council should connect the Cheshire Home to the public sewer and that three houses be accommodated in this connection." It was agreed that the County Engineer will take this matter up with the Consultants.

ITEM NO. 5:- JANUARY HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The January Housing Progress Report was considered. It was recommended that the Contractor be requested to proceed with the building of houses at Shillelagh, Tinahely and Knockananna simultaneously. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and unanimously agreed "That the Council revert to the former system of consultation between the Manager and Elected Members in allocating tenancies."

ITEM NO. 6

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council provide water for two Council Cottages at Moylisha, Clonegal".

The County Engineer in his report dated 31st January, 1975, recommended that a well and pump be provided to serve these houses at an estimated cost of £1,000. It was agreed that this would be considered for the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 7:- NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS L. KAVANAGH, T.D., AND K. RYAN:- "THAT WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE WATER AND SEWERAGE IN ITS COTTAGE AT BALLYDUFF, ARKLOW, OCCUPIED BY MR. AND MRS. A. KENNEDY WHO ARE LIVING ON A RETIREMENT PENSION".

The County Engineer reported that further details are needed to investigate this proposal.

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That this Council extend the water from Shillelagh to the Council houses at Ballard, Shillelagh".

The County Engineer reported that there are five houses involved and the work would cost £2,450 or approximately £490 per house. It was agreed that provision for this work would be included in the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 9

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Council immediately take steps to eliminate dampness in No. 7 and No. 8 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, in the interest of the health of the two families living there; and that the fireplace in No. 8 be repaired until such time that the range, which negotiations are going on for over the past few months, be installed".

The County Engineer's report dated 14th January, 1975 was read. The Council were informed that arrangements are being made to carry out remedial work at an estimated cost of £500 per house.

ITEM NO. 10

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

- " (a) That the provision of water and sewerage for Rathdangan be investigated
- (b) The provision of Sewerage Scheme for Kiltegan be investigated
- (c) The provision of water and sewerage for Grange Con be investigated
- (d) That the Stratford Sewerage Scheme be extended
- (e) That the Stratford Water Supply be extended to Freynestown and Gibraltar
- (f) That the Baltinglass Water Supply be extended to Slanepark."

The Council was informed that the provision of a Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme for Rathdangan and Grange Con will be investigated. Consideration will also be given to a new Sewerage Scheme at Stratford. The Sewerage Scheme for Kiltegan and the extension of the Baltinglass Water Supply to Slanepark and the extension of the Stratford Water Supply to Gibraltar will be included in the 1975 List of Schemes. It is also intended to extend the Stratford Supply to about twelve houses at Ballyhook Hill. The County Engineer undertook to reconsider the provision of an extension to Freynestown. It was suggested that the County Engineer would consult with the Tidy Towns Committee in Kiltegan before carrying out any work on the proposed Sewerage Scheme.

ITEM NO. 11

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor P. Deering:-

"That a piped supply of water be provided for the Tubber Area of Dunlavin, not included in the present Scheme".

The County Engineer stated that the extension of Dunlavin Water Supply from the end of Kilcullen Street to the County Boundary on the Kilcullen Road is feasible. The estimated cost is £1,800 and this work has been included in the List of Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for 1975.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor C. Keegan:-

"That this Council provide an electric pump at Ballisland, Shillelagh".

The County Engineer undertook to investigate this proposal and prepare an estimate of costs.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, and agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council provide water and sewerage at its cottage at Cooladangan, Arklow which is occupied by Mrs. Deathe, widow, and her invalide daughter".

Provision for this work will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and seconded by Councillor A. Murphy:-

"That steps be taken immediately to close down the Council dump at the North Beach, Greystones".

It was recommended that this dump be kept open until a new dump has first been provided. It is estimated that there is space for one years dumping provided that no building rubble is deposited there. The current contract for refuse collection will expire in 1976 and it is undesirable to close the dump before then. It is recommended however, that an attempt be made to control the burning of tyres, etc., at this location.

ITEM NO. 15

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That some open space and playing area be allocated from land owned by the County Council at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, for the residents of the new houses at the Riversdale Scheme".

The Council were informed that to provide pitches, etc., at this location would require 5 to 6 acres of land. The Council would need to acquire further land in this area to enable these amenities to be provided.

ITEM NO. 16

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

"That a demountable dwelling be provided for Thomas Kelly, Holdenstown, Baltinglass"

Councillor Timmins indicated that acceptable arrangements had now been made. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan and agreed that coal bunkers should be provided with demountable dwellings.

ITEM NO. 17

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council erect a pump at Killballyowen, Aughrim, for two Council houses".

The County Engineer reported that a water supply should be provided at an estimated cost of £800. It was recommended that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 18

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council provide a Refuse Collection for the council houses at Coolruss, Tinahely".

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of providing the service was £5 per week.

ITEM NO. 19

Letter dated 4th December, 1974, from the Acting Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council regarding the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme was considered. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed "that the capital cost and maintenance cost of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme be apportioned between Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council in the proportions of 50% to be contributed by Wicklow County Council and 50% to be contributed by Wicklow Urban District Council, such contribution to become effective from the commencement of the improved scheme. The terms of the Council's Resolution of the 8th October, 1973 and 10th December, 1973 are hereby rescinded."

ITEM NO. 20

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

"That steps be taken immediately to rectify the present unsatisfactory state of the old dump in Enniskerry".

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the County Engineer's report dated 28th January, 1975, to carry out improvements at an estimated cost of £364.

ITEM NO. 21

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D. and P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Hollywood Water Supply be extended from Lemonstown Cross to Gregory's Road and Cryhelp Road".

The County Engineer reported that the existing water supply in Hollywood has been extended to its limit. Before any further extensions could be carried out a new intake from the River will have to be constructed, together with a small treatment plant and an additional storage reservoir. It is not recommended that the extension to Gregory's Road and Cryhelp Road be carried out before the improvements to the supply are completed. It was agreed that a suitable scheme should be prepared.

ITEM NO. 22

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy and seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That immediate repairs be carried out to the house at 15, Main Street, Kilcoole, occupied by Mrs. K. Bergin".

It was unanimously agreed that the repairs, estimated in the sum of £289.35 will be put in hands this month.

ITEM NO. 23

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and seconded by Councillor C. Keegan:-

"That the matter of connecting the 8 Blacklion Cottages beside Rathdown Park to the new sewerage scheme be ratified immediately and clarified to the tenants".

The Council were informed that it was not proposed to make contribution charges of £120 per house in respect of the cottages in question. It was agreed to inform the tenants accordingly.

ITEM NO. 24 AND ITEM NO. 26

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That Wicklow County Council make all future tenancy appointments on the basis of equal rights for husband and wife".

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That the Council in future, when vesting and selling Council houses ensure these properties are in the husband's and wife's name in order that the wife will have equal rights".

A report from the Council's Law Agent was read which indicated that the Council should only appoint one tenant. It was his opinion that should two tenants be appointed it could give rise to some difficulties. The Council are entitled under the Tenant Purchase Scheme to sell property to the tenant and accordingly it has been ruled that it is only the tenant that can buy the property. It was agreed that these proposals should be referred to the Minister for Local Government for consideration.

ITEM NO. 25

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That this Council provide an electric pump to replace the old hand pump which is out of order most of the time and provides the only water supply to the houses at Ballymoneen, Avoca".

The County Engineer indicated that the provision of the pump house, etc., would cost approximately £800. This work would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 27

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Senator Miss Welch:-

"That this Council put a proper fence in front of the new houses at Carnew".

The County Engineer reported that the fence in front of the new houses has been inspected. The fence is one which was originally erected when the houses were being built and which is still in good condition. This type of fence is smaller than those normally erected and is only designed to separate the gardens from each other. It was unanimously agreed that normal fencings be erected for these houses.

ITEM NO. 28

It was moved by Councillor P. Deering:-

"That the Vallemount Water Supply be improved in Vallemount due to persistent danger of fire due to four industries and their particular fire hazard and as a result of a recent £6,000 fire loss".

In his report dated 30th January, 1975, the County Engineer indicated that the existing supply in Vallemount is inadequate both from the point of view of storage available and working pressure available. It is also considered that the existing source is inadequate. Improvements could be achieved if a borewell were sunk in the vicinity of the existing tank and having the water pumped from there to a new tank at a higher level than the existing one. This would cost approximately £3,600. Alternatively, a new intake could be constructed which would have to include a chlorinator and would cost in the region of £4,500. It was recommended that in view of the fact that Vallemount will be included in the West Wicklow Regional Water Supply the Council should not proceed with either of these proposals. For fire-fighting purposes, the Council could arrange freer access to the Lake at Poulaphuca by agreement with the Forestry Department and the E.S.B. The County Engineer's report was adopted.

ITEM NOS. 29, 30 and 31

Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill regarding the taking of action under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961 in relation to the following properties were considered:-

"That the County Council take action under Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act and serve notice on the owners of the land in Blacklion - known locally as

Kinsellas - 200 yards north of the entrance to Applewood Heights, deeming it a derelict site and require them to carry out works as specified by the County Engineer".

"That the County Council take action under Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act and serve notice on the owners of the Old School site at Blacklion, adjacent to entrance to Applewood Heights, deeming it a derelict site and require them to carry out work as specified by the County Engineer".

"That the County Council take action under Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act and serve notice on the owners of the unfinished houses on the Delgany/Blacklion Road, deeming it a derelict site and require them to carry out works as specified by the County Engineer".

It was agreed that the Council would take appropriate action in relation to these sites.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor J. Sweeney was informed that Plans and Estimates are at present being prepared for the Relief Road for Arklow.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Keegan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and unanimously agreed "That the Council request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to immediately install a telephone for Councillor D. Kinsella, Arklow to enable him to carry out his work as a Councillor in an efficient way."

Senator Miss Walsh raised the question regarding the possibility of a fire hazard in the Council houses at Tinahely and requested a report from the County Fire Officer as soon as possible. The County Manager indicated that the Council had been informed at the January Meeting that the fire hazard had been eliminated. The position in relation to the Council's other rigid-frame houses is being investigated.

It was unanimously agreed that Notices of Motion handed in at this Meeting for consideration at the Council's Ordinary Meeting would be placed on the Agenda for the March Meeting of the Council as sufficient time would otherwise not be available to investigate the proposals.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

Chairman

DATE:

[Signature]
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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1975 AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th January, 1975.

ITEM NO. 2:- DISPOSAL OF SHOP AT OLD COURT, BRAY

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council resolve that the disposal of the premises at Oldcourt, Bray, shall be to Edith Ledwidge, 66 Upper Dargle Road, Bray, and shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in Notice circulated to Members dated 28th January, 1975 in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88, sub-section 3, of the Housing Act, 1966"

ITEM NO. 3:- TAKING OVER OF N.E.T. ROAD AT ARKLOW

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, and unanimously agreed "That the Wicklow County Council declare that the road hereunder be a public road, the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1953 having been complied with:-

Road leading from County Road 179 at Kilbride graveyard gate in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 767 lineal yards to join with the Nitrogin Eireann Factory Road in the same townland."

ITEM NO. 4:- APPLICATION FROM COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR LAND AT DUNLAVIN FOR A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Letter dated 19th December, 1974 from the Chief Executive Officer, County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee requesting that the Council reconsider their decision to make land available as a site for new Vocational School was read. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed "That the Council retain land at Dunlavin for the purpose of a Vocational School pending a decision by the Department of Education regarding the provision of future educational facilities in Dunlavin." The County Manager informed the Meeting that no commitment had been entered into for the sale of these lands to the Industrial Development Authority.

ITEM NO. 5:- EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR

The Council were informed that the buildings of note of architectural significance in the ownership of the Council which should be preserved were Dunlavin Courthouse, Baltinglass Courthouse, Wicklow Courthouse and Greystones Library. The County Engineer reported that the Library at Greystones is in a reasonable state of repair and that Wicklow Courthouse has recently been decorated externally. Baltinglass Courthouse is in a reasonable state of repair but is not highly regarded from an architectural point of view. Dunlavin Courthouse poses a problem due to its bad state of repair and the deterioration that has taken place in the structure of the building. The question of major repairs and utilisation of the building seems to be out of the question on cost grounds. A discussion took place regarding the future of Dunlavin Courthouse in which it was stated that the Council are in favour of preserving this building.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., "That the sum of £4,000 provided in the current years Estimates as the Council's contribution to Architectural Heritage Year be set aside towards the preservation of Dunlavin Courthouse and that the various bodies which had expressed interest in the retention of Dunlavin Courthouse be requested to assist in making the necessary finance available towards this end." It was agreed that the efforts of Wicklow County Council and those of the local committee should be co-ordinated.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed "That the Office of Public Works should again be requested to have Dunlavin Courthouse designated a National Monument."

At this point the Chairman informed the Meeting that he had received a number of Notices of Motion regarding the provision of public lighting in the County. He suggested that these should be withdrawn and that these matters could be discussed at Local Area Meetings.

A discussion took place regarding the holding of Area Meetings for the Bray Area, Arklow Area and Wicklow Area. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, "That the Council adhere to normal practice in having a Housing Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting on the first and second Monday in March in addition to any Area Meetings which would be arranged."

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., "That for the month of March a combined Housing and Ordinary Meeting would be held on the second Monday in March and that Area Meetings be arranged for the Bray Area, Arklow Area and Wicklow Area."

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The Council were informed that the building of new or reconstructed buildings in the ownership of the Council which should be preserved were: Dalmatian Court House, Dalmatian Court House and Dalmatian Court House. The County Engineer reported that the Library of Dalmatian is in a reasonable state of repair and that Dalmatian Court House has recently been decorated externally. Dalmatian Court House is in a reasonable state of repair but is not highly regarded from an architectural point of view. Dalmatian Court House poses a problem due to the bad state of repair and the deterioration that has taken place in the structure of the building. The question of major repairs and restoration of the building seems to be one of the greatest in cost terms. A discussion took place regarding the future of Dalmatian Court House in which it was stated that the Council are in favour of preserving this building.

"I am sorry that the efforts of Winston County Council and those requested to assist in making the necessary financial available towards this which had expressed interest in the retention of University Countryside as the preservation of University Countryside and that the various bodies as the Council's contribution to Agricultural Heritage Year be set aside £10,000 provided to the amount of £10,000 per annum for the period 1987-1996." It was proposed by Councillor J. Vestal, supported by Councillor G.

It was proposed by Commissioner J. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Commissioner J. F. Fitzgerald, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Office of Public Works should be requested to have Unitarian Churches designated a National Historic Site.

At this point the Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a number of letters of notice regarding the provision of public facilities in the County. He suggested that there should be withdrawn and that there matters could be discussed at about this meeting.

and several meetings in March in addition to regular meetings which are
conducted in having a formal meeting and an ordinary meeting on the first
of each month, secondly by Committee of Council which is held on the first
of each month and which is not proposed by Committee of Council. It is
held in the afternoon and evening and is held in the afternoon and evening.

The following statement was proposed by Commissioner G. Murphy, T.O. 1, and seconded by Commissioner G. Timiney, T.O. 1, and the motion to carry was carried. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes, 10; Nays, 0.

P. Deering, F. Hynes, C. Keegan, D. Kinsella,
J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy,
J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, Miss Walsh, J. Whelan
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AGAINST Councillors S. Costello, L. Kavanagh, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. Ledwidge, Miss O'Neill, K. Ryan

The amendment was declared carried and the original Motion was lost on the same vote.

It was agreed that the Meeting for the Elected Members of the Bray Area would be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 24th February, at 2.30 p.m.

The Meeting of the Elected Members for the Arklow Area would be held at the Courthouse, Tinnahely, on Friday, 21st February, at 2.30 p.m.

It was agreed to hold the Meeting of the Elected Members for the Wicklow Area on Monday, 3rd March, at 2.30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Wicklow.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That Wicklow County Council take whatever action is appropriate, as a matter of urgency, to remove dangerous trees overhanging Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, which are threatening to collapse on Council Cottages on that road and that if the owner is reluctant to remove them that the Council do so and proceed against him to recover the expenses involved".

The Council were informed that Dr. Pratt, the owner of the trees, had been written to and requested to have the dangerous trees removed and other trees lopped as suggested in the report received from Mr. H.M. Fitzpatrick, Forestry Consultant. It was recommended by the Council that the County Engineer should take appropriate action in the event of Dr. Pratt not complying with the Council's request. It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, "That the County Engineer should take similar action regarding dangerous trees throughout the County and that he should arrange to carry out an investigation in this regard.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council proceed immediately in providing a footpath from Roche's Chemist Shop to Applewood Heights in the interest of road safety for the local residents".

The Council was informed that provision had been made in the current years Estimates for this work. It is expected that a start on the work will be made within the next three months.

ITEM NO. 8

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That the Council construct a footpath at Castle Villas, Killincarrig, Greystones from "The Bungalow" (O'Reilly) to the Playground (New Road and Carrig Villas)".

The Council were informed that the footpath on the opposite side of the road had been tarmacadamed last year. It is considered that a footpath as suggested is not really necessary. It was estimated that the cost of providing such a footpath would be £5,500. It was suggested that the work could be considered for next year's Estimates and that some maintenance could be carried out in the current year.

ITEM NO. 9

This item was deferred to the March Meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 10

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That a dangerous bend at Crossroads at Churchlands opposite Mr. P. Brennan's house be removed in the interest of safety".

The County Engineer reported that the improvement of this corner could not be carried out until the Council had alternative premises to the open space at the "Diamond". It was suggested that improvement was required on the road from Coolboy to Tinahely and that the Council should seek to remove the fence at this bend. It was agreed that the proposal could be examined and an estimate prepared.

ITEM NO. 11

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne:-

"That a pedestrian crossing be provided at the entrance to Charnwood Estate, Bray, on the main Bray/Greystones Road".

The Council were informed that it was proposed to provide a footpath from Charnwood Estate to Church Road at a cost of £4,000, in the current year. It was agreed however, that a traffic count would be carried out to ascertain the need for a pedestrian crossing at this location. On receipt of the results of this count the matter would be considered further.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That the Council lay pipes along-side of road at Ballymoneen, Avoca, from Kennedy's gate to Fleming's gate".

The Council were informed that this work would be carried out in the current financial year.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council re-align the footpath from Thornhill (Blind Lane) to the new Silver Bridge (opposite side to the River Dargle)"

The Council were informed that this footpath is 1,000 yards in length and is at present approximately 3 feet wide, consisting mostly of bare earth on the verge of the National Primary. The provision of a substantial footpath would cost approximately £4,200. No funds have been provided in the current year's Estimates for this work. It was agreed that the County Engineer would investigate the possibility of having the footpath tidied up and consideration would be given to carrying out this work in 1976.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That the County Council make provision for a road or at least a pedestrian access from Rock Manor Estate through the new Council Housing Scheme to Kilcoole Village".

The Council were informed that provision would be made for an access through the northern Children's Playground. It was not recommended that a roadway be provided connecting the two Estates as it would be impractical and an interference to the privacy of people occupying the Kilcoole Scheme.

ITEM NO. 15

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor R. Miley:-

"That Wicklow County Council do something about the pool of water in the Village of Rathnew opposite the Petrol Pumps and Post Office as the local people consider it a danger to traffic".

The Council were informed that this matter has not been rectified satisfactorily.

ITEM NO. 16:- DEPUTATION FROM AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Des Henley, Brian Cullen, Owen O'Neill and Peter Byrne was introduced to the Council by Senator Miss Walsh. The members of the deputation expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Council in regard to the provision of houses at Avoca. The deputation was aware that the Council had acquired land from Mr. Mackin for the provision of more houses. The deputation stated that Mackin's Field was the only level area of land suitable for Playing Pitches within a three mile radius of Avoca and while the provision of further houses was necessary it was felt that this area should be retained as a Playing Field. It was suggested that alternative land for housing could be acquired in the area and the deputation then withdrew. A discussion took place regarding this proposal. The County Engineer

pointed out that a lay-out had been prepared in relation to the land at present in the possession of the Council and that delays would ensue in the provision of houses if the Council were to get alternative land. It was agreed however that the possibility of getting alternative land would be investigated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 7th February, 1975, from the Minister for Local Government regarding Amenity Grants Scheme was read and noted.

Acknowledgement of Message of Sympathy to the family of the late Elizabeth Kinsella was read and noted.

The Council were informed that the Waiver of Rates Scheme for 1975 had been approved by the Minister for Local Government.

OTHER BUSINESS

Blessington Courthouse: Councillor J. Miley informed the Meeting that the District Justice had refused to hold Court Sessions in St. Joseph's Hall, Blessington and it was proposed to hold the next Court at the Downshire Hotel. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor P. Deering, "That the Council should investigate the complaints regarding the unsuitability of St. Joseph's Hall as a Courthouse and in the event of these premises being found to be suitable, the matter should be taken up with the Department of Justice with a view to having Courts resumed."

It was agreed that messages of congratulation would be sent to Messrs. Michael Walker and Spencer Hudson on their success in winning the International Farmscan Management Contest.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

L. Miley

Chairman

DATE:

10/3/75

CONFIRMED at Housing Meeting of Council held on 7TH APRIL, 1975.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 10TH MARCH 1975 AT 2.25 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman;

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr F. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section; Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section; Mr N.J. Byrne, Acting County Accountant and Mr D. Connolly, Acting Staff Officer, Rates Section.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council adopt the Rates for the services of the financial year ending on the 31st December 1975, 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 1975."

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"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 1975 as follows:-

Arklow	-	£41,168
Bray	-	£121,678
Wicklow	-	£33,276

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH MARCH 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

ITEM NO. 1:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 3rd February and 10th February 1975.

ITEM NO. 2:

It was proposed by Councillors Miss O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council nominate Councillor M. Ledwidge to attend the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited.

ITEM NO. 3:

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council nominate four Members to attend the IFHP Conference to be held in Amsterdam from the 25th to 30th August 1975."

It was unanimously agreed that one delegate each would be nominated by the Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour members of the Council, and that the remaining Councillors would nominate a fourth member. Accordingly it was agreed to nominate Councillors S. Costello, J. Byrne, J. Miley and J. Bourke.

ITEM NO. 4:- APPLICATION FOR SITE FOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICE IN BLESSINGTON:

Letter dated 6th February 1975 from the Chief Agricultural Officer, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, requesting that the Council make a building site of approximately 2,000 sq. feet, with a 45-50 feet frontage available, subject to agreement regarding price, was read. The Council were informed that a site could be made available on Council land in front of the housing scheme in Blessington.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:- "That the Council should make a suitable site available to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on Council land in front of the housing scheme in Blessington subject to agreement in relation to financial and other matters."

ITEM NO. 5:- PASTEURISATION OF MILK IN COUNTY WICKLOW

Copies of letter dated 26th February 1975 from the County Medical Officer were circulated. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council when the County Medical Officer would be invited to attend.

ITEM NO. 6:

It was proposed by Senator Miss M. Walsh:- "That a site be provided by this Council for the location of a new Fire Station for Tinahely on the Industrial Site on the "Doctors Field" as suggested by the Chief Fire Officer."

A report was read recommending that the Council acquire a site owned by a Mr Frank Murphy opposite the new Agricultural Office for the provision of a Library, Assistant County Engineer's Office and Fire Station. It is considered that this site is in a more suitable location as it is nearer the town centre. The Council were informed that negotiations are in progress with the owner for the purchase of the site.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council seek to acquire land from Mr Frank Murphy for the provision of a site for a Library, Assistant County Engineer's Office and Fire Station at Tinahely."

ITEM NO. 7:

It was unanimously agreed that the following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss Walsh be deferred for consideration at the April Meeting to enable a report to be prepared:-

"That major improvements be carried out forthwith at "The Union Cross" from Ballymacroe in the interest of safety."

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:- "That the footpath be extended from Mr E. Sharpe's yard to the Whitebridge at Avoca."

The County Engineer reported that this involved laying approximately 800 yards of footpath, at an estimated cost of £4,500. It was unanimously agreed that provision for this work should be included in the 1976 Estimates.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLESSINGTON, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 10TH MARCH 1975 AT 8.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor E. Ryan, Chairman;

Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Keenan, R. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Dwyer, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T. D. A. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwith, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T. D. A. Byrne, Miss M. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, M. Collier, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr F. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr T. J. Donohue, R.E., County Engineer, Mr J. Hanrahan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, Mr E. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section, Mr M. J. Byrne, Acting County Assessor, and Mr D. Connolly, Acting Staff Officer, Rates Section.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:- "That the Council adopt the Rates for the services of the financial year ending at the 31st December 1975, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Book, and direct that the Rates of the Council be fixed to the Rate Collectors' accounts for the year ending on the 31st December 1975."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:- "That the Council be fixed to the demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on the 31st December 1975 as follows:-

Wicklow	£21,168
May	£121,678
Wicklow	£25,276

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH MARCH 1975 AT 8.30 P.M.

ITEM NO. 1:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed to read and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 2nd February and 10th February 1975.

ITEM NO. 2:

It was proposed by Councillors Miss O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council nominate Councillor M. Ledwith to attend the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited."

ITEM NO. 3:

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

ITEM NO. 9:-

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan:-

"That a footpath be provided at Upper and Lower Kilmagig Housing Schemes to cater for at least 100 schoolgoing children."

The County Engineer reported that this footpath could be provided for an estimated cost of £1,600. No provision for this work had been included in the current year's estimates. It was unanimously agreed that this work could be included in the 1976 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM NO. 10:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That a road sign be erected in the village of Knockanna to direct traffic to Aughavannagh and Glenmalure instead of the present inadequate sign pointing only to Ballygobbin."

The County Engineer reported that these signs are necessary and instructions have been issued to have them erected.

ITEM NO. 11:-

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That the dangerous bend at Michael Hugh's house, Rathshanmore be removed and road widened at that point."

The County Engineer reported that to improve the sight line it would be necessary to remove about 40 yards of ditch, set back one E.S.B. pole and provide a chain link fence at an estimated cost of £350. It was unanimously agreed that this work would be carried out if any monies became available from the current years Scheme. Alternatively it would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Road Works Scheme.

ITEM NO. 12:

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Walsh:-

"That pot-holing and resurfacing be carried out on road from Mr Matthew Byrne's to Mr Thomas Doyle's yard at Ballymanus, and shores on this road be cleared."

The County Engineer reported that repair work had been carried out on this Section of the road and further maintenance work will be done in the area in the coming weeks.

ITEM NO. 13

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Walsh:

"That pot-holing and resurfacing be carried out from Lower Killcarney Cross-Roads to Ballygoblin."

It was reported that damage had been caused to the roadway by Forestry operations and repairs will be carried out in the coming week. This road is to be resurfaced this year. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Walsh and Seconded by Councillor Whelan, and unanimously agreed that the Department of Lands should be requested to contribute to the upkeep of roads in County Wicklow having regard to the damage caused by Forestry operations in the County and to this end that the Minister for Lands be requested to receive a deputation from the Members of Wicklow County Council to discuss the problem.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan and seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:-

"That the Council surface dress the area where the corner was taken off at Kilavaney Church so that it can be used for parking cars."

It was recommended that an area of 6 yards long by 8 yards wide be surfaced in order to facilitate car parking at an estimated cost of £500. As no money is provided in the current year, it was unanimously agreed that it be included in the 1976 programme.

ITEM NO. 15:-

Councillor X. Ryan moved the following Notice of Motion:-

"That the Council surface dress the road in front of the Council houses at Kilmagig, Avoca."

The Council were informed that this work is provided for in the current year's Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM NO. 16:

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor Walsh:-

"That this Council surface dress the road in front of the Church at Tomacork for a car park."

It was recommended that this area of 140 yards long with a maximum width of 12 yards be surfaced at an estimated cost of £470. It was unanimously agreed that this would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Programme.

ITEM NO. 17:

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor S. Costello:-

"That application for financial assistance received by Wicklow County Council from approved Community Councils be considered on their merits at the time of application."

Following a discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter.

ITEM NO. 18:

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed that this Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at Kilquiggan.

ITEM NO. 19:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:-

"That this Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at Manor Kilbride."

ITEM NO. 20:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council construct a footpath at the left-hand side of Kilgarron Hill Road, Enniskerry."

The Council were informed that the design was now in hands and negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary land are now in train. It is hoped to have this work carried out in the current year.

ITEM NO. 21:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor Keenan:-

"That this Council provide a footpath from the junction of the N.E.T. and Beech Roads to Templarney Church to facilitate children going to and from school."

The County Engineer reported that following investigation, it was considered that the children are much better served by Monument Lane which takes them safely right out to the church and school. Accordingly it is not recommended that a footpath be provided.

In the course of a discussion, it was pointed out that due to the presence of itinerants in Monument Lane, it was not suitable for children, and it was agreed that the Council would see what steps could be taken to have these itinerants removed.

ITEM NO. 22:

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That the Council remove the dangerous bend opposite the front of the Boys' School as Fr. Kelly is waiting for the past nine months for the Council to show him the amount of the parochial property they require to remove this bend as the school play on the road where this bend is."

The County Engineer reported that it was considered premature at this stage to consider removing this bend as the future of the junction would be considered in the context of the design of the hinterland and the future roads emanating therefrom. In the interest of safety, it was recommended that a stop sign be placed at this junction where it abuts the back road leading from the School to Rathnew, and that consideration be given to the extension of the 30 m.p.h. zone to include back roads in Rathnew.

Following a discussion in which it was stated that the Priest, Fr. Kelly, had offered land for the improvement of the road, it was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, and unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would carry out negotiations with Fr. Kelly in connection with the acquisition of land.

ITEM NO. 23:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor C. Murphy:-

"That this Council regrade the road leading from the Boys School in Rathnew to Mr Smiths as the water lies on the centre of the road."

The Council were informed that temporary repair work was carried out in 1974 and the road was surfaced dressed. There is no provision in the current years Programme, but it was proposed to include a sum of £1,000 in the 1976 Roadworks Scheme. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 24

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council widen the road from the junction at the Rathnew Graveyard to the Bridge - the Engineers have been shown the road."

It was agreed to defer consideration of this Motion to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 25:

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor L. Kavanagh:-

"That Wicklow County Council provide water and sewerage in its cottage at Ballyduff, Arklow, occupied by Mr and Mrs A. Kennedy who are living on a retirement pension."

The Council were informed that Mr. & Mrs Kennedy bought this cottage from the Forestry Department some time ago. The Council accordingly had no responsibility as this is a purely private matter. It was agreed that if a connection was required contact should be made to the Arklow Urban District Council. It was agreed that the Council would write to Arklow Urban District Council to bring the matter to their attention.

ITEM NO. 26:

It was proposed by Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Hynes:-

"That the Council buy their own refuse collection truck for the Eastern and Northern Areas."

The Council were informed that tenders for the supply of a refuse collection truck were being examined at present. Pending delivery of this vehicle, arrangements had been made with the Wicklow Urban District Council to have use of the Urban Council Refuse Collection vehicle for three days each week. On these days it was proposed to serve the following areas

Day 1: Killiskey, Roundwood, Annamoe, Laragh, Glendalough and Rathdrum.

Day 2: Glenealy, Ballinacash, Aughrim, Meetings of the Water, Avoca, Woodenbridge, Ballycoogue, Clogga, Arklow Environs.

Day 3: Rathnew, Ashford, Redcross, Brittas Bay, Ballyguile, Blainroe, Dunganstown, Ballard.

It was unanimously agreed that these arrangements would be carried out from the 19th March 1975. These arrangements could be reviewed in the light of experience.

ITEM NO. 27:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne and seconded by Councillor O'Neill:-

"That a Caretaker be appointed to maintain the standard of efficiency so necessary for a large housing area as Grattan Park, St. Brigid's Park and Killincarrig."

The Council were informed that the appointment of a caretaker to such large housing areas such as these would be an advantage and would help in minimising complaints from residents and raise the standard of maintenance. His duties would include the cutting of grass, attending to drainage work, trees or shrubs and general maintenance. The appointment of a caretaker is recommended when the Grattan Park Housing Development is completed.. It was unanimously agreed that this course of action be adopted.

ITEM NO. 28:-

It was proposed by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Deering:-

"That the Hollywood Water Supply be extended to Athgraney, Hollywood."

The Council were informed that this proposal could not be considered until the Hollywood supply is augmented and the question of improving this supply is under investigation. It was unanimously agreed that the proposed extension should be carried out when the Hollywood supply is augmented.

ITEM NO. 29 and 36:

It was unanimously agreed that these items would be taken together.

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Senator Miss M. Walsh:-

"That scavenging services be provided for Tinahely on two days each week in view of the expansion of the town perimeter."

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That this Council extend the Refuse Collection to Churchlands and School Road, Tinahely."

The Council were informed that a report had been received regarding these proposals, but some matters in relation to this report required clarification. It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of these items to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 30:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan:-
"That a new sewerage treatment plant be provided forthwith for Tinahely."

The Council were informed that a sum of £400 had been provided to have remedial and improvement works carried out to the Sewerage Disposal Works at Tinahely in the current year.

Councillor Walsh urged that a new treatment plant was necessary as the Sewerage Disposal Works are most unsuitable. It was unanimously agreed that an investigation would be carried out by the Council's Engineer. It was also recommended that these works should be fenced off safe from children playing in the area.

ITEM NO. 31:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-
"That the sewerage scheme and refuse collection be extended from the village of Avoca to serve the six new houses at Tower Avenue, Ballenagh."

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of extending this sewerage scheme to include for a total of seven connections was £1,620. It is considered that this extension is economical. No money has been provided in the current years Estimate. It was unanimously agreed that this work would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Schemes. It was unanimously agreed:- "That the Council will take over the scavenging collection at Tower Avenue, Avoca, from the 13th April 1975 when the existing contract is terminated."

ITEM NO. 32:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy was deferred to the April meeting of the Council:-

"That a sewerage connection from the old school, Kilmacanogue to the sewerage disposal of Rockfield Park houses be granted."

ITEM NO. 33:

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That this Council erect public lighting at Coolattin Street, Carnew."

Councillor Ryan was informed that this matter had been dealt with at the area meeting held in Tinahely recently.

ITEM NO. 34:

It was proposed by Councillor Cullen and seconded by Councillor Hynes:-

"That Wicklow County Council make a supply of water available to the Council houses of Patrick Kavanagh and Edward Doyle at Ballygregan, Redcross, to Sarah Nolan, and Daniel O'Neill, and Bartholomew Kenny at Chapel, Redcross, to the two Council houses at Ballinacloy, Kilbride, Wicklow occupied by Mrs J. Stafford and Mrs Thomas Stafford."

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of providing water supplies as requested was £2,700. No provision has been made in the current years Estimates and it was unanimously agreed that this work would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Programme.

ITEM NO. 35:

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins and seconded by Councillor Deering:-

"That a water supply be provided for the houses at Toolestown, Dunlavin."

It was reported that the feasibility of an extension of the water supply would have to be examined when the Dunlavin Improvement Scheme is completed. The two possibilities of getting water supplied to these houses will have to be

assessed. A further report will be prepared on the subject when investigations have been carried out. In the meantime the scheme will be entered on a provisional list for small water and sewerage schemes for 1976.

The County Engineer's report was unanimously adopted.

ITEM NO. 37:-

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins and Seconded by Councillor P. Deering:-
"That the Baltinglass Sewerage Scheme be extended to Bawnogue and Srughaun."

The Council were informed that the extension to Bawnogue was feasible and would be included in the 1976 list of small water and sewerage schemes. The feasibility of the Srughaun extension would have to be examined and a further report will be prepared when this is done. In the meantime, the scheme will be placed on the provisional list for small schemes for 1976.

ITEM NO. 38:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy and seconded by Councillor J. Miley:- and unanimously agreed "That this Council hereby resolve, having considered the proper Planning and Development of the area, and noting that works have not commenced, that it is expedient to serve a notice under Section 30 of the Local Government Planning And Development Act 1963 on Mr B.E. Murch, Glen Cottage, Newtownmountkennedy, modifying permission granted to him for the erection of a bungalow at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy under Ref. 5138/72. The notice shall modify permission as follows:-

The area and boundaries of the site shall be altered by the exclusion therefrom of the area hatched in orange on the attached map and the substitution thereof of the area hatched in blue on the said map."

ITEM NO. 39:

The Council were notified that the Minister for Local Government had informed the Council that the allocation for Local Authority Housing construction for the calendar year 1975 is £900,000. It was proposed by Councillor Ledwidge and seconded by Councillor Walsh:-

"That a loan of £1m be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works for the provision of Local Authority Housing."

This proposal was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 40:

The Housing Report for the month of February 1975 was discussed in detail.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An application for a deputation from Newcastle Residents Association was considered and it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy and unanimously agreed

"That the Council receive a deputation at 4.30 p.m. on the 7th April 1975."

The County Engineer was asked to investigate the operation of a pump at School Height, Carnew.

The Chairman raised the matter of the adequacy of staff available to carry out the functions of the Council. The County Manager undertook to submit proposals for revised staff structures at the April meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. T. O'Neill, Acting Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Councillors S. Costello, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that the Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10th March, 1975 and the Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 10th March, 1975 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed that the good wishes of the Council be extended to Councillor P. Deering for his speedy recovery to health. It was also agreed to send similar wishes to Mr. P. O'Dargain, all the Council Members to be associated with the vote. The County Manager wishes to be associated with the vote on behalf of the Council's staff.

ITEM NO. 2

The recommendation of the Northern Area Committee that the Wicklow County Council transfer ownership of their houses and land at Oldcourt, Bray to Bray Urban District Council was considered. The Council were informed that it was desirable that the management of the Oldcourt Estate should be entrusted to one local authority - Bray Urban District Council. It was envisaged that:-

1. Rents on the entire Estate would be payable to Bray Urban District Council.
2. Loan Charges on Estate payable in full by Bray Urban District Council.
3. The cost of services provided for Oldcourt Estate by Bray Urban District Council would be recouped in full by Wicklow County Council. Such services would include a Scavenging Service.
4. Rates would be paid by Bray Urban District Council to Wicklow County Council.
5. Until the Exchequer has taken over full responsibility for the entire loss on local authority housing, any loss on the Oldcourt Scheme should be shared between the two local authorities in the ratio 192/48.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

Councillor R. Byrne, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Miley, A. Murphy, J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keenan, P. M. Ladd, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss M. O'Neil, J. Keenan, M. Cullen, J. Keenan, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. T.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. J. J. Dwyer, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. J. Dwyer, Staff Officer, General Purpose Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section, and Mr. T. O'Neil, Acting Staff Officer, Housing Section.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, that the Council agree that the minutes of the Housing Committee meeting held on 10th March, 1975 and the minutes of the Housing Committee meeting held on 10th March, 1975 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, that the Council agree that the minutes of the Housing Committee meeting held on 10th March, 1975 and the minutes of the Housing Committee meeting held on 10th March, 1975 be confirmed and signed.

The recommendation of the Housing Committee that the Wicklow County Council Housing Committee be asked to consider the transfer of the Wicklow County Council Housing Committee to the Wicklow County Council Housing Committee was considered. The Council agreed that it was desirable that the Wicklow County Council Housing Committee be transferred to the Wicklow County Council Housing Committee.

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It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., "That the land and houses at Oldcourt, Bray be transferred to Bray Urban District Council in accordance with the recommendation." The Council were informed that the matter would come up before the Council again when the Statutory Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 is being considered.

ITEM NO. 2

ITEM NOS. 3 AND 4: SCAVENGING SERVICE - TINAHELY

It was agreed that the Notices of Motion in the names of Councillor J. Whelan and Senator Miss Walsh would be considered together.

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan that the Council extend the Refuse Collection to Churchlands and School Road, Tinahely and that scavenging services be provided for Tinahely on two days each week in view of the extension of the town's perimeter. The County Engineer reported that it was intended to use a lorry for the scavenging service in Tinahely instead of the pick-up which was being used at present and accordingly it would be possible to carry out the whole collection in one day. It was also possible now to extend the refuse collection to Churchlands and School Road. The additional cost involved is estimated at £11.00 per week. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the County Engineer's report. It was pointed out however, that this extension of the refuse collection absorbed all the available monies in the current year's scavenging estimate and any further extensions would have to be considered for the 1976 financial year.

ITEM NO. 5

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That consideration be given to the building of some houses at Lacken, Blessington".

It was unanimously agreed that a survey be carried out to ascertain the housing needs in this area.

ITEM NO. 6

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

"That a sewerage connection from the Ol. School, Kilmacnogue, to the sewerage disposal of Rockfield Park houses be granted".

The Council were informed that there would be no objections to the proposed connection if the usual application is made.

ITEM NO. 7

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That a scheme of houses be provided in the Ballyconnell/Cockherno area to meet the needs of people".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor Murphy, T.D., that the land and houses at Oldfield, Binn, be transferred to the Urban District Council in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 1946 in being considered.

ITEM NO. 7 - TINAHELLY

It was agreed that the Motion of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whelan and Senator Miss Walsh would be considered together.

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan that the Council extend the Helms Collection to Tinnakilly and School Road, Tinnahely and that scavenging services be provided for Tinnahely on two days each week in view of the extension of the town's perimeter. The County Engineer reported that it was intended to use a lorry for the scavenging service in Tinnahely instead of the trucks which were being used at present and accordingly it would be possible to carry out the whole collection in one day. It was also possible to extend the refuse collection to Churchlands and School Road, Tinnahely. The cost involved is estimated at £11.00 per week. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the County Engineer's report. It was pointed out, however, that this extension of the refuse collection absorbed all the available money in the current year's scavenging estimate and any further extensions would have to be considered for the 1976 financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, that the Council should consider the possibility of providing water for 5 cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim - well which the supply of water comes from is almost 1 mile away".

The County Engineer reported that it was desirable that water should be made available and the estimated cost of boring a well and providing a pumphouse would be of the order of £900. No funds are available in the current year's estimates for the carrying out of this work and it would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates.

In the course of a discussion it was agreed that the County Engineer would investigate the possibility of providing a supply from the reservoir.

The County Engineer intimated that the possibility of applying for funds from the Feoga Scheme was being examined at present and he would make a report in the near future.

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan, that the Council should consider the possibility of providing a sewerage scheme for Coolboy and Knockananna".

The Council were informed that the provision of a sewerage scheme for Coolboy has been included in the List of Small Schemes for 1975. When sanction has been obtained for this scheme work will be carried out as soon as possible. The County Engineer stated that the provision of a sewerage scheme for Knockananna will be examined when staff becomes available as at present the staff are fully engaged on the design of schemes for the 1975 List. The proposal to provide a sewerage scheme for Knockananna will be placed provisionally on the 1976 List of Small Schemes.

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ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That this Council should build a house for Mrs. Ann Gethings, Cummer, Gorey, Co. Wexford, on a site provided by the Representatives of her late uncle, William Kenny, at Coolroe, Tinnahely".

The Council were informed that the applicant had stated she did not require a house in Tinnahely. The case will be further investigated and the question of the transfer of land from Kenny's at Coolroe as a site for the cottage would be considered. This course of action was unanimously agreed.

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Arising out of a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to write to the Department of Local Government requesting that discretion should be given to the County Medical Officer to approve septic tanks which, while they are not the required minimum distance from the dwellinghouse, nevertheless do not present a hazard from the public health point of view - ground conditions and the topography of the site are factors which should be taken into consideration. It was recommended that where the County Medical Officer approves of a septic tank grants should not be withheld by the Department.

ITEM NO. 11

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That this Council lay a water main to four Council cottages at Timore Lnae, Newcastle".

The County Engineer reported that this matter is being investigated at present and a further report will be issued when the investigation is completed. The scheme will be placed provisionally on the List of Small Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1976.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That this Council lay a water main to the houses in Sea Road, Newcastle".

The County Engineer reported that this matter is being investigated and it is being placed provisionally on the List for Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for 1976.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That the necessary repairs be made to the Dunlavin Sewerage Plant as a matter of urgency".

The Council were informed that a sum had been provided in the current year's Estimates for repairs and arrangements were being made to have the work carried out in the near future. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stressed the urgency of this work.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That this Council will commence the sewerage extension works to serve the 11 houses at Killacloran, Aughrim, immediately".

The Council were informed that this scheme is included in the List for

Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for 1975 and design work on it is proceeding. When sanction to these schemes is obtained, every effort will be made to have the scheme commenced as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 15

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That immediate arrangements be made with the landowner (Mr. King) to purchase $\frac{1}{2}$ acre needed to extend Macreddin Cemetery".

The Council were informed that negotiations are at present proceeding with the landowner but agreement had not yet been reached. The Council were informed of the location of the land which is the subject of these negotiations.

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That a water pump be provided to supply two cottages - Mrs. Sara Kelly and Mr. McDonnell at Springfield, Arklow".

The Council were informed that the provision of a water supply was desirable and could be done at an estimated cost of £900. Provision would be made in the 1976 Estimates for the carrying out of this work. It was unanimously agreed that a Report setting out the proposed Regional Water Supply Schemes be undertaken in the County and that the question of assistance for Group Schemes be submitted as soon as possible. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Dublin Corporation to discuss the provision of water for Wicklow County Council. However, the County Manager informed the Meeting that an adequate supply of water was being made available by Dublin Corporation but that the existing network of mains was not capable of carrying adequate supplies in some areas. New schemes are being designed to overcome this difficulty.

ITEM NO. 17

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen and seconded by Councillor R. Miley:-

"That a supply of water be made available to the Council house of Malachy Arthur at Ballycapple, Redcross".

The County Engineer recommended that provision be made in the 1976 Estimates for the provision of a water supply to these premises at an estimated cost of £900. This was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 18

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That water and sewerage be provided for the houses at Old Kiltegan, Kiltegan".

The County Engineer reported that these houses will be included in the Water and Sewerage Scheme at present being prepared for Kiltegan and included in the current year's Estimates. Work will be carried out as soon as possible when sanction has been obtained.

ITEM NO. 19

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That the Dunlavin Water Supply be extended to Tober Upper to serve a number of families".

The County Engineer reported that there may be difficulty in giving these people a satisfactory supply having regard to the contours. The matter will be investigated when the scheme for Dunlavin is completed. The extension will be placed on the Provisional List of Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for 1976.

ITEM NO. 20

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council provide water for Jack Keogh's Council house at Croneyhorn, Shillelagh, also Christy Murphy's Council house at Croneyhorn, Shillelagh".

The County Engineer reported that these premises are approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from each other and it would not be possible to furnish them with a joint supply. The estimated cost of providing bored well, pumphouse, etc. in each case is £900. This work will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 21: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KINDLESTOWN

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously resolved:-

"That the disposal of land at Kindlestown would be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the Notice subject to the deletion of Condition Number 4".

ITEM NO. 22: HOUSING REPORT FOR MARCH, 1975

It was agreed to defer consideration of this Report to the Ordinary Meeting to be held on the 14th April, 1975.

ITEM NO. 23: CLOSING OF ROAD - HILL CLIMB AT ENNISKERRY

It was proposed by Councillor C. Keegan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh and unanimously agreed that consent be given to the closing of road as requested, subject to the condition that proper signposting for the closed roads is carried out.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. McCarthy of Arklow, on their recent bereavement. The County Manager associated himself with the vote of sympathy on behalf of the Council's staff.

ITEM NO. 24: RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM NEWCASTLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The deputation consisted of Mr. John Kirwan, Chairman, Mr. E. Farrell, Secretary, and the following members of the Housing Action Committee:- Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Hackett and Mrs. Merriman. The deputation raised the following matters:-

1. Building of houses at Newcastle
2. Fencing of island on Wicklow side of the village.
3. Improvements at Blackditch corner.
4. Provision of lights at Blackditch.
5. Completion of work at Carey's Corner.
6. Provision of water at Five-Mile-Point Grange.
7. Provision of water for houses at Timore Lane.
8. Provision of light at Ballyloughan Bridge.
9. Repair of Bridge at Church Lane.

The deputation were informed that the Council was actively pursuing the provision of houses at Newcastle and that there was no objection in principle to the fencing of the island on the Wicklow side of the village. The Council were in touch with the E.S.B. regarding the provision of lights at Blackditch. The provision of water for Five-Mile-Point Grange and the houses at Timore Lane had previously been discussed at the Meeting. It was proposed to have the bridge at Church Lane repaired later this year. There was difficulty in acquiring the necessary land to improve the corner at Blackditch. Mr. Kirwan thanked the Council for the reception of the deputation.

ITEM NO. 25: MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge was informed that the complaint regarding rat infestation of the houses at Kilgarron Park would be investigated when the full address is available.

She was also informed that negotiations are proceeding for tenders for the extension of the scavenging service to the Kilmolin/Enniskerry area.

Councillor T.J. Keenan complained regarding the Refuse Collection and the condition of the dump in Aughrim.

The Chairman informed Councillor Ryan that no useful purpose would be served by the holding of a Special Meeting in Shillelagh to discuss technical problems in relation to the sewerage connection for the Cheshire Home.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section and Dr. C.F. Warde, Chief Medical Officer.

ITEM NO. 1:- PASTEURISATION OF MILK

The report of the Chief Medical Officer dated 26th February, 1975 which had been circulated to the Members was considered. The Chief Medical Officer explained the implications of the proposal to the Members. The Meeting was informed that the Wicklow Advisory Health Committee had passed a Resolution recommending that all milk sold for human consumption in the County be pasteurised.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. that this Council apply to the Minister for Health to make an Order requiring that only special Designation Milk (i.e. Standard Milk, Pasteurised Milk, Highest Grade Milk or Grade 1 Pasteurised Milk) be sold in the Sanitary District of County Wicklow. The proposal was passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2

(A) Nomination of a Representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan.

Councillor F. Hynes was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., withdrew as he informed the Members he would be at the Meeting as an outgoing Director. A recorded vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR MISS N. O'NEILL Councillors M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 10

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1975 AT 8.30 P.M.

Present: Councillors F. Hynes, Chairman; J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh - 10

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen, J. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley

Also in attendance were Mr. T.J. O'Brien, County Manager; Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary; Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E.; County Engineer; Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section; Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section and Mr. C.T. Werde, Chief Medical Officer.

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It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, that this Council apply to the Minister for Health to make an Order regarding that only special Designation Milk (i.e. Standard Milk) pasteurised Milk, Highest Grade Milk or Grade 1 Pasteurised Milk be sold in the Sanitary District of County Wicklow. The proposal was passed unanimously.

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Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan.

Councillor F. Hynes was proposed by Councillor J. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. withdrew as he informed the Members he would be at the Meeting as an outgoing Director. A recorded vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR MISS N. O'NEILL: Councillors M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 10

(1) FOR COUNCILLOR F. HYNES

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh - 10

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of Councillor F. Hynes.

(B) To nominate a Director to hold office for the ensuing year

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. be nominated a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for the ensuing year.

ITEM NO. 3

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:-

"That the Council dispose of land at Blessington to the Blessington and District Credit Union Limited in accordance with the terms specified in the Statutory Notice circulated on the 25th March, 1975".

Councillor S. Costello proposed and Councillor D. Kinsella seconded the following amendment:-

"That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council to seek the views of the Tenants Association and to allow the County Engineer to seek an alternative site".

A recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, K. Ryan - 5

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, T.J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, TD, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, TD, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan - 15

The Amendment was declared lost and it was agreed that the original Motion would be carried on the same vote.

ITEM NO. 4

The Council were informed that the following Road Grants had been allocated for the current financial year:-

(1)	<u>National Primary Roads</u>	
	(a) Improvement	£330,000
	(b) Upkeep	£ 50,000
(2)	<u>National Secondary Roads</u>	
	(a) Improvement	£ 27,000
	(b) Upkeep	£ 24,090
(3)	<u>Block Grant</u>	
	Improvement and Upkeep of other Main Roads	£150,830
	Improvement of County Roads	
	<u>Special Grants</u>	
	Traffic Lights, Bray	£ 6,000
	Improvement to surface of Roads, Bray	£ 26,000
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	TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATION	£613,920

The Council were informed that the grants were £8,733 in excess of the total envisaged when the Estimates were being prepared. The Council were given details of the work to be carried out and the County Engineer's report was unanimously agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed, that a report would be furnished for the next Meeting of the Council on the progress of repair of Bridges in the County.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also requested that the stone bridge at Wicklow should be examined by the Council's Engineering Staff.

ITEM NO. 5

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Motor Enthusiasts' Club Limited for closing of roads in connection with the 18th Annual "An Tostal" Event!

During a discussion on this Motion a number of Councillors raised complaints regarding the stewarding of such events and it was agreed to inform the promoters of these motor events that unless they co-operated with local people the Council would have to re-examine their policy in granting permission for the closing of roads for such events.

ITEM NO. 6: REPAIRS TO WICKLOW COURTHOUSE

The Council were informed that it was now necessary to carry out extensive repairs and improvements to the Courthouse at Wicklow. It was considered that the condition of the high wall and plaster on the gable wall were in a dangerous state and it was recommended that the Criminal Court be closed until the necessary repairs have been carried out.

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne,
S. Costello, F. Ryan, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
G. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G.
Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh - 10

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of Councillor F. Ryan.

(B) To nominate a Director to hold office for the ensuing year

Councillor G. Murphy, T.D. was proposed by Councillor J. Milroy, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor G. Murphy, T.D. be nominated a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation limited for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Milroy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.,

that the Council dispose of land at Blessington to the Blessington and District Obedient Union limited in accordance with the terms specified in the Statutory Notice circulated on the 27th March, 1977.

Councillor S. Costello proposed and Councillor D. Kinnella seconded the following amendment:-

"That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council to read the views of the Tourism Association and to allow the County Engineer to seek an alternative site".

A recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen,
D. Kinnella, Mrs. M. Ledwith, E.
Ryan - 5

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne,
L. Kavanagh, T.D., G. Keegan, T.J. Keenan,
J. Milroy, E. Milroy, A. Murphy, G. Murphy, TD,
Miss M. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, TD,
Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan - 12

The amendment was defeated and it was agreed that the original Motion would be carried on the same vote.

4. 10M MEET

The Council were informed that the following Road Grants had been allocated for the current financial year:-

The Council were informed that these repairs would cost approximately £11,000 and that a sum of £3,000 had been provided for repairs in the current Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella:-

"That a Supplementary Estimate of £8,000 be approved in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955".

The proposal was agreed with Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

ITEM NO. 7

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the name of Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That major improvements be carried out forthwith at "The Union Cross" from Ballymacroe in the interest of safety".

The Council were informed that it was recommended that this junction be improved by the removal of the two ditches. The estimated cost of this work including fencing is £800. It would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates. This course was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That application for financial assistance received by Wicklow County Council from approved Community Councils be considered on their merits at the time of application".

Following a discussion a recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
C. Keegan, D. Kinsella, J. Ryan, J. Whelan

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AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, M. Cullen,
F. Hynes, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D.,
Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D.,
Senator Miss Walsh - 14

The proposal was declared lost.

ITEM NO. 9

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council widen the road from the junction at the Rathnew Graveyard to the Bridge - the Engineers have been shown the road".

(1)	National Primary Roads	(a) Improvement	£350,000
(2)	National Secondary Roads	(a) Improvement	£27,000
(3)	Block Grant	(a) Improvement	£27,000
(4)	Improvement and Upkeep of other Main Roads	(a) Improvement	£150,850
(5)	Improvement of County Roads	(a) Improvement	£150,850
(6)	Special Grants	(a) Improvement	£150,850
(7)	Traffic Lights, Bays	(a) Improvement	£150,850
(8)	Improvement to surface of Roads, Bays	(a) Improvement	£150,850
(9)	TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATION		£1,508,500

The Council were informed that the grants were £8,775 in excess of the total envisaged when the Estimates were being prepared. The Council were given details of the work to be carried out and the County Engineer's report was unanimously agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Bourke, that a report would be prepared for the next meeting of the Council on the progress of repairs to bridges in the County.

Councillor J. Kavanagh, T.D., also requested that the stone bridge at Wicklow should be examined by the County's Engineering Staff.

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Council of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Motor Enthusiasts Club Limited for closing of roads in connection with the 18th Annual "An Teall" Event.

During a discussion on this Motion a number of Councillors raised complaints regarding the standing of such events and it was agreed to inform the promoters of such events that unless they co-operated with local people the Council would have to re-examine their policy in granting permission for the closure of roads for such events.

ITEM NO. 10: REPAIRS TO WICKLOW COUNTRYSIDE

The Council were informed that it was not necessary to carry out extensive repairs and improvements to the Countryside at Wicklow. It was considered that the condition of the high wall and plaster on the Apple Wall were in a dangerous state and it was recommended that the Criminal Court be closed until the necessary repairs had been carried out.

The Council were informed that the County Engineer is investigating this matter. In the meantime, a stop sign would be erected at the junction.

ITEM NO. 10

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That a 'Yield' sign be erected at junction from Kilballyowen to Annacurra and also at Ballykillageer, Ballycoogue Crossroads in the interest of safety".

The County Engineer reported that arrangements are currently being made to regularise the position. The sign at Kilballyowen will be moved nearer the junction and a new 'Yield' sign will be erected at Ballycoogue. The County Engineer's report was noted.

ITEM NO. 11

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the name of Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That the existing dangerous watercourse on the road opposite J. O'Toole's cottage at Ballymoneen, Avoca, be piped as the road is far too narrow for traffic".

The County Engineer reported that this work had been carried out.

ITEM NO. 12

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That the Council lay pipes opposite the new Sports Field at Tinahely".

The County Engineer's report dated 9th April, 1975 was read. Following a discussion it was indicated that the report did not deal with the drain in question. The Motion referred to the open drain on the Lugduff Road. It was agreed that the County Engineer would re-examine the position.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That work on Kenny's turn, Aughrim, for which a sum of £850 has been allocated and which has been the scene of several dangerous accidents recently, be given priority".

The Council were informed that work would commence within the next few months, providing there is no difficulty with the acquisition of the land.

ITEM NO. 14

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:-

"That the County Council improve the very bad bend at Macreddin Bridge near Aughrim where there has been many accidents".

The County Engineer reported that this work would cost approximately £4,500 and it is recommended that it be included in the Road Works Scheme for 1976. The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 15

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

"That a sum of £630 be included in the Road Works Scheme for 1976 for the provision of American Gates (Galway Gates) in Calary".

Councillor Murphy indicated that these gates were required on the Paddock Road. It was agreed to consider this work for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor S. Costello:-

"That pot-holing and resurfacing be carried out on the inner road at Boghall Cottages, Bray".

The County Engineer reported that this road has not been taken over by the Council and there is no money in the current year's Estimates to carry out this proposal. The estimated cost of gravelling and surface dressing the road is £600. It was agreed in principle to take over the road.

ITEM NO. 17

It was agreed to defer the following Notice of Motion to a future Meeting of the Council to enable a report to be submitted on the Amenity Scheme proposals for 1975:-

"That the County Council be notified as to the type and quantity of playground equipment purchased with the Amenity Grants allocation intended for Enniskerry and that this equipment be allocated to Kilgarron Park, Rockfield, Grattan Park, Roundwood and Kilcoole".

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, it was unanimously agreed to extend the time of the Meeting to 5.15 p.m.

ITEM NO. 18: HOUSING REPORT FOR MARCH, 1975

The Housing Progress Report for March, 1975 was considered. Following a discussion in relation to repairs to houses at Enniskerry, it was agreed to submit a report to the Council on claims for compensation made. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That at the next Northern Area Committee Meeting, the Council Members hear the views of the Enniskerry Housing Action Committee regarding the lay-out and design of the proposed Housing Scheme and to accommodate their views as far as possible".

Following a discussion, Councillors S. Costello and Miss O'Neill, agreed to withdraw this Motion as it was agreed to have the plans and lay-out available at the next Meeting of the Northern Area Committee. It was agreed that a deputation from the Enniskerry Housing Action Committee would be received, the Committee to be informed that the reception of the deputation does not infer that the Council are in any way committed to making houses available to the members of the deputation or to the people they represent as each application for housing, from whatever source, must be considered on its merits.

ITEM NO. 19: PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next Meeting of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Seminar on the Practical Use of Parks and Open Spaces in Towns: The Following Councillors were nominated to attend the above Seminar to be held in Dublin on the 23rd and 24th July, 1975:-

Councillors J. Miley, J. Bourke, R. Miley, D. Kinsella and Miss N. O'Neill.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor R. Miley to have a report from the Council's legal advisor regarding the proposal to provide a gate at Knockafrumpa Lane.

Councillor L. Zavanagh, T.D. requested that an overhanging wall on the Roundwood Road near O'Connor's Garage be investigated.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

J. Agnew
CHAIRMAN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 5TH MAY, 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy,
C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Bourke, M. Cullen,
R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager,
Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E.,
County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section
and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J.
Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 7th April, 1975 be confirmed
and signed".

ITEM NO. 2:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ASHFORD

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Mrs.
M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That the disposal of approximately 1 acre 12 sq. perches of land at
Ballinalea, Ashford be carried out in accordance with the Statutory Notice
circulated on the 22nd April, 1975."

ITEM NO. 3:- REPORT ON STAFF STRUCTURE AND REGRADING

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the Report on Staff
Structure and Regrading to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the
19th May, 1975.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was informed that a copy of the Report had
been sent to her by registered post on Friday, 2nd May, 1975 and its non-delivery
would be taken up with the postal authorities.

ITEM NO. 4

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"We propose repairs to the following cottages:-

John Connolly, Ballytague, Rathdru
Mary Byrne, Tinnakilly, Aughrim
John Doran, Ballymona, Woodenbridge
Peter Byrne, Ballymorris, Aughrim.

The County Engineer reported that a survey will be carried out in order to decide the feasibility of providing a sewerage scheme at Monastery, Enniskerry. It will be included in the Provisional List of Small Schemes

to be carried out in 1976. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 9

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That this Council provide water and sewerage for cottage at Kilmolin, Enniskerry".

The County Engineer reported that there was already a water main serving the council cottages at Kilmolin and that there were no plans at present to provide a public sewer.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that the cottage was owned by a Mrs. Canavan and it was agreed that a further report would be submitted.

ITEM NO. 10

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That the refuse collection for Hollywood be extended to Hollywood Cross Upper and by the main road to Hollywood Cross Lower to facilitate the collection of refuse from about 14 families".

The County Engineer reported that the extension of the refuse collection at Hollywood can be easily arranged as it is very close to the existing service. These houses will be included in the collection when the new refuse truck is in operation. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.,:-

"That the Hollywood water supply be augmented and extended to Lemonstown and to Cryhelp".

The County Engineer reported that it is not possible to include this scheme in the current year's proposals. Arrangements will be made to have the proposal examined and included in next year's List. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 12

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

"That the provision of (a) a water supply for Graigue, Kiltegan, be examined; (b) a supply for Barraderry be examined".

The County Engineer reported that no further addition can be made to the List of Schemes for the current year and the scheme will be put on the Provisional List for 1976. Councillor Timmins mentioned that the feasibility of these schemes will depend on the manner in which the water will be supplied to Kiltegan.

The County Engineer reported that repairs to the cottage owned by John Boren, Ballymore, Woodstock, were completed in the cottage. The repairs were carried out at the earliest possible opportunity. This course of action was agreed.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor E. Hynde, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:-

"That this Council carry out repairs to roof, windows, ceiling, floors of Council cottages at Ballykeale, Rathdown, owned by Mrs. and Mrs. J. Connolly and family".

This matter had been dealt with under Item 8 and repairs would be carried out as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:-

"That the Council provide a pump for three houses at Knockmashogue".

The County Engineer reported that there are three houses at this location. The houses are owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Keenan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Keenan. The estimated cost of installing a pump and providing an electric pump, pump house and tap at Boreen is £800. No funds are available in the current year and the proposal will be considered for inclusion in next year's Estimates. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 15

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.,:-

"That the Council investigate the possibility of providing a sewerage scheme at Gortstown, Enniskerry".

The County Engineer reported that it is not possible to include this scheme in the 1975 List and the possibility of providing a sewerage scheme at Gortstown, Enniskerry will be investigated with a view to having it included in the List of Schemes to be included in 1976. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 16

Councillor G. Murphy, T.D., moved the following Notice of Motion:-

"That the County Council investigate the possibility of providing a sewerage scheme at Boreen, Enniskerry".

The County Engineer reported that a survey will be carried out in order to decide the feasibility of providing a sewerage scheme at Boreen. It will be included in the Provisional List of Schemes for 1976. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That the Council provide a new pressure valve on the water pipe at Kindlestown Lower somewhere on the land purchased from Quinn".

The Council were informed that the mains in this area were the responsibility of Dublin Corporation. Representations will be made to Dublin Corporation to instal a pressure reducing valve on the main if this proposal is feasible and desirable. The Council were informed that there will be no satisfactory solution to the water supply in this area until the new 12" main has been installed.

ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That sewerage connections be made available for the following houses at Kindlestown Upper, E.D. Delgany - Carrowbeg, Uplands, Kindlestown Cottage, Rose Lodge and Grianan and at Kindlestown Lower - Ardsilla, Chute and The Shell. Total rates payable in 1975 £1,220.37 for these properties".

The County Engineer reported that there were no plans at present to provide a public sewer to the houses in question at Kindlestown Upper and Kindlestown Lower. Following a discussion it was agreed that a further report would be prepared.

ITEM NO. 15

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council provide an adequate water supply for the village of Shillelagh".

The County Engineer reported that the existing water supply in the village of Shillelagh seems to be satisfactory. Investigations will be made to see if further improvements can be made. Shillelagh is included in the proposed Regional Scheme for the Tinahely/Carneal Area. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Miley:-

"In view of the uncertainty that exists regarding Fire Insurance on vested County Council houses and especially where extensions have been built by the owners, that the people concerned be fully informed of the position and if necessary that arrangements be made between the Council's Insurance Company and the owners of these houses".

The Council were informed that fire insurance cover for the present value of the original buildings was taken out by the Council. The sum insured is revised periodically in the light of up to date values. Any claims within the limit of the sum insured would be covered by the Company whether the fire occurred in an original building or in an extension. In the

event of a total loss the extension would not be covered. Following a discussion it was agreed that tenants and other owners interested should take out fire insurance on any extensions built by them. Councillor P. Deering undertook to ascertain if Insurance Companies were unwilling to take out insurance covering extensions only.

ITEM NO. 17

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. Keegan:-

"That the County Council provide a water supply for Mrs. Bradshaw, Kilmurray, Glen O'Downs".

The Council were informed that this connection would be the responsibility of Dublin Corporation as the Council had no water mains in this area. Accordingly, Mrs. Bradshaw should apply to them for a connection. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that Mrs. Bradshaw was some distance from the supply point and that the Council should bring the water to her premises. It was stated that a neighbour would also be interested in this proposal. It was agreed to submit a further report for the next Meeting.

ITEM NO. 18

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley:-

"That this Council provide a range to replace an old range which is very dangerous as it is burnt out in the house where William McDonald, Ballinderry Road, Rathdrum, is the tenant".

The estimated cost of providing and installing a range would be £150. Arrangements would be made to have this range provided subject to the usual conditions. It was suggested that as the range was in bad repair when Mr. McDonald took up residence that the imposition of a charge should be reconsidered. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 19

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor R. Miley:-

"That this Council lay a sewer for the people living in the six cottages at Drumdangan, Glenealy as they cannot erect septic tanks due to the hill at the rear of their cottages".

The County Engineer reported that this proposal would be investigated and put on the Provisional List of Small Schemes for 1976. This will probably necessitate a septic tank for those six houses as they cannot be taken into the proposed Glenealy Scheme due to levels. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 20

It was agreed to defer the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. to the next Meeting:-

"That a retaining wall be constructed between the site of the new housing scheme and Mr. Kearney's house to hold back a bank of soil that is collapsing into his garden".

ITEM NO. 21:- HOUSING REPORT FOR APRIL, 1975

A lengthy discussion took place on the Housing Progress Report as at 30th April, 1975. It was agreed that further efforts would be made to acquire land for housing at Kiltegan and Rathdangan.

It was agreed at this stage to extend the duration of the Meeting by 15 minutes.

It was agreed that the date for the Meeting of the Elected Members for the Northern Area will be fixed at the Council's Meeting on the 19th May, 1975.

Telephone Kiosk at Laragh: Letter dated 13th March, 1975, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs was read and noted.

Unauthorised Camping and Trading on the National Primary Road: Councillor C. Keegan raised this matter. The Council were informed that instructions had been issued to the Council's Law Agent to take proceedings against 11 persons. Every effort was being made by the Council to remedy this problem.

Refuse Collection: It was agreed to investigate complaints regarding the refuse collection at Redcross, Ashford, Rathnew and Rathdrum.

Speed Limits at Laragh: It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that a speed limit should be imposed on the Village of Laragh. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Council's Technical Committee.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:



CHAIRMAN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 12TH MAY, 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 14th April, 1975, be confirmed and signed".

At this stage, Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, condemned the recent attack on Councillor S. Costello. All the Members of the Council joined in expressing their abhorrence at the attempt on Councillor Costello's life.

ITEM NO. 2:- APPLICATION BY WICKLOW FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE ROADS FOR WICKLOW ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON 2/6/1975

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed, that the Council approve of the closing of these roads.

ITEM NO. 3:- REVISION OF REMUNERATION

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That County Manager's Orders Numbers GP/146A/75; GP/146B/75; GP/146C/75; GP/146D/75; GP/146E/75; GP/146F/75; GP/146G/75; GP/146H/75; granting salary adjustments in accordance with the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration to all employees, Assistance Officers, Storekeeper, Rent Collectors, Rate Collectors, Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Library Assistant and Assistant Librarian, respectively, be and are hereby approved and that the necessary excess expenditure required to implement the terms of Manager's Order Number GP/146A/75, estimated at £20,000 is also approved".

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and unanimously agreed. The motion of the Council held on the 15th April, 1933, was confirmed and stood.

At this stage, Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, commenced the report of the Committee. All the members of the Council joined in a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for their assistance at the attempt on Councillor Costello's life. All the members of the Council joined in a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for their assistance at the attempt on Councillor Costello's life.

FOR PERMISSION TO
CLOSE ROADS FOR FESTIVAL ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY
ITEM NO. 24-- APPLICATION OF WIGLOW FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO

It was proposed by Councilor B. Hiltz, seconded by Councilor D. Kinsella, that the Council approve of the closing of these roads, and unanimously agreed. The Council approved of the closing of these roads.

ITEM NO. 10-17-68

"This study found that certain members of [redacted] GR/IR/75; GP/IR/60/75;
GP/IR/60/75; IR/IR/75; GP/IR/75; GP/IR/75; GP/IR/75; GP/IR/75; GP/IR/75;
adjustments if necessary with the relevant personnel and division
to all employees, Assistant Directors, Deputy Assistant and Assistant
Directors, Assistant Division Officers, Deputy Assistant and Assistant
Librarians, respectively, and are hereby approved and find the necessary
excess expenditure required to implement the form of Management Order Number
GP/IR/75; estimated at \$20,000 is also approved".

The proposed by Councilman S. Battello, seconded by Councilman B.
Kneff and unanimously adopted.

This and previously agreed:

ITEM NO. 4

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:-

"That Dunlavin Community Council shall be declared an Approved Local Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941."

This Motion was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 5:- ARKLOW HARBOUR LOAN

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That we hereby confirm the following resolution which was agreed unanimously at a meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 9th December, 1974:-

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947, we the Wicklow County Council hereby resolve to assist the Arklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £60,000 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Arklow Harbour in the County of Wicklow and also by guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable on the said principal sum of £60,000 at such rate or rates as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and any interest that may become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee."

It was noted that the Arklow Harbour Commissioners will repay the sum of £4,678.91 to Wicklow County Council in ten equal half-yearly repayments.

ITEM NO. 6:- RECOMMENDATION FROM SPECIAL SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE REGARDING
PROVISION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATHS AT SLEAMANE AND KILBALLYOWN

The site at Sleamane had been inspected and negotiations are being commenced with the landowner for the acquisition of approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. The estimated cost of providing a sheep dipping bath at this location would be in the region of £6,000.

A site has been offered to the Council at Kilballyown for a sheep dipping bath on condition that the lane leading to the bath is surface dressed and maintained by the Council. The estimated cost of providing the bath is £4,000 and it would cost £350 per annum to maintain the laneway.

No provision was made in this year's Estimates for the carrying out of these works and it was unanimously agreed that provision would be made in the 1976 Estimates for same.

ITEM NO. 7

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne and seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That a footpath be provided in front of the Council houses at Arch Villas, Greystones".

The County Engineer reported that it would cost approximately £2,200 to carry out this work. No money had been provided for this work in the current year's Road Works Scheme. Provision for the work could be made in the 1976 Programme. Councillors Byrne and O'Neill suggested that the work should be carried out as soon as possible.

Councillor J. Miley stated that recent trends seem to indicate that the Council were departing from the established practice in relation to the consideration of proposals for Road Work Schemes. Consideration of proposals for next year's road works scheme was building up a commitment for next year and the position could arise that all monies could be allocated before the Estimates Meeting. He suggested that the Council should revert to the former position where the County Engineer would send in recommendations for discussions at Area Meetings.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had tabled approximately 180 resolutions since the start of the current financial year and that commitments totalling approximately £50,000 had been made to date. While every effort would be made to facilitate the wishes of the Council it was obvious that the continuance of this trend would cause serious financial difficulties for the Council. The consideration of proposals for new schemes would have to be matched by the Council's financial resources to carry out such works. It was agreed that the County Manager would prepare a report, for consideration by the Council, on a specific roads policy and that, in the meantime, Councillors would refrain from seeking commitments in relation to next year's road works scheme.

ITEM NO. 8

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That a sign be erected at the junction to Coolboy from Shillelagh to Tinahely road indicating the way to Coolboy".

The County Engineer reported that a sign to Coolboy could be erected on the direct Tinahely to Coolboy Road (County Road No. 216) at its junction with the Coolboy to Shillelagh Road (County Road No. 231) at an estimated cost of £15.00. Arrangements will be made to have this sign erected.

ITEM NO. 9

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council place road-markings to prevent parking at the kerbing, west-side (narrow road) of the roundabout in Enniskerry".

The County Engineer reported that the road was only 18 feet wide at this point and parking on both sides of the road gives rise to a certain amount of

obstruction to the through flow of traffic. It was recommended that subject to the agreement of the Garda Authorities, double yellow lines prohibiting parking be put down on the southern side of the road. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 10

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

"That action be taken by the Council to stop flooding at Millands, Tinahely; Baleybawn, Tinahely; also at George Hill's gate, Baleybawn".

The Council were informed that arrangements are being made to carry out work to remedy the alleged flooding.

ITEM NO. 11

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

"That the surfacing of footpaths be carried out at Monastery, Enniskerry".

The County Engineer reported that this section of road is 0.5 miles long, leading up the hill from Enniskerry towards Monastery. It has already been kerbed and dusted. There is no provision for this work in the Roadworks Scheme 1975. The estimated cost is £950 and this work will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Scheme. This was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 12

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

"That the stretch of road at Upper Green, Kilcoole be surfaced".

The County Engineer reported that this road is in an unsatisfactory condition and it should be resurfaced. The estimated cost of the work is £650. It was unanimously agreed that this work would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM NO. 13

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That the open drain at Stratford-on-Slaney, opposite the Catholic Church be piped and closed in".

A report dated 7th May, 1975 from the County Engineer was read. The carrying out of this work, while it appears a simple problem, in practice gives rise to several problems. It was stated that the best solution would be to enlarge the existing trench slightly and to fill it with quarry rejects with some gravel at the top, and on top of this a porous surface would be laid. The estimated cost of the work is £700. There is no money in the current year's Roadworks Scheme to carry out this work and it would be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates. Agreed.

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ITEM NO. 14

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne:-

"That consideration be given to the taking over by the County Council of the road immediately in front of the Boghall Cottages, Boghall Road, Bray."

The Members were informed that a description of this road would be published in the daily press and the formal taking over of the road by the Council could then be considered.

ITEM NO. 15

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That plans for the extension of the dual-carriageway from the recently completed stretch at Kilquade south to Rathnew be made at the earliest possible opportunity".

The Council were informed that the necessary survey work for the extension of the dual-carriageway from Kilquade to Rathnew should be completed by July next and the preliminary design should be ready by October.

ITEM NO. 16

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That the mobile toilet unit, Ladies and Gents, purchased for West Wicklow and Tinahely be only made a charge of transporting from fixture to fixture".

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Manager would review the charges.

ITEM NO. 17

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the name of Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council will withdraw completely the exorbitant charges that have been unfairly levied on Wicklow County Agricultural Show Committee for the use of the port-a-loo facility provided at Tinahely on August Monday last".

It was unanimously agreed that this matter would be considered in light of the review of charges being undertaken by the County Manager.

ITEM NO. 18

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

"That the leakage on the grass verge opposite the Mill Lane on the Greystones/Killincarrig Road be investigated".

The County Engineer reported that Messrs. Glanmore Properties Limited had damaged a private water pipe which leads from the Golf Club at Greystones to Woodlands Hotel. The leak had now been repaired and arrangements had been made to recoup the cost from Glanmore Properties Limited.

ITEM NO. 19

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That the Council make a site for a small bungalow, to be used as a Credit Union Office, available for purchase to Greystones and District Credit Union Limited, in the village of Kilcoole."

The County Engineer reported that he did not consider there was a suitable site for a Credit Union Office on either the completed 28 House Scheme or the 40 House Scheme Site where work is progressing at the moment. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the County Engineer would further investigate the matter and submit a report.

ITEM NO. 20

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That the Council erect speed limit signs at Redcross".

The Council were informed that the necessity for speed limit signs in the village is currently being pursued with the Garda Authorities and a further report would be submitted. This proposal would be considered in due course by the Council's Technical Committee.

ITEM NO. 21

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That the Council erect road signs at Kilmacoo Crossroads".

The County Engineer reported that the damaged sign has been replaced and that the signposting arrangements at this crossroads are considered adequate. Following a discussion, it was agreed to refer this matter to the Council's Technical Committee.

ITEM NO. 22

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect phone kiosk and postal pillar box at Kilmacoo".

ITEM NO. 23

It was proposed by Councillor C. Keegan, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy:-

"That this Council improve the dangerous entrance to the Church at Cookstown, Enniskerry opposite the front gate to Powerscourt Estate".

The County Engineer reported that there is a scheme prepared and negotiations are taking place for the acquisition of land. Agreement has not yet been reached regarding the price of the land but the estimated cost of the proposed works would be in the region of £2,500. This work will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Road Works Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 24

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council adopt parking regulations for the Main Street, Rathdrum".

The County Engineer reported that it would improve traffic flow considerable and increase traffic safety, if parking was restricted to the west side of the Main Street, Rathdrum. The making of parking regulations is a matter for the Garda Authorities. It was unanimously agreed that steps would be taken for the introduction of parking regulations. Councillor R. Miley informed the Meeting that he expected a considerable improvement in the position within the next month or so.

ITEM NO. 25

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, Seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council remove the dangerous bend, at Upper Kilcavan Road, opposite Collin's Lane".

The County Engineer reported that this is a severe bend with poor vision. The sight distance could be improved by removing the existing bank and replacing it with a post and wire fence. The estimated cost of this work is £625. It was recommended for inclusion in the 1976 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 26

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council lay pipes at the entrance to the National School at the Shillelagh Road, Carnew".

The County Engineer reported that there is a steep camber on the road and the footpath is dished so that water flows back to the kerb line. Also, the road is on an appreciable grade so that water will flow quickly in the kerb channel. In the circumstances, there are no difficulties for vehicles entering the school gates and water would not lodge on the footpath at this point. Following a discussion, it was agreed that some remedy would be found to improve the existing situation.

ITEM NO. 27

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council ask the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a public telephone kiosk for the people of Killiskey and Ballyduff, Ashford and the County Council to agree to cover any loss incurred by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in the running of this service".

ITEM NO. 28

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council erect public lights from O'Connors Garage in Ashford to the cottages at Nuns Cross, Ashford".

The Council were informed that the E.S.B. has been requested to furnish a report on public lighting at Ashford. The provision of lights at this location would be considered in the context of this report. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 29

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That Wicklow County Council call upon the Government to withdraw the proposed Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill, 1975."

A lengthy discussion took place regarding this proposal. During this discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the duration of the meeting be extended to 5.15 p.m. to enable the Council to deal with this item". A recorded vote was taken and resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 11

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh - 10

It was accordingly agreed to extend the time of the Meeting to 5.15 p.m.

Following further discussion, the proposal in the name of Councillor S. Costello was put to the Meeting:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 10

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, D. Kinsella, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, Miss Walsh - 11

The proposal was defeated by 11 votes against to 10 votes in favour.

The Chairman formally ended the Meeting and it was agreed to consider the remaining Notices of Motion at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

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ITEM NO. 28

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-

"That this Council erect public lights from O'Connors Garage in Ashford to the cottages at Nuns Cross, Ashford".

The Council were informed that the E.S.B. has been requested to furnish a report on public lighting at Ashford. The provision of lights at this location would be considered in the context of this report. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 29

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That Wicklow County Council call upon the Government to withdraw the proposed Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill, 1975."

A lengthy discussion took place regarding this proposal. During this discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the duration of the meeting be extended to 5.15 p.m. to enable the Council to deal with this item". A recorded vote was taken and resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 11

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh - 10

It was accordingly agreed to extend the time of the Meeting to 5.15 p.m.

Following further discussion, the proposal in the name of Councillor S. Costello was put to the Meeting:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors S. Costello, M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan - 10

AGAINST

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, D. Kinsella, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, Miss Walsh - 11

The proposal was defeated by 11 votes against to 10 votes in favour.

The Chairman formally ended the Meeting and it was agreed to consider the remaining business at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 19TH MAY 1975 AT 2.30 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT ON STAFF STRUCTURE AND GRADING AND ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIREMENTS

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman
Councillors T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D. J. Byrne, S. Costello, C. Keegan, Mrs M. L. Bridge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., R. Miley.
Mr F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr N. J. Byrne, Acting County Accountant, and Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

REPORT ON STAFF STRUCTURE:

The County Manager submitted a report dated 29th April 1975 and explained to the Members that the proposed Administrative Staff Structure and Grading Scheme had been agreed nationally and locally with the Local Government and Public Services' Union and they were all fully aware of the implications of the Report, and were anxious for its implementation. He explained that the actual number of staff in each of the new grades will be finally determined as a result of detailed job evaluation to existing posts in the service. Pending the carrying out of this job evaluation, and as required by the terms of the Agreement, he was now setting out the minimum number of posts required in each grade.

A number of Councillors raised queries regarding procedures for dealing with correspondence sent in by Councillors and members of the public and stated that in some cases, apart from an acknowledgment of their letter, no further action appeared to be taken and that this was most frustrating as far as they were concerned. The Manager pointed out that this is one of problems which arose due to the shortage of staff. He intimated that while he was aware for a considerable time of these shortages, he felt that it was not appropriate until now to review the entire administrative organisation of the Council as the Agreement regarding staff regrading had taken some time to be finalised. The Manager stated that he felt that the establishment recommended in the Report would enable the Council to give a much better service in the future. At the request of the members the Manager stated that when the revised arrangements are in operation, consideration would be given to providing Councillors with details of the "work-flow" in the Council's Offices.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., supported by a number of Members suggested that the Council should appoint a Personnel Officer who would deal with all matters pertaining to employees. He was informed by the Manager that the post of Personnel Officer would need to be of a status comparable with County Secretary or Assistant Manager level to enable that officer to deal authoritatively with matters coming within his control and for negotiations with Unions. Due to the present economic climate he felt that the duties of Personnel and Training Officer should continue to be carried out by the County Secretary.

The Council approved the Manager's proposal to appoint Miss Dorothy Byrne and Mrs Rutledge in a permanent capacity, as it was considered that their long and unestablished service to the Council was very satisfactory.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-
That the Council should appoint a Personnel Officer who would deal with all matters pertaining to employees. He was informed by the Manager that the post of Personnel Officer would need to be of a status comparable with County Secretary or Assistant Manager level to enable that officer to deal authoritatively with matters coming within his control and for negotiations with Unions. Due to the present economic climate he felt that the duties of Personnel and Training Officer should continue to be carried out by the County Secretary.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-
That the Council should appoint a Personnel Officer who would deal with all matters pertaining to employees. He was informed by the Manager that the post of Personnel Officer would need to be of a status comparable with County Secretary or Assistant Manager level to enable that officer to deal authoritatively with matters coming within his control and for negotiations with Unions. Due to the present economic climate he felt that the duties of Personnel and Training Officer should continue to be carried out by the County Secretary.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor M. Keegan:-
That the Council should appoint a Personnel Officer who would deal with all matters pertaining to employees. He was informed by the Manager that the post of Personnel Officer would need to be of a status comparable with County Secretary or Assistant Manager level to enable that officer to deal authoritatively with matters coming within his control and for negotiations with Unions. Due to the present economic climate he felt that the duties of Personnel and Training Officer should continue to be carried out by the County Secretary.

It was accordingly agreed to adjourn the meeting to 2.15 p.m.
The meeting adjourned.

Following further discussion, the proposal in the name of Councillor S. Costello was put to the meeting:-
That the Council should appoint a Personnel Officer who would deal with all matters pertaining to employees. He was informed by the Manager that the post of Personnel Officer would need to be of a status comparable with County Secretary or Assistant Manager level to enable that officer to deal authoritatively with matters coming within his control and for negotiations with Unions. Due to the present economic climate he felt that the duties of Personnel and Training Officer should continue to be carried out by the County Secretary.

The proposal was defeated by 10 votes against to 10 votes in favour.
The Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and the meeting closed.

Visit by Minister for Local Government:

At this point in the Meeting, the Council had an unexpected visit from Mr James Tully, Minister for Local Government. The Chairman, Mr F. Hynes, extended the welcome of the Council to Mr Tully. The Minister stated that his visit was in the nature of a courtesy call as he was in the vicinity at the time of the Meeting and felt that it was appropriate that he should call to convey his good wishes to the Members.

Various Members of the Council expressed their pleasure to the Minister and thanked him for taking the time off to visit the Council while in session. The County Manager associated himself with the remarks. The Minister then withdrew.

Housing Section:

In dealing with the proposed staffing for the Housing Section many Members stated that they were aware that the Council's Housing Section was under severe pressure due to the comprehensive House Construction Programme which is currently being undertaken and requested assurances from the County Manager that his proposals were adequate to deal with the situation in the Section. The County Manager stated that he was providing at the moment for one Supervisory Grade 6 post, one Clerical Officer and one Clerk/Typist, and while he could envisage the need for further staff he was keeping his recommendations in this regard to the minimum for the time being.

Engineers' Office Assistants:

The County Manager informed the Members that Wicklow County Council did not at any stage employ a special grade of Engineer's Office Assistant as was the case in most counties throughout the country. In those counties following a job evaluation and with the consent of the Minister for Local Government the Engineers' Office Assistants were regraded as Clerical Officers. In Wicklow County Council, Clerk/Typists were employed to carry out the duties which in other counties were discharged by Engineers' Office Assistants and it was now proposed to regrade the four posts of Clerk/Typist in the Area Engineers' Offices to Clerical Officers. The Members were in agreement with the County Manager's proposal to appoint the present holders of these posts to the regraded posts.

Environmental Services:

A number of Councillors suggested that the Environmental Section should be strengthened further with the creation of an Office of Pollution Officer as they considered that this was an area to which greater attention would need to be given in future. The County Manager stated that while he was sympathetic to this proposal, a review of legislation governing pollution in all forms was at present in progress and also studies were proceeding to discover the best methods of dealing with the problem. In specific instances the Council could and did consult with the Institute for Industrial Research and Standards or engage Consultants if specific reports are required. Accordingly, it was not proposed at this stage to consider such an appointment. However, the proposed appointment of an additional engineer to the section would be of great assistance for the present along with the additional Clerical Assistant.

Engineering Establishment:

The County Manager outlined his proposal for the creation of a post of Senior Engineer whose duties would incorporate the duties of an existing established post of Chief Assistant County Engineer (Roads). He informed the Members that the proposal to suppress the existing established post of Architect Grade I was in accordance with an approved decision of the Council. The Members fully endorsed the County Manager's proposal for the creation of two established posts of Clerk-of-Works and it was recommended that Mr O'Toole, an existing Clerk-of-Works employed by the Council, would be considered for one

of these positions, in view of his long service to the Council. The County Manager said he would consider this recommendation. The proposal in relation to the creation of a post of Chief Assistant County Engineer to provide urban engineering services was approved. This engineer would be employed in the provision of engineering services to Arklow and Wicklow and any spare capacity will be availed of by the County Council and the cost shared on a "time basis".

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Deputy C. Murphy welcomed the proposal to provide an Assistant County Engineer and to establish a new Assistant County Engineer Department for the Northern Area. This proposal was needed due to the intense pressure of development in that area.

Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Deputy G. Timmins, proposed that a second Assistant County Engineer be made available in the West Wicklow Area due to the high mileage of roads there and the tendency of the Blessington area to develop at a rapid rate. The County Manager explained that he did not propose at this point to create such a position as a Working Party was at present considering the whole question of the employment of local authority engineers. The provision of additional engineering assistants for this area will be considered in the light of the conclusions of this Working Party Report.

The County Manager requested the views of the Members on the desirability of new permanent Officers being required to reside in the county on taking up duty. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this matter would be again discussed when the Councillors had an opportunity to consider all aspects of the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

"That this Council do hereby adopt the proposals on Staff Structure and Grading as set out in the County Manager's Report dated 29th April 1975 and that the approval of the Council be given to the creation of such additional posts as are recommended in the Report, and that approval be given for the expenditure of such additional monies as are required to implement these proposals."

This proposal was passed unanimously.

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, thanked the Manager and Officials for the manner in which the report was presented and congratulated all concerned. In reply the Manager complimented the members for the business-like way in which they had discussed the report and the business of the Council, and for their approval to the proposals placed before them.

It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the family of the late Mr John Quigley who was a former Member of the Council. The resolution of sympathy was passed unanimously. The County Manager associated himself with this vote on behalf of the Staff and on his own behalf.

It was agreed to hold the Meeting for the Members of the Northern Area in the Town Hall, Bray, at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th June 1975.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

**MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 1975 AT
2.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman;

Councillors J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D. P. Deering;
J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Miss M. Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, Mrs M.
Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr J. Higgins,
County Secretary; Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer; Mr A. Hughes,
Staff Officer, Housing Section; Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer,
Environmental Services Section; and Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer,
General Purposes Section.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and seconded by
Councillor P. Deering that the congratulations of the Council be extended to
Miss Mary Gorry, Baltinglass, on her achievement in winning the Irish Ladies
Close Championship, and was unanimously agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and seconded by
Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., that the congratulations of the Council be extended
to Mr E. Darcy, Bellview Cottages, Delgany, on his recent performance in the
Penfold Tournament, and was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 1:

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne
and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on 5th May 1975 be confirmed
and signed".

ITEM NO. 2: SMALL WATER & SEWERAGE PROGRAMME 1975

The Council were informed of the notification from the Department of
Local Government of an allocation of £25,000 for Small Water & Sewerage
Programme for 1975. The Council were informed of this allocation of £25,000.
£15,746 is required to complete the 1974 list of schemes leaving a balance of
£9,254 out of the current years allocation. A further £2,000 had been approved
in the current years Estimates for the Ballynerrin/Blainroe extension. Work
has commenced on the following schemes:-

Water Supply Extension to Blainroe/Ballyguile	-	£4,400
New Water Main at Main Street, Rathdrum	-	£1,000
Killoughter/Ballinapark Water Supply	-	£5,300
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It is anticipated that the balance of the allocation will be used in
full on these schemes.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor
J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

The Council were informed that a report had been received from the

Consultant for the proposed new Wicklow Sewerage Scheme and it was estimated that the cost of this scheme would be in the order of £1m. This matter had been considered at the last Area Meeting of the elected members for the Wicklow Area, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council that approval in principle be given to have the County Council join with Wicklow Urban District Council in the proposed scheme on a fifty-fifty basis.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council join with Wicklow Urban District Council in the proposed new Wicklow Sewerage Scheme and that the cost of the proposed scheme be shared by Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council in equal proportions.

ITEM NO. 9:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council provide water and sewerage for cottages at Kilmolin, Enniskerry."

The Council were informed that it is not possible to provide an ordinary water supply to Mrs Canavan's cottage due to its elevation as it is situated above the water level at Kilmolin.

It was unanimously agreed that consideration would be given to the provision of a pumped water supply with pump and pump house in the list of schemes to be carried out in 1976.

ITEM NO. 10:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.,:-

"That we or someone for use propose that sewerage connections be made available for the following houses at Kindlestown Upper, E.D. Delgany - Carrowbeg, Uplands, Kindlestown Cottage, Rose Lodge and Grianan and at Kindlestown Lower - Ardsilla, Chute and the Sheel. The total rates payable in 1975 is £1,220.37."

The Council were informed that it will be necessary to have a survey carried out before it was possible for sewerage connections to be made to these houses. Due to pressure of work it was not possible to have this survey carried out now, and there are no funds available in the current year.

The Council were informed that no application had been received for the provision of drainage work for the proposed school at Uplands. When such application is received it will be considered.

ITEM NO. 11:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Council provide a water supply for Mrs Bradshaw, Kilmurray, Glen of the Downs."

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of laying a $\frac{3}{4}$ " main to serve two cottages is £150. The Dublin Corporation would appear to be in agreement with granting Mrs Bradshaw a connection to the main at a cost of £30, which Mrs Bradshaw is agreeable to pay. As both these cottages are vested Council cottages, it is recommended that the work be carried out by the tenants themselves. During a discussion it was suggested that consideration be given to the extension of the vested cottage and that the Council may be willing to provide a water supply to this extension. It was agreed that a further report would be submitted on this matter.

Consistent for the proposed new Wicklow Sewerage Scheme and it was estimated that the cost of this scheme would be in the order of £100,000. This matter had been considered at the last Area Meeting of the elected members for the Wicklow Area, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council that approval in principle be given to have the County Council join with Wicklow Urban District Council in the proposed scheme on a fifty-fifty basis.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council join with Wicklow Urban District Council in the proposed new Wicklow Sewerage Scheme and that the cost of the proposed scheme be shared by Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council in equal proportions."

ITEM NO. 12:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Lehigh, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council provide water and sewerage for cottages at Kilmolin, Enniscorthy."

The Council were informed that it is not possible to provide an ordinary water supply to the Cottages due to its elevation as it is situated above the water level at Kilmolin.

It was unanimously agreed that consideration would be given to the installation of a pumped water supply with pump and pump house in the list of works to be carried out in 1975.

ITEM NO. 13:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That we or someone for us propose that sewerage connections be made available to the following houses at Kilmolin Upper, E.D. Ballyn - Carragee, Kilmolin Cottages, Rose Lodge and Cottage and at Kilmolin Lower - Kilmolin, Chute and the Sheel. The total rates payable in 1975 is £1,200.00."

The Council were informed that it will be necessary to have a survey carried out before it was possible for sewerage connections to be made to these houses. The pressure of work it was not possible to have this survey carried out now, and there are no funds available in the current year.

The Council were informed that no application had been received for the provision of drainage works for the proposed school at Uplands. When such application is received it will be considered.

ITEM NO. 14:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Council provide a water supply for Mrs Bradshaw, Kilmurphy, Glen of the Downs."

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of laying a 7" main to serve two cottages is £150. The Dublin Corporation would appear to be in agreement with granting Mrs Bradshaw a connection to the main at a cost of £30 which Mrs Bradshaw is agreeable to pay. As both these cottages are vested Council cottages, it is recommended that the work be carried out by the tenants themselves. During a discussion it was suggested that consideration be given to the extension of the vested cottage and that the Council may be willing to provide a water supply to this extension. It was agreed that a further report would be submitted on this matter.

ITEM NO. 12:

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

"That a retaining wall be constructed between the site of the new Housing Scheme and Mr Kearney's House to hold back a bank of soil that is collapsing into his garden."

Councillor Kavanagh was informed that on investigation of this proposal, a number of matters required clarification. A further report would be submitted in due course.

ITEM NO. 13:

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-

"That the Donard Water Supply be extended to serve J. O'Neill and Bernard Byrne, Donard Upper."

The Council were informed that the new scheme is estimated to cost £15,000 and a further extension of the new scheme to these 2 cottages measuring 500 yards is estimated to cost approximately £850 bringing the total estimated cost to £15,850. It was unanimously agreed that this extension be approved.

ITEM NO. 14:

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council grant permission to the three families living in the Council Cottage at Seabank, Arklow, to replace, at their own expense, the water pump that is there at present with an electric pump."

The Council were informed that there was no objection to this proposal and was unanimously agreed.

ITEM NO. 15:

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

"That a refuse collection be provided for the following house-holders:- T. Butler, J. Grimes, R. Grimes, M. Lewis, Mrs Palmer, M. Kilroy, J. Kavanagh, Mrs O'Neill, P. Birrane, W. Ryder, C. Barry, Captain Hood and two other house-holders in the Killeager and Scalp Districts."

The Council were informed that a recommendation for the extension of the refuse collection to this area had been considered. A tender from the existing Scavenging Contractor was received but was considered to be too high. Negotiations were still being carried out with the Contractor in this case.

ITEM NO. 16:

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-

"That this Council will implement the Purchase of Annuity Scheme, for which a Directive was issued to all Councils by the Minister for Local Government, as a result of the High Court Action in October 1974."

The Council were informed that directive issued to all Councils by the Minister for Local Government as a result of the High Court Action in October 1974 was being implemented and that where annuities are redeemed, the redemption figure is an amount equivalent to the amount outstanding on the cottage or portion of the plot calculated at the Local Loans Fund lending rate.

Following a discussion on the question of redemption of annuity on vested cottages, it was accordingly agreed that the County Manager would furnish a report outlining the position in this county.

ITEM NO. 17:

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

"That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that -

- (a) A house be built for Patrick Reid, Ballyknockan on the Council's land.
- (b) A house be built for Patrick Donegan, at Clough, Baltinglass.
- (c) A house be built for Joseph Cullen at Deerpark, Baltinglass."

The Council were informed that a site for a number of houses was being made available to the Council in Valleymount and that Mr Reid could be considered for one of these houses. Mr Patrick Donegan indicated that he now intends building a house for himself if he succeeds in obtaining a loan from the Council. An application from Mr Joseph Cullen for a rural cottage was refused on the grounds that this would leave a single person, Mr Cullen's father-in-law, in a vested cottage which is in good repair. Consideration could be given to the construction of an extra room to this house for which grants are available.

ITEM NO. 18:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:-

"That a demountable dwelling be provided for Patrick and Mary Nolan, Ballinamanogue, Tinahely, who are living in deplorable conditions."

The Council were informed that the County Medical Officer had submitted a report on this case, and it was recommended that their existing dwelling should be considered for the carrying out of essential repairs. The County Engineer would look into the position.

ITEM NO. 19:

The Housing Report for May 1975 was considered.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That while the Housing Report would be sent to the members each month, it would be listed on the Agenda only every two months."

It was agreed that consideration would be given to the acquisition of land at Johnstown, Arklow, for housing.

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It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That further representations be made to the Minister for Justice to provide at least two Gradai at Shillelagh and that a Patrol Car be made available to serve the Carnew/Shillelagh/ Tinahely areas."

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council were informed that Councillor P. Deering had ascertained that a number of Insurance Companies were willing to insure extensions to Council Cottages notwithstanding that the cottage itself was insured by the Council.

Letter dated 15th May 1975 indicating that the Minister has no objection to the allocation of tenancies in the joint names of husband and wife, was read and noted.

Letter dated 7th April 1975 from the Postmaster, Wicklow, regarding delay in transmission of agendas to Councillor P. Deering, was read and noted.

This ended the business of the Meeting.

Signed:


CHAIRMAN

Date:


7 July 75

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1975 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1

(A) It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12th May, 1975, be confirmed and signed".

(B) It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 19th May, 1975 to consider the Report on Staff Structure and Grading be confirmed and signed".

ITEM NO. 2:- ANNUAL MEETING 1975

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor S. Costello and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council be held at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th July, 1975 before the Ordinary Meeting of the Council".

ITEM NO. 3:- CLOSING OF ROADS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council consent to the closing of roads in Blessington between 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on the 11th, 12th and 13th July, 1975 in connection with the Blessington Regatta, subject to the usual conditions".

ITEM NO. 4:- HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 1975

The Draft Higher Education Grant Scheme for 1975, incorporating the changes set out in Circular Letter dated 14th May, 1975 from the Department of Education was considered. It was agreed that copies of the Draft Scheme would be circulated to Members and to the Post Primary Schools in County Wicklow and if any further amendments were made in the Draft Scheme all persons would be notified of such changes. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Senator Miss Walsh, and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council adopt the Higher Education Grant Scheme for 1975, subject to sanction by the Minister for Education".

ITEM NO. 5:- REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The County Secretary submitted the following report:-

"The present County Development Plan for Wicklow was formally adopted on the 8th September, 1970. An obligation has been placed on the Council by Section 20 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to review the existing Development Plan by the 8th September, next, and to make any variations they consider proper.

The making of any variations, whether by way of alteration, addition or deletion, is a reserved function. While the Council must review the Plan they may decide not to vary it.

It is now apparent that while some work has been done on the redrafting of a new Development Plan, largely due to staff restrictions, it is not possible that the new draft will be available and approved by the 8th September next. It is estimated that the various procedures now necessary to place a new draft Development Plan before the Council would take approximately twelve months. Further time would then be required to enable the Elected Members to fully consider the recommendations. A new draft Plan is required to be placed on public display for the statutory period of three months and accordingly, it is unlikely that the Plan could be formally adopted before December, 1976.

It is suggested accordingly, that the Council review the existing Development Plan and decide by Resolution not to vary it but to continue it in force up to 31st December, 1976."

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That following a review of the Wicklow County Development Plan in accordance with Section 20 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 we consider that no variation is to be made in the Wicklow County Development Plan as adopted by the Council on the 8th September, 1970".

It was agreed that a review of the County Development Plan would be undertaken on or before December, 1976 and that the Members would be kept fully informed of progress on the review.

PLANNING CONTROL

The County Manager's Report dated 16th June, 1975 on the operation of planning control was submitted:-

"At a recent Meeting of the Council it was agreed that a report would be prepared and submitted for the information of the Members, indicating the trends in relation to decisions taken on planning applications. The position for the three years ended in March 1975 in relation to this matter is as follows:-

Planning Control Statistics

	1972/1973	1973/1974	1974/1975
No. of Applications	1,148	1,258	1,063
No. Granted	651	917	819
No. Refused	320	330	220
Total Decided	971	1,247	1,039
Percentage Refused	32.9%	26.4%	21%
No. Appealed	84	101	93
No. of Decisions on Appeal	43	131	110
No. of Council Decisions Reversed	8	30	54

It will be noted that during this period the percentage of refusals dropped gradually from 33% to 21%, but the number of appeals to the Minister increased from 84 in 1972/1973, to 101 in 1973/1974 but showed a decline to 93 in the year 1974/1975. A number of these appeals would be from third parties or from applicants against some conditions in the grants of permission. The number of decisions reversed by the Minister on appeal in 1972/1973 was 8; in 1973/1974 it was 30 and in 1974/1975 it was 54.

The Minister has expressed his concern on a number of occasions at the position in relation to planning control and especially the high number of appeals, and requested that his view be made known to the Council. As the Members are aware, a list of all the applications for planning permissions received, together with a list of the decisions taken during the month, are circulated to each Member so that they are fully informed of proposed developments. This ensures that Members are advised at an early date of all proposals and gives them the opportunity to make representations if they so desire.

All planning applications are considered by the Manager within the context of the Council's Development Plan and the general policy principles enunciated by the Minister. In taking his decisions, the Manager will refuse applications only for serious and compelling reasons. Frequently, the Council is in a position to suggest an alternative proposal or site suitable to the applicant. Since December, 1973 the Council did not resort to the use of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 to ensure the success of any planning application.

While every effort is made by the Council and its officials to accommodate suitable development proposals, it must be pointed out that the County as a whole, and the Northern Area and Blessington in particular, is subject to very severe pressure caused by the high population from the Dublin Metropolitan Area. A very high proportion of the refusals relate to these areas.

The wishes of the Council in relation to planning control will continue to be observed by its officials in the protection of the amenity and landscape values of the county, coupled with the desire to permit suitable and acceptable developments which will blend with or enhance the former. Above all, every effort will continue to be made to accommodate the person who wishes to provide a permanent home for himself and his family."

The report was considered and the Members expressed satisfaction for the manner in which planning control is being implemented in the county.

ITEM NO. 6:- REPORT ON BRIDGES

The County Engineer's Report dated 12th June, 1975 was considered. It was noted that bridges at Davidstown and Ballinglen have been completed at costs of £12,467 and £12,564 respectively. The present estimated cost of the remaining bridges are Ballard £36,000; Stratford £29,000 and Ballisland £26,000. Arrangements are being made to complete the design of Ballisland Bridge and it is expected it will be ready in approximately three months. Work could begin soon after this date. There are no funds available to widen the roads approaching the bridge.

ITEMS NO. 7 and 8:- AMENITY SCHEMES

It was unanimously agreed to consider the Amenity Scheme Programme for 1975 and the following Notice of Motion, moved by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., simultaneously:-

"That the County Council be notified as to the type and quantity of playground equipment purchased with the Amenity Grants allocation intended for Enniskerry and that this equipment be allocated to Kilgarron Park; Rockfield; Grattan Park; Roundwood and Kilcoole".

The Council were informed that a sum of £7,500 was provided from rates in the current years estimates for Amenity Schemes but no grant has been made available by the Department of Local Government. Commitments on previous years schemes absorb £4,355 leaving a balance of £3,145 for the current years programme.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That available monies from the current years Amenity Schemes provision be allocated as follows:-

- (a) The sum of £2,500 be expended in erecting playground equipment at the following localities:
 1. Kilgarron Park
 2. Grattan Park - in space enclosed by 29 house scheme
 3. Newtownmountkennedy - in open space behind 36 house scheme
 4. Kilcoole - in open space in 28 house scheme at south end of village.
 5. Roundwood
- (b) The balance be set aside for acquisition of site at Greystones.

The Council were informed that negotiations were proceeding to acquire a site for a playground at Rockfield Park. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the installation of playground equipment be carried out as soon as possible".

ITEM NO. 9:- NEW SPORTS FIELD, TINAHELY

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That the Council lay pipes opposite the New Sports Field at Tinahely".

The County Engineer reported that the drain constitutes a danger to large vehicles forced to the left by an approaching large vehicle. It was unanimously recommended for inclusion in the 1976 Roadworks Scheme at an estimated cost of £375.

ITEM NO. 10:- ROAD FROM JUNCTION AT RATHNEW GRAVEYARD TO BRIDGE

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That this Council widen the road from the junction at the Rathnew Graveyard to the Bridge - the Engineers have been shown the road".

The County Engineer reported that a design and estimate will be prepared when it is reached on the Council's list of priorities. Preference must be given to design work on the current years roadworks scheme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11:- FOOTPATH FROM ST. BRIDGET'S PARK TO ROCHES CHEMIST SHOP, BLACKLION, GREYSTONES

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That the County Council raise a loan immediately, to cover the cost of completing the work on the footpath from St. Bridget's Park to Roche's Chemist Shop, Blacklion, Greystones".

The County Engineer reported that the work will entail land acquisition, replacement of masonry wall and existing gateway, removal of eastern bank along a 300 foot stretch and the provision of a retaining wall some 30 feet long, as well as construction of kerb and footpath. No funds are available in the current year to defray the estimated cost of £2,750. It was unanimously agreed that this work would be considered for Christmas Relief.

ITEM NO. 12:- BURNABY PARK, GREYSTONES

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Murphy:-

"That the clearing of the old shrubbery and of grass in Burnaby Park, Greystones be undertaken immediately and that the boundary fences be replaced on the northern and western sides of the park. The wall on the eastern side requires the replacement of stone work".

The County Engineer reported that the park was in poor condition. Restoration would cost an estimated £3,125. Work would be carried out to the limit of available monies in the current year. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 13:- TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ROSBAWN

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That The Council apply to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide a telephone at Rosbawn at a point where the Council houses are situated".

ITEM NO. 14:- ROAD BETWEEN COOLBOY VILLAGE AND THE COOLATTIN/TINAHELY JUNCTION

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That this Council realign the road between Coolboy Village and the Coolattin/Tinahely junction as lorries and buses cannot use same".

The Council were informed that a County Road Improvement Scheme to the value of £400 will be undertaken in the current year to improve vision at bend between the village and Mill Bridge. To improve the Mill Bridge Road would involve a new bridge and approaches of total length of 500 feet at a very high cost of approximately £20,000. It was unanimously agreed to consider at estimates time the carrying out of this work over a number of years.

ITEM NO. 15:- PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS

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

"That the following footpaths in the Enniskerry Area be realigned:-

- (a) Water Gap to Monastery Cross
- (b) Monastery to Grime's house
- (c) Grime's to the Scalp
- (d) Monastery to the Cul de Sac".

The County Engineer reported that these works would cost £10,500; £10,500; £6,000 and £3,000 respectively. Items (a) and (d) could be considered. There are no funds available in the current year for these works. During a discussion it was suggested that the condition of these footpaths could be improved by clearing them. It was agreed to re-examine the proposals.

ITEM NO. 16:- FOOTPATH FROM MONASTERY TO ENNISKERRY VILLAGE

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That a surface dressing be applied to the footpath from Monastery to Enniskerry Village".

The Council were informed that this path could be tarmacadamed for £1,200 or surface dressed for £450. It was agreed that work would be carried out in the current year if monies have been provided in this years estimates.

ITEM NO. 17:- ROADS AT LAKE PARK CROSS ROADS, ROUNDWOOD

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the County Engineer examine the roads at the Lake Park Cross Roads at Roundwood with a view to improvement in the interest of road safety and that an estimate be submitted to the Council".

The Council were informed that this is really a junction as one of the roads at the 'Cross' is a private drive to Lake Park. There is a bad left-hand bank which obscures vision going towards Lough Dan. Removal of bend and provision of sight distance would cost £2,200 which is not available in the current year. It was agreed that the County Engineer would see if some work could be done in the current year, otherwise it would be considered for the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 18:- PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk at Stratford-on-Slaney".

ITEM NO. 19:- REPLACING OF FOOTPATH FROM BALLYNATTIN TO ARKLOW

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That Wicklow County Council replace the footpath which was removed as a result of road widening from the cottages at Ballynattin to Arklow".

This proposal was not recommended as it would set an undesirable precedent, would be extremely costly and the proposed by-pass will take all heavy traffic from the road. It was unanimously agreed to consider the proposal for the 1976 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 20:- SIGNS AT BEACH ROAD AND BRIDGE, AVOCA

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That signs be erected at Avoca on Beach Road and the Bridge in Avoca to indicate which road has 'right-of-way'".

The Council were informed that arrangements were being made to have 'Yield' signs erected on Avoca Bridge. Consideration would be given to the erection of signs at Beach Road. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 21:- PROVISION OF BUS LAY-BY ON RATHDOWN ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne:-

"That a bus lay-by be provided on Rathdown Road outside the Christian Brothers School".

It was recommended that this be done as this Main Road is zoned by a 'Black Spot'. It is possible to provide a lay-by as the footpath is 12 feet wide outside the school. The estimated cost is £1,100. As there are no funds available in the current year it will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 Estimates. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 22:- SPEED LIMITS - KNOCKANANNA

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Senator Miss Walsh:-

"That speed limit signs be erected at Knockananna".

It was unanimously agreed to refer this proposal to the Technical Committee. Speed limits for Grange Con would also be considered by the Committee.

ITEM NO. 23:- SURVEY - GREYSTONES/BRAY ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne:-

"That a survey be undertaken immediately on the portion of the Greystones/Bray Road from Windgates Upper to the Half-Moon and that the recommendations be carried out as soon as possible".

No funds are available for this work in the current year. The Council's design staff are fully engaged on work for which money is available and accordingly, could not be diverted to this proposal at present. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the provision of reflective or other warning signs would be considered.

ITEM NO. 24:- MILK DELIVERY - O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to instruct the appropriate Section within his Department to issue an instruction to Hughes Dairies, Limited, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, to deliver milk to the people in O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy. These deliveries ceased approximately 14 weeks ago".

It was also agreed that the terms of the Council's Resolution be conveyed to Messrs. Hughes Dairies Limited.

ITEM NO. 25:- CAR PARK - RATHDRUM

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley and seconded by Councillor M. Cullen:-

"That Wicklow County Council accept the plot of land offered to the Council by Vincent Pierce, to make a car park at Market Square, Rathdrum. This will enable buses to pick up passengers at the Square".

The land has been examined and would accommodate thirty cars. Surfacing the car park would cost £450. Acceptance of Mr. Pierce's offer is recommended. It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer and to approve a supplementary estimate of £450 to surface the car park.

ITEM NO. 26:- SALE OF COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY

It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That this Council will take a final decision to dispose of Tinahely Courthouse to the Parochial Committee for a sum of £1,000".

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he has arranged to meet Fr. Stafford, P.P., next week and he would report the result of the negotiations to the Council.

ITEM NO. 27:- CORRESPONDENCE

The Members were informed that items for the Agenda of the August Meeting of County Councils' General Council should reach the Secretary before Friday, 25th July, 1975. The letter dated 13th May, 1975 from Secretary, County Councils' General Council was noted.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN