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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, E. Ryna, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill and 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. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. M. Ledwidge and the Ledwidge Family on the death of Mrs. Lowe".

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

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor C. Keegan and his family on the tragic death of his son Stewart".

All the Councillors joined in the Resolutions of Sympathy and the County Manager associated himself with the Resolutions on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council's Staff.

It was unanimously agreed that there would be an early adjournment of the Meeting to enable Councillors to attend the removal of the remains of the late Stewart Keegan.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on 1st December, 1975 be confirmed and signed".

ITEM NO. 2:- RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR AVOCA SEWERAGE SCHEME

The Council were informed that the revised cost of completion of the Avoca Sewerage Scheme was £93,400 and as the original loan raised for this Scheme was £67,000 a further supplementary loan of £26,400 was required to finance the completion of the scheme. It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, a supplementary loan of £26,400 be raised from the Local Loans Fund to defray the cost of completing the Avoca Sewerage Scheme".



ITEM NO. 3:- RAISING OF LOAN TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PROVIDING A REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE AND THE ERECTION OF A PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT BRITTAS BAY

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The Council were informed that about five houses could be served by a pump at an estimated cost of £1,200 depending on the depth to which the well must go. It was unanimously agreed that this proposal would be carried out when the necessary finances are available.

**ITEM NO. 8:- APPOINTMENT OF TENANT - COTTAGE AT TOMACORK, CARNEW**

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

"That this Council appoint Mary Kenny, Tomacork, Carnew the tenant of the Council Cottage where she was born and reared".

The Council were informed that a Notice of Motion requesting the Council to allow Miss Kenny to purchase her cottage was considered at the Council Meeting held on the 6th October, last. The Council was informed that it was not the policy of the Council to transfer tenancies to single elderly persons without dependents, but that Miss Kenny had been informed that she would not be disturbed in her occupation of the cottage. It was unanimously agreed that the Council would continue with its policy as a departure in any specific instance would set a precedent which could be applied to many similar instances in the County. In the course of a discussion, it was intimated that the Council had recently appointed a tenant, who was a single person, to a house. It was pointed out however, that Mr. Richard Long had been appointed as tenant in Moneyteigue, Aughrim as no tenant could be found for that cottage for a long number of years. It had been agreed at the November Meeting of the Council that if Mr. Long failed to occupy house, consideration could be given to selling it.

Following a discussion, the proposal was put to the Meeting and the result was as follows:-

<b>IN FAVOUR</b>	Councillors M. Cullen, K. Ryan and J. Whelan - 3
<b>AGAINST</b>	Councillors J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., D. Kinsella, J. Miley, E. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., J. Sweeney and G. Timmins, T.D. - 11

Councillors J. Bourke, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill and Senator Miss Walsh did not vote.

The proposal was defeated by 11 votes against to 3 votes in favour.

The Council were informed that the policy in relation to this matter could be reviewed if a Notice of Motion to that effect was submitted for consideration.

**ITEM NO. 9:- WATER SUPPLY - BALLYDONNELL, REDCROSS**

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

"That Wicklow County Council make a supply of water available to the Council house of Thomas Hudson, Ballydonnell, Redcross".

The Council were informed that this proposal would be investigated as to the feasibility of incorporating this supply in a small scheme serving the area. Agreed.



ITEM NO. 10:- WATER SUPPLY - BALLINAKILL, ARKLOW

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

"That the engineer investigate the possibility of providing a water supply to the house at Ballinakill, Arklow occupied by Mrs. Fortune".

The Council were informed that this proposal will be investigated as to the feasibility of incorporating this supply in a small scheme serving the area. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KNOCKANANNA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh was considered:-

"That additional lights be provided for Knockananna Village - at the crossroads".

The Council were informed that instructions had been issued to the E.S.B. to install extra lighting in Knockananna in the current year. The proposals include the provision of additional lights in the vicinity of the crossroads. Noted.

ITEM NO. 12:- DUMP AT ROADSIDE IN BALLINACLASH

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

"That the dump at the roadside in Ballinaclash be removed".

The Council were informed that this proposal would be examined in the light of the Council's policy. It was recommended that a notice be erected at this location.

ITEM NO. 13:- LIGHTING - KILLARNEY LANE TO BALLYWALTRIM

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

"That in view of the extensive building developments in the area from Killarney Lane to Ballywaltrim, that a survey of the roadside lighting requirements be undertaken immediately".

The Council were informed that arrangements are being made to discuss this matter with the public lighting representatives of the E.S.B. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14:- PROVISION OF EXTENSION TO HOUSE AT KILMACOO, AVOCA

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

"That this Council build a back-kitchen and toilet for Mrs. Margaret Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca (widow and mother of nine children) whose accommodation is totally inadequate due to the size of her family".

The Council were informed that there was no statutory authority to spend money in effecting improvements to vested cottages other than

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Following a discussion, the proposal was put to the Meeting and the result was as follows:-

IN FAVOUR  
Councillors M. Cullen, E. Ryan and J. Ryan - 3  
Councillors J. Byrne, S. Costello, E. Byrne, L. Kavanagh, T.D., D. Kinsella, J. Kelly, E. Kelly, A. Murphy, G. Murphy, T.D., J. Sweeney and G. Timmins, T.D. - 11

IN OPPOSITION  
Councillors J. Kavanagh, T.D., L. Kavanagh, Mrs. M. Ledwith, Mrs. M. O'Neill and Senator Miss Walsh did not vote.

The proposal was defeated by 11 votes against to 3 votes in favour.

The Council were informed that the policy in relation to this matter could be reviewed if a Notice of Motion to that effect was submitted for consideration.

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

"That Wicklow County Council make a supply of water available to the Council house of Thomas Dunne, Ballybarnett, Arklow".

The Council were informed that this proposal would be investigated as to the feasibility of incorporating this supply in a small scheme serving the area. Agreed.



assisting by way of normal with reconstruction grants. Following a discussion in which it was intimated that additional accommodation was urgently required, it was unanimously agreed that this matter would be further investigated to see what could be done to improve the situation. A further report would be submitted in due course.

The Meeting then terminated and consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda was adjourned to a further Meeting of the Council.

Signed: *L. J. Munn*  
CHAIRMAN  
Date: 2nd February 1976

ITEM NO. 10 - WATER SUPPLY - BALLINAKILL, ARROW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Swann and T. J. Keenan was considered:-  
"That the engineer investigate the possibility of providing a water supply to the house at Ballinakil, Arrow supplied by Mrs. Terence."  
The Council were informed that this proposal will be investigated as to the feasibility of incorporating this supply in a main scheme serving the area. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KNOCKANAMANA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh was considered:-  
"That additional lights be provided for Knockanama Village - at the crossroads."  
The Council were informed that instructions had been issued to the R.S.B. to install extra lighting in Knockanama in the current year. The proposals include the provision of additional lights in the vicinity of the crossroads. Noted.

ITEM NO. 12 - WMP AT ROSSIDE, IN BALLINAGASH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Keenan, J.D. was considered:-  
"That the lamp at the roadside in Ballinagash be removed."  
The Council were informed that this proposal would be examined in the light of the Council's policy. It was recommended that a notice be erected at this location.

ITEM NO. 13 - LIGHTING - KILMARNEY LANE TO BALLINAGASH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Keenan, J.D., and J. Hyland was considered:-  
"That in view of the extensive building developments in the area from Kilmaree Lane to Ballinagash, that a survey of the roadside lighting requirements be undertaken immediately."  
The Council were informed that arrangements are being made to discuss this matter with the public lighting representatives of the R.S.B. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14 - PROVISION OF EXTENSION TO KILMAGOG, AVONDA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh was considered:-  
"That this Council build a back-hall and toilet for Mrs. Margaret Dunn, Kilmagog, Avon (widow and mother of nine children) whose accommodation is totally inadequate due to the size of her family."  
The Council were informed that there was no statutory authority to spend money in effecting improvements to rented cottages other than



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

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, were in attendance.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late John A. Costello, former Taoiseach, on their recent bereavement".

The County Manager associated himself with the Resolution on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council's staff.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th December, 1975 be confirmed and signed".

ITEM NO. 2:- VACANCY ON NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE

Letter dated 10th December, 1975 from the Clerk of Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee was read, indicating that Rev. P. Finn, C.C., had been transferred to Dublin and recommending that Rev. H. Moore, C.C., be nominated to the Sub-Committee in his stead.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That Rev. H. Moore, C.C., be appointed as member of the Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee in place of Rev. P. Finn, C.C."

ITEM NO. 3:- TAKING OVER OF ROADS AT NEWCASTLE UPPER AND MANOR AVENUE, GREYSTONES

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and unanimously agreed:-



"That the Council declare the road described hereunder to be a Public Road:-  
That portion of the road, grass margin, and footpaths, running south off County Road 50, in the Townland of Newcastle Upper, in total comprising a length of 160 metres".

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

"That the Council declare the road described hereunder to be a Public Road:-

That portion of road, grass margin and footpath running westwards from the present Council road Manor Avenue, for a length of 257 lin. yds. The said road to be known as Manor Avenue".

#### ITEM NO. 4:- APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS

Letter dated 15th December, 1975 from the Royal Irish Automobile Club requesting the Council's consent to the closing of certain roads was brought to the attention of the Council.

Following a discussion in which dissatisfaction was expressed at the standard of stewarding of these Rally events, it was unanimously agreed that this matter would be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to enable the proposal to be further investigated.

#### ITEM NO. 5:- APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS' WATER SUPPLY

The Council were informed that some discussions had taken place with the Technical Officers of Dublin Corporation regarding this matter but the County Engineer's recommendations were not yet to hand. The documentation regarding the proposed Regional Scheme for the Northern Area was submitted to the Department of Local Government in May, 1975. It is hoped that provision could be made for this Scheme when the financial allocations for the current year are made available.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that a report would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting, setting out what action the Council can take to remedy deficiencies in the Water Supply of this Area in advance of the implementation of the Regional Scheme.

#### ITEM NO. 6:- REPORT ON FIRE SERVICES

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

"That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council and that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to attend".

#### ITEM NO. 7:- INTRODUCTION OF "BLEEP" SYSTEM IN ARKLOW

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

"That owing to the annoyance caused by the Fire Siren in Arklow, we request the Chief Fire Officer to introduce the Bleep System to summon the Firemen to the Station".



A report from the Chief Fire Officer was read, indicating that it would cost the Council approximately £50,000 to introduce this system in all stations and no provision has been made for this in the current year's Estimates. The system was not considered to be wholly satisfactory in that Firemen may not always have the alerter with them. It was pointed out that the siren is sounded only up to 11.00 p.m. and accordingly should cause no annoyance during night-hours. The duration of each call is confined to one minute to reduce noise from the siren to a minimum.

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to reconsider this matter.

**ITEM NO. 8:- FLOODING NEAR TEMPLERAINY, ARKLOW**

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

"That this Council arrange to have a shore and gully provided to take the water off the Dublin Road between Templerainy Church and Marshall's Lane in Arklow".

The Council were informed that the flooding is caused by run-off from the new Housing Developments which have exits out on to the main Arklow Road at Templerainy. It was intended to refer this matter to Arklow Urban District Council for attention. During the course of the discussion it was intimated that there was no gully to take the water on the Main Road. Noted.

**ITEM NO. 9:- REMOVAL OF DERELICT HUT AT SOUTH BEACH, GREYSTONES**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That the Council make arrangements to have the derelict hut on the South Beach Sea Walk removed".

The Council were informed that the hut had been removed but the concrete foundation remains. The estimated cost of the removal of the foundations and other ancillary work is £150. It was unanimously agreed to carry out this work.

**ITEM NO. 10:- DREDGING OF RIVER DARGLE**

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

"That Wicklow County Council examine the bed of the River Dargle near the junction of Thornhill Road (Blind Lane) and Dargle Road with a view to dredging".

The Council were informed that no erosion of the river bank had taken place. Some of the gabion wires had been cut and stones had been removed from the wire cages. It was proposed to take this matter up with the Bray Urban District Council to have the damage rectified. It was suggested that some stones deposited on the river bed in this area could be used for roadworks. The possibility of carrying out an Amenity Scheme in this location would be investigated.



ITEM NO. 11:- LOCATION OF POUNDS

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

"That Members of Wicklow County Council be informed as to the location of the Pounds in County Wicklow and proposals, if any, to establish more".

The Council were informed that Pounds were located at Dunlavin, Tinahely, Rathdrum, Baltinglass and Shillelagh. Provision had been made in the Estimates for a new Pound at Aughrim. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Council establish a second Pound in the Northern Area as it was inconvenient to bring animals to the Urban Pound in Bray".

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

"That the Council should provide a Halting Place for itinerants".

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a report would be prepared and submitted to the Council in relation to these two proposals.

ITEM NO. 12:- SPEED LIMIT AT KILGARRON PARK

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the following proposal in the name of Councillor C. Keegan to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council:-

"That the Speed Limit sign at Kilgarron Park be moved from its present position to a position 400 yards west".

ITEM NO. 13:- PARKING BYE-LAWS - ASHFORD

ITEM NO. 14:- LIMITS OF FOOTPATHS IN ASHFORD

The following proposals in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D. and F. Hynes were considered:-

"That this Council adopt Parking Bye-Laws for Ashford Village".

"That the County Council indicate the limits of the footpaths in Ashford Village".

The Council were informed that the consent of the Garda Siochana must be obtained to the introduction of Parking Bye-Laws. In relation to the delineation of footpaths, a white line defining the footpath was painted on the tarmac surface in front of the Sales Area some years ago but was ineffective as no notice was taken of it. It was considered that to deal with this problem properly a raised footpath, backed by either a dwarf wall or low level post and chain fence was necessary. However, this may create a further problem when the Cattle Mart is held. Following a discussion during which the view was expressed that if the footpaths were delineated the introduction of Bye-Laws would make such delineation effective, it was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That necessary steps be taken to introduce Parking Bye-Laws for Ashford and that the footpaths in the area be properly delineated".

Agreed.



# ITEM NO. 15:- SURFACE DRESSING OF FOOTPATHS AT ASHFORD

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

"That the County Council surface dress the footpaths in Ashford Village".

The Council were informed that work will be carried out in the present year to improve the footpaths in Ashford. The amount of work which will be done will depend on the finances available for this work from the National Primary Upkeep Grant. Noted.

# ITEM NO. 16:- SUPERANNUATION

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

"That where a man drawing superannuation from this Council dies, his wife should continue to draw the same benefits as her late husband".

The Council were informed that the present legislation did not permit the Council to continue to pay a superannuation allowance to a man's widow after his death, where a former employee had qualified for such allowance under Part 3 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956. In the case of Officers who qualified for their pension under Part 2 of the same Act, provision was made whereby a widow could receive 50% of her late husband's pension.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor J. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation to enable all the Council's employees to enjoy the same benefits and that, in particular, the provisions of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme, which at present applies to relatives of deceased Officers only, be extended to cover all employees".

It was agreed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the General Council of County Councils.

# ITEM NO. 17:- HOUSING REPORT

The Housing Report for December, 1975 was considered. During the course of the discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor P. Deering:-

"That the Council negotiate for land at Humphrystown to provide houses for the Valkeymount Area".

It was agreed that the Council would intensify its efforts to acquire land for housing in the Valkeymount Area. It was also agreed to write to the housing applicants in the Coolballintaggart Area to ascertain if they would be agreeable to accept accommodation in Knockananna.

# CORRESPONDENCE

Higher Education Grants: Letter dated 15th December, 1975 from the Department of Education informing the Council of increase in the Lecture Fee Limit from £172 to £215 was read and noted.



Provision of Letterbox at Kilmacoo: Letter dated 17th December, 1975 regarding the provision of a letterbox at Kilmacoo was read. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council again request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide a letterbox at this location".

Grant to Wicklow Regatta Committee: Letter dated 9th December, 1975 from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited was read, indicating that the Organisation will be pleased to assist financially in the organisation of the Wicklow Regatta. Noted.

Storm Damage to Trees: The problem of trees falling across roads during gales was considered by the Council. It was pointed out that the onus for cutting trees rested with the owners concerned. It was not a practical proposition to carry out a survey of all trees adjoining public roads. Councillors were requested to notify the County Secretary in relation to any dangerous trees in their area. It was unanimously agreed that an advertisement would be inserted in the press requesting property owners to take remedial action in relation to any trees on their property which are prejudicial to public safety.

Tenant Purchase Scheme: It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend the latest date for the receipt of applications to purchase under the 1975 Scheme to the 31st March, 1976".

Neighbourhood Centre, Bray: It was unanimously agreed that the Elected Members for the Bray Area would hold a Meeting in the Town Hall, Bray on Monday, 23rd January, 1976 to consider the Council's proposals for a Neighbourhood Centre at Ballywaltrim, Bray. It was agreed that interested parties would be invited to attend.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:



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

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. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor S. Costello and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 5th January, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

Before consideration of the Report of the County Development Team the proposed closure of the Classic Clothing Factory in Blessington was raised. After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor P. Deering:-

"That this Council make representations to the Janelle Group and to the Ministers for Labour and Industry and Commerce to make every effort to ensure that the proposed closure of the Classic Clothing Company Limited in Blessington shall be deferred for at least three months and that the various State Agencies such as Anco and Foir Teoranta should be activated towards this end".

Agreed.

A proposal in the name of Councillor S. Costello that this Council request it's Teachtaí Dála to sponsor a Private Member's Bill calling for temporary import restrictions, was not seconded.

The County Development Team Report for 1975 was considered. The availability of land for Industry in Bray was discussed. It was considered that there was not sufficient land in public ownership in Bray for industrial development. The Council were informed by the County Development Officer that there were a number of existing buildings suitable for industry in Bray but due to the high rents being sought for some of them, they were unattractive to potential developers, particularly small industrialists. No advance factories have been provided by the I.D.A. in Bray.



A discussion took place regarding the constitution of the County Development Team. It was suggested that the scope of the Team should be widened. Following the discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That the County Development Team be expanded to include one County Council Representative from each Electoral Area and one representative from each Trade Union Organisation in Arklow, Wicklow and Bray."

The County Manager informed the Council that the County Development Team in Wicklow was constituted on the same lines as similar Teams in all other County Councils and he did not consider that any change should be made. A number of Councillors were of the opinion that the change in composition of the Team as envisaged by the proposal would militate against its effectiveness in that Industrialists might be unwilling to have a full and frank discussion of their proposals with a Team thus constituted. A recorded vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Councillors J. Byrne, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., and K. Ryan - 4

AGAINST

Councillors M. Cullen, F. Hynes, C. Keegan, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh and J. Whelan - 13

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, D. Kinsella and J. Miley did not vote. The proposal was accordingly defeated by 13 votes against to 4 in favour.

The level of investment by the Industrial Development Authority in the County was subject to much criticism. It was suggested that Wicklow, having regard to its size and population was among the Counties having the lowest level of capital investment by the I.D.A.

It was considered that the I.D.A. should now be particularly active in the promotion of Industry in Wicklow having regard to the high level of unemployment pertaining in the County, especially in the Bray Area. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That consideration should be given to having County Wicklow nominated as a Designated Area and that the County Development Team should examine the matter and submit a recommendation".

The County Development Team were complimented on the Report and its achievements in sustaining employment in the small industries.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

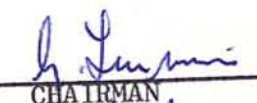
"That the County Development Team Report for 1975 be adopted".

At the conclusion of the Meeting it was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That the Council approve of the application received for closing of roads at Shillelagh Junction and the Junction where Shillelagh/Carnew Road and Tomacork Road meet on 17th March, 1976 for the purpose of a point-to-point race".

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:   
CHAIRMAN  
Date: 1/3/76



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

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

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. H.R.H. Sharpe, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

### ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th January, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

The Council were informed that information requested at the Housing Meeting of the 2nd February, 1976 in relation to the Report of the County Development Team would be made available to Members.

### ITEM NO. 2:- NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY

Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, informed the Meeting that the Council proposed to locate a Neighbourhood Centre in the Ballywaltrim Area of Bray, which Centre would incorporate a Church, School, Shopping Centre, Community Hall, Fire Station, Ambulance Bay, Housing Development and Playing Fields. The Council's proposals were illustrated by means of slides and drawings which indicated the location of various facilities within the Centre. The Council were informed that it was expected that the population of Bray, which was 15,500 in 1971 was expected to increase to 30,000 by 1996. Of this increase of 14,500 it was expected because of the various constraints affecting the development of Bray that 12,800 persons would reside in the area south of Bray. This population increase in that area would necessitate two new Churches and three 32 class-room Schools for Primary Education. The Council's present proposals were to provide for the first phase of this expansion.

In the course of the discussion which followed the County Manager and the Technical Officers of the Council were complimented for the manner in which the proposals had been presented. It was also indicated that the County Manager had the full support of all the Members of the Council in dealing with this proposal.

A discussion took place regarding the constitution of the County Development Team. It was suggested that the scope of the Team should be widened to include the discussion of the proposed development of the County. Following the discussion, it was proposed that the County Development Team be expanded to include one County Councillor representative from each Electoral Area and one representative from the Wicklow Union Organisation. The proposal was seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and unanimously agreed.

The County Manager informed the Council that the County Development Team in Wicklow was constituted on the same lines as similar Teams in other County Councils and he did not consider that any change should be made. A number of Councillors were of the opinion that the change in composition of the Team as envisaged by the proposal would mitigate against its effectiveness in that industrialists might be unwilling to have a full and frank discussion of their proposals with a Team thus constituted. A recorded vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

Councillors J. Bourke, P. Deering, J. Hynes, F. Hynes, T.D., and M. Ryan - 4

Councillors M. Cullen, F. Hynes, C. Keegan, T.J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh and J. Whelan - 17

Councillors J. Bourke, D. Kinsella and J. Miley did not vote. The proposal was accordingly defeated by 17 votes against to 4 in favour.

The level of investment by the Industrial Development Authority in the County was subject to much criticism. It was suggested that Wicklow County should be active in the promotion of industry in the County. It was considered that the level of investment in the promotion of industry in Wicklow County was not commensurate with the high level of unemployment prevailing in the County. It was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That consideration should be given to having County Wicklow nominated as a designated area and that the County Development Team should examine the matter and submit a recommendation to the Council."

The County Development Team were complimented on the report and its achievements in sustaining employment in the County. It was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Development Team report be adopted."

At the conclusion of the meeting it was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Bourke, that the meeting be adjourned. The Council approved of the application received for closing of roads at Ballywaltrim and the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCILHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1970 AT 8.30 P.M.

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

Councillors J. Byrne, M. Collins, J. Lavanagh, T.D., J. Ryan, E. Deering, J. Milne, T.D., K. Keenan, D. Kinnealy, K. Ryan, J. Swanney, J. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, O. Keegan, Mrs. M. J. Keegan, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss M. O'Neill and R. Milne.

Also in attendance were Mr. F. J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J. J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T. Gibbons, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. H. H. Spence, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Moran, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

## ITEM NO. 1:- COMMUNICATION OF MEMBERS

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

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th January, 1970 be confirmed and signed."

The Council were informed that information requested by the Housing Section of the 2nd February, 1970 in relation to the Report of the County Development Team would be made available to Members.

## ITEM NO. 2:- NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY

Mr. T. Gibbons, Chief Planning Assistant, informed the Meeting that the Council proposed to create a Neighbourhood Centre in the Ballywaltrim Area of Bray, which would incorporate a Church, School, Shopping Centre, Community Hall, Post Office, Ambulance Bay, Housing Development and Playing Fields. The Council's proposals were illustrated by means of slides and drawings which indicated the location of various facilities within the Centre. The Council were informed that it was expected that the population of Bray, which was 17,500 in 1971, was expected to increase to 20,000 by 1996. Of this increase of 2,500 it was expected because of the various constraints affecting the development of Bray that 12,800 persons would reside in the area south of Bray, which was a population increase in that area would necessitate two new Churches and 32 class-room schools for primary education. The Council's proposals were to provide for the first phase of this expansion.

In the course of the discussion which followed the County Manager and the Technical Officer of the Council were requested for the manner in which the proposals had been presented. It was also indicated that the County Manager had the full support of all the Members of the Council in dealing with this proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, and agreed:-

"That the proposals for a Neighbourhood Centre at Ballywaltrim, Bray as presented to the Meeting be adopted".

It was indicated that the approach roads in the vicinity of the proposed Community Centre would be widened. It was stated that while there was provision for the inclusion of Playing Fields in the proposed Neighbourhood Centre it was apparent from the expected increase in population in the south-Bray Area that there was urgent need for the provision of further playing facilities. The Council were informed that the revision of the County Development Plan for this area was now in hands and that this was one of the matters which is receiving attention in the context of the revision. It was agreed that it was the responsibility of the School and Church Authorities to ensure that adequate arrangements are made to acquire the necessary land for Schools and Churches for the expanded population. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council should ensure that the rights of the public to use the Playing Areas attached to the proposed Neighbourhood Centre at Ballywaltrim, Bray should be retained".

## ITEM NO. 3:- REPORT ON THE FIRE SERVICES

The Council was informed that the Minister for Local Government wished to have views on the Working Party's recommendations which were incorporated in the Report on the Fire Services which had been circulated to the Members. A full discussion took place on the Report during the course of which the Chief Fire Officer replied to queries raised by the Members.

The main points raised during the discussion were as follows:-

- The retention of the County System for the organisation of the Fire Service was welcomed.
- Improvements of Fire Services in County Wicklow: The Council were informed that it was considered essential to provide new Fire Brigade Stations at Bray, Blessington and Tinahely. It was also proposed to provide ambulance bays adjacent to the Station at Bray for use by the Eastern Health Board. It was also envisaged that the nucleus of a fulltime Brigade would be formed to man the new Bray Station and that housing accommodation would be provided near the Station for these men.
- Fire Operations Plan: The desirability of having a Fire Operations Plan as envisaged in Paragraph 6.5.4 of the Report was stressed. It was recommended that this proposal should be implemented as soon as possible. The Council were informed that while a Plan covering the whole of the County had not been prepared, the Chief Fire Officer had made appropriate plans for dealing with outbreaks in the large industries in Arklow.

It was suggested that all fire-breaking facilities in the County should, where necessary, be brought under unified control and that a clear chain of command should be apparent in dealing with large outbreaks, particularly where Brigades from different local authorities are engaged.

It was noted that the degree of standardisation of procedures and equipment was in general satisfactory and that this facilitated co-operation between Brigades. Wicklow County Council has an arrangement with adjoining local authorities for the rendering of mutual assistance.



- (d) Forest Fires: The Council were informed that the Department of Lands were the owners of large tracts of forest in the County. They had limited fire fighting facilities at their disposal and the Council's Brigades were called in to assist when necessary. The forestry fire fighting facilities were not generally available to deal with fires outside the limits of their own property.
- (e) Fire Prevention: It was suggested that greater emphasis should be placed on educating the public at large in fire prevention. It was noted that the Council's powers under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 provided the means of ensuring that adequate measures are taken when new buildings are being planned and that full consideration is given to the fire prevention factor. The Chief Fire Officer makes recommendations regarding these matters to be incorporated in conditions attached to planning decisions.
- (f) Fire Hydrants: It was stressed that care should be exercised in surface-dressing operations to ensure that hydrants are not covered over. It was also considered desirable that fire hydrants should be made available on pipes supplying Group Water Supply Schemes even where this is only a 2" main.
- (g) Bogus Calls: The rapid increase in the number of bogus calls was deplored. The number of calls in 1975 had increased to 122 from 71 in the previous year. It is estimated that in the current year the number will be in the region of 160. In 1975 the cost of these calls was approximately £4,800. The increase in the number of bogus calls seemed to coincide with the extension of the 999 dialling system and largely resulted from calls made through public telephone kiosks. However, as a good proportion of genuine calls come from the same source there was no action which the Council could take in regard to this matter.
- (h) Chimney Fires: The increase in the number of chimney fires in the County was noted. This increase could be attributed to the lack of sweeping facilities in some areas and to the neglect of house owners to clean their chimneys regularly. It was suggested that the local authority should consider providing this service.
- (i) Special Service Calls: It was recommended that radio should be installed in all appliances to enable recall from non-fire duty to attend fire outbreaks.
- (j) Role of the Department of Local Government: The proposals as contained in paragraphs 6.10.2; 6.10.3 and 6.10.4 of the Report setting out the role of the Department of Local Government were endorsed. It was agreed that the Minister for Local Government should ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made between neighbouring authorities for dealing with fires in peripheral areas.
- (k) Fire Precautions in Flats: It was stated that while there is adequate provision in the existing legislation to ensure that potential fire hazards in flats are eliminated the difficulties posed by the lack of alternative accommodation for the occupants hinders the efficacy of the remedies available to the local authority. It was desirable nevertheless to increase the number of inspections carried out to these premises.
- (l) Water Supplies: The Council were informed that in general the mains laid by the Council could supply adequate water to deal with ordinary house fires but with the exception of places through which trunk mains pass, they could not cope with the demand created by large outbreaks of fire. Where sufficient water was not available from the mains the Fire Brigade must rely on natural sources to augment the supply.



(b) Forest Fires: The Council were informed that the Department of Lands were the owners of large tracts of forest in the County. They had limited fire fighting facilities at their disposal and the Council's Budgets were called in to assist when necessary. The forestry fire fighting facilities were not generally available to deal with fires outside the limits of their own property.

(c) Fire Prevention: It was suggested that greater emphasis should be placed on educating the public in fire prevention. It was noted that the Council's powers under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1967 provided the means of ensuring that adequate measures are taken when new buildings are being planned and that full consideration is given to the fire prevention factor. The Chief Fire Officer makes recommendations regarding these matters to be incorporated in conditions attached to planning decisions.

(d) Fire Hydrants: It was stressed that hydrants are not covered by the Council's operations to ensure that hydrants are not covered over. It was also considered desirable that fire hydrants should be made available on pipes supplying Group Water Supply Schemes even where this is only a 2" main.

(e) Bogus Calls: The rapid increase in the number of bogus calls was reported. The number of calls in 1975 had increased to 128 from 71 in the previous year. It is estimated that in the current year the number will be in the region of 160. In 1975 the cost of these calls was approximately £4,800. The increase in the number of bogus calls seemed to coincide with the extension of the 300 dialling system and largely resulted from calls made through public telephone boxes. However, as a good proportion of genuine calls come from the area where there was no action which the Council could take in regard to these calls.

(f) Chimney Fires: The increase in the number of chimney fires in the County was reported. This increase could be attributed to the lack of sweeping facilities in some areas and to the neglect of house owners to clean their chimneys regularly. It was suggested that the local authority should consider providing this service.

(g) Special Police Calls: It was recommended that radio should be installed in all appliances to enable recall from non-fire emergencies and fire emergencies.

(h) Role of the Department of Local Government: The proposals as contained in paragraphs 6.10.2 and 6.10.3 of the Report setting out the role of the Department of Local Government were endorsed. It was agreed that the Minister for Local Government should ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made between neighbouring authorities dealing with fires in peripheral areas.

(i) Fire Prevention Legislation: It was stated that while there is adequate provision in the existing legislation, measures that potential fire hazards in late developments for the occupants posed by the lack of alternative means of escape for the occupants hinders the efficiency of the resolution of the fire. It was desirable nevertheless to increase the number of inspections carried out to these premises.

(j) Water Supplies: The Council were informed that in general the mains laid by the Council would supply water to deal with ordinary house fires but with the exception of places through which main lines pass, they could not cope with the demand created by large outbreaks of fire. Where sufficient water was not available from the mains the fire brigade must rely on natural sources to augment the supply.

The position in Greystones in relation to water supply was unsatisfactory. The Council were informed that proposals to improve the supply had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in May, 1975. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:—

"That Report on the Fire Services be noted and that the points raised during the discussion be conveyed to the Minister for Local Government".

Agreed.

#### ITEM NO. 4:- CLOSING OF ROADS

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

"That the consent of the Council be given to the Royal Irish Automobile Club for closing of roads as follows:—

From Oldcourt Road to Laragh, through Sally Gap, through Glen Mac Nass. Shown on map as Military Road.

From Ballard, Aughavannagh (T61) below Laragh to Drumgoff Bridge, through Aughavannagh via Furlreagh".

#### ITEM NO. 5:- PRIMING GRANTS SCHEME

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

#### ITEM NO. 6:- SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee on Monday, 16th February, 1976 at the Courthouse, Wicklow at 2.30 p.m.

#### ITEM NO. 7:- APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS WATER SUPPLY

Report dated 2nd February, 1976 from the County Engineer in relation to the position of the water supply to Applewood Heights was read. It was noted that Dublin Corporation were responsible for the supply of water to the Greystones Area and were not prepared for legal reasons to ration the water. The Council were informed that the minimum immediate solution to the problem would be the laying of a 350mm main on the Lower Kendalstown Road from Killincarrig to Applewood Heights at an estimated cost of £48,000. The Council were also informed that the laying of a 150mm main on the Upper Kendalstown Road from Delgany to Blacklion would cost £33,500 and that the laying of a 350mm main from Killincarrig to Blacklion would cost £64,000. These proposals would form part of the final improvement for the North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:—

"That the recommendation contained in the Report of the County Engineer dated 2nd February, 1976, regarding the laying of a 350mm main from Lower Kendalstown to Killincarrig to Applewood Heights Junction at an estimated cost of £48,000 be approved".

It was agreed that the necessary documentation regarding this proposal would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction.



**ITEM NO. 8:- LOANS UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966**

The Council were informed that notification had been received that the Minister for Local Government had sanctioned the borrowing of £1m. from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966. Noted.

**ITEM NO. 9:- INTEREST ON LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING LOANS**

The Council were informed that notification had been received fixing the interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after the 2nd January, 1976 at 12%. Accordingly, the rate of interest chargeable by the Council on Housing Loans is 12½% from that date. Noted.

The Council were also notified that an initial capital allocation of £965,000 had been made by the Minister for Local Government to cover the Council's ongoing commitments under the Local Authority Housing Construction Programme at the 1st January, 1976. It was noted that additional allocations will be made for new work to be started before the 30th September, 1976.

**ITEM NO. 10:- SCHEME OF PRIORITIES FOR LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES**

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next Housing Meeting of the Council, and that details of the proposed amendments would be circulated prior to this meeting.

**ITEM NO. 11:- SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS SCHEME**

The Council were informed that State Grants are now limited to applicants who applied before the 31st December, 1975 or to those who applied after this date and whose income or valuation would entitle them to a Supplementary Grant. The income and valuation taken into consideration for the State Grant is that for the financial year preceeding the application, i.e. year ended 31st December. Where the limit is exceeded because of exceptionally high overtime, the average overtime over a three year period could be taken.

As queries relating to income for the State Grant will be sent to local authorities, the Council must obtain this information from each applicant. The Council's present Supplementary Grants Scheme relates to a different period, i.e., the year up to the date of application. It is desirable in order to obviate the necessity to obtain particulars of income for two different periods, that the Council's Scheme should be suitably amended so that income is defined to mean the total income of the applicant and spouse for the financial year preceeding the date of application, i.e. the previous year ended 31st of December. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That the Council's Scheme for Supplementary Grants be amended so that income is defined to mean the total income of the applicant and spouse from all sources for the financial year preceeding the date of application, i.e. the previous year ended 31st December".

Unanimously Agreed.

The position in relation to water supply was unsatisfactory. The Council were informed that proposals to improve the supply had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in May, 1975. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:-

"That Report on the Fire Services be noted and that the points raised during the discussion be conveyed to the Minister for Local Government".

Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 12:- CLOSING OF ROADS**

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

"That the consent of the Council be given to the Royal Irish Automobile Club for closing of roads as follows:-

From Oidcourt Road to Larch, through Sally Gap, through Glen Mac Neasa. Shown on map as Military Road.  
From Ballinacorney (Toll) below Larch to Dromagilly Bridge, through Dromagilly via Furryish.

**ITEM NO. 13:- PRISING GRANTS SCHEME**

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

**ITEM NO. 14:- SHIP-DIPLOMA COMMITTEE**

It was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Ship-Dipping Committee on Monday, 15th February, 1976 at the Courthouse, Wick at 8.30 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 15:- APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY**

Report dated 2nd February, 1976 from the County Engineer in relation to the position of the water supply to Applewood Heights was read. It was noted that Dublin Corporation were responsible for the supply of water to the Applewood Area and were not prepared for legal reasons to ration the water. The Council were informed that the minimum immediate solution to the problem would be the laying of a 750mm main on the lower Keshmulla Road from Keshmulla to Applewood Heights at an estimated cost of £25,000. The Council were also informed that the laying of a 150mm main on the upper Keshmulla Road from Keshmulla to Applewood Heights would cost £12,000 and that the laying of a 750mm main from Keshmulla to Applewood Heights would cost £25,000. These proposals were part of the Water Supply Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor Miss W. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the recommendation contained in the Report of the County Engineer dated 2nd February, 1976, regarding the laying of a 750mm main from lower Keshmulla to Keshmulla to Applewood Heights Junction at an estimated cost of £25,000 be approved".

It was agreed that the necessary documentation regarding this proposal would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction.



ITEM NO. 12:- FIRE SIREN IN ARKLOW - INTRODUCTION OF BLEEP SYSTEM

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

"That owing to the annoyance caused by the Fire Siren in Arklow, we request the Chief Fire Officer to introduce the Bleep System to summon the Firemen to the Station".

In the course of the discussion which followed, the Chief Fire Officer pointed out that the installation of the Bleep System in all the Fire Stations in the County would cost approximately £50,000. He considered that there were some serious shortcomings in the system in that if the pocket alerter did not work the man could not turn out to a fire call, whereas if a man did not hear the siren he may be alerted by one of his neighbours who did. It was agreed that the experience of the use of this system in Wexford would be investigated and that the matter would be considered at the next Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 13:- SPEED LIMIT AT KILGARRON PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Keegan was moved:-

"That the Speed Limit sign at Kilgarron Park be moved from its present position to a position 400 yards west".

The Council were informed that there is no speed limit at Kilgarron Park and that the speed limit sign is in Enniskerry Village on the Kilgarron Hill Road. It was recommended that the speed limit be moved west to include the Kilgarron Park Housing Scheme. The Council were informed that a meeting is being held in the near future to discuss the matter with the Garda Authorities. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 14:- EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY ON AUGHRIM ROAD, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council extend water to Miss Donohoe's and Mrs. Byrne's Cottages on the Aughrim Road, Tinahely".

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of carrying out this work would be £375. The extension would be from the bottom of Long Hill, Lugduff to serve the vested cottages of Mrs. Byrne and Miss Donohue, a distance of approximately 400 yards. It was unanimously agreed to carry out this work when the necessary funds are available.

ITEM NO. 15:- BALLINAPARK GROUP WATER SCHEME (AVOCA)

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

"That the Council be informed of the present position relating to the Ballinapark Group Water Scheme (Avoca)".

The Council were informed that there does not seem to be enough money available to the organiser of this Scheme to finish it, and it was recommended that the County Council refuse to take over the Scheme until it is put in working order. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn this matter for a further report.



ITEM NO. 16:- PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., J. Miley, J. Sweeney and T.J. Keenan:-

"That the Members of the Council be notified of all the E.S.B. Public Lighting Schemes agreed at the area meetings for the year 1976".

Copies of the Public Lighting Schemes agreed at area meetings for 1976 were circulated.

ITEM NO. 17:- APPOINTMENT OF TENANTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

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

"That the Council discuss the matter of making residents of Council houses tenants, where length of residence and other qualifications apply".

The Council were informed that the policy of this Council over the years in this matter has been as follows:-

- (1) Where the tenant dies the spouse is normally appointed tenant, except where such spouse is a lone occupant and is elderly. An assurance is, however, given that the survivor will not be disturbed during his or her lifetime.
- (2) Where the tenant and spouse are deceased and a single member or members of the family are residing in the house, a tenant is not appointed, but the occupants are not disturbed.
- (3) Where a survivor is single and elderly, they are allowed to continue in residence, but are not formally appointed tenant.

The Council were informed that this policy had been adopted as the person appointed tenant has a statutory right to purchase the property. The house could then be offered for sale on the open market to the highest bidder and persons to whom the local authority has a statutory obligation to house may not be successful in acquiring the property. Persons who are in most need of housing may not have the financial resources available to them to purchase a vested cottage. The Council's policy as outlined above ensures that survivors are not disturbed in their occupation of a Council house and also ensures that should such a house become vacant again it is available to the local authority to re-house a suitable applicant.

Following a discussion regarding this policy, it was suggested that in some cases a more sympathetic view could be taken of applicants for appointment as tenants as in many cases persons who were in occupation of a house for a long number of years, despite any assurances from the Council regarding tenure, felt insecure if they were not appointed tenants. It was agreed that the Council would continue with its existing policy but that the County Manager would take cognisance of the points raised during the discussion when dealing with such applications.

ITEM NO. 18:- EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO CLOUGH AND IRONGRANGE

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

"That the Baltinglass Refuse Collection be extended to Clough and Irongrange".

The Council were informed that the Refuse Collection based at Baltinglass is at present fully extended and could not collect from any additional area at present. The whole position will be re-examined when the new vehicle is delivered. Noted.



ITEM NO. 19:- PROVISION OF PUMP AT THE ROCK, KILLAVANEY, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council will supply an electric pump at the Rock, Killavane, Timahely, to provide a water supply from the pump already there for two cottages (John Kenny and Patrick Shannon)".

The Council were informed that there is already an electric pump at this location which will provide water for the houses in question. The Electricity Supply Board had been requested to make the necessary connection to bring the pump into operation in mid-October. It was agreed to pursue this matter with the E.S.B. It was also suggested that a pipe should be extended to Mr. Shannonsgate.

ITEM NO. 20:- EXTENSION OF BLAINROE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend Blainroe Water Scheme to the following householders:-

James Murphy, Blainroe  
Mrs. Mary Kinsella, Blainroe  
Michael Doyle, Blainroe  
Clinton Binnions, Ballaharra  
Gordon Hudson, Tubberville  
T. Herr, Two Mile Water  
John Hagen, Two Mile Water  
Andrew Quinn, Two Mile Water  
Phelim O'Connor, Ballyteskin  
Joseph Kinsella, Ballyteskin  
Myles Murphy, Ballyteskin  
Andrew Hagen, Ballyteskin".

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of extending the Blainroe Water Supply Scheme would be £3,800 and would entail laying approximately 2,100 metres of main. It was unanimously agreed that this proposal would be considered when notification of the capital allocation for the current year is received from the Department of Local Government.

ITEM NO. 21:- SURFACE DRESS ROAD AT BALLINGATE, CARNEW

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

"That this Council surface dress the road to Mr. Connaughton's house at Ballingate, Carnew".

The Council were informed that this road is the same as that for which a Local Improvement Scheme Application was submitted by a Mr. Joseph Kinsella in February, 1974. The distance of the whole laneway is 800 yards and in January, 1975 the estimated cost was £2,363.00. Mr. Connaughton was not included as a participant of the Scheme. The distance to Mr. Connaughton's house alone is 400 yards and it would be necessary to gravel, grade and roll as well as surface dress the road at an estimated cost of £800.00, excluding the cost of widening the lane. The application is well down on the list of priorities as there are fifteen applications to be dealt with prior to this one. On the basis of an annual allocation of £7,000 it is unlikely that this Scheme could be reached for at least three years. It was agreed that this matter should be dealt with when it is reached on the Local Improvements Scheme List.



CORRESPONDENCE

Transport in County Wicklow:

Letter dated 30th January, 1976 from C.I.E. in which it was stated that from the 2nd February, 1976 the 2100 hours Arklow to Dublin bus service will be re-routed to serve Wicklow at 2152 hours arriving in Dublin at 2317 hours was noted.

Emergency Fuel Scheme - Grant for Improvement of Bog -Access Roads:

Letter dated 4th February, 1976 from the Department of Transport and Power in relation to the Council's request for the re-activation of the Emergency Fuel Scheme and the giving of special grants for the improvement of bog-access roads was read. It was reiterated that in view of the existing fuel crisis that grants should be made available specifically to improve access roads to bogs. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council request the Department of Transport and Power again to make a special grant available for the improvement of these roads".

Restoration of Olympia Theatre:

Letter dated 4th February, 1976 from Mr. Brendan Smith, Joint Chairman, Olympia Restoration Fund, requesting a contribution from Wicklow County Council for the restoration of the Olympia Theatre was read and noted. Following a brief discussion, it was regretted that this proposal could not be supported as there were a number of projects in County Wicklow which would have a prior claim on any available funds.

1975 Tenant Purchase Scheme:

Letter dated 2nd February, 1976 concerning the Tenant Purchase Scheme 1975 from the Department of Local Government was read and it was noted that the Minister has stated that under the terms of the Scheme all applications to purchase must be received prior to December 31st, 1975 and he regrets that no exceptions can be made. It was unanimously agreed that further representations would be made to the Minister in relation to Schemes which were completed late in 1975 with a view to having the latest date for acceptance of applications put back to the 31st March, 1976.

DEPUTATION:

Letter dated 13th January, 1976 from the Chief Agricultural Officer requesting that the Council receive a deputation from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to consider the deepening and cleaning of rivers in County Wicklow was read. It was unanimously agreed that a deputation would be received at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, 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 and 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 and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

**ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 2nd February, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

**RESIGNATION OF WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER**

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager:-

Mr. J.J. Higgins,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

1st March, 1976.

Dear Mr. Higgins,

I have been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for appointment to the office of County Manager to Meath County Council. As a consequence, I hereby tender my resignation as Wicklow County Manager, to take effect from the date on which I take up duty with the Meath County Council on 1st May, 1976.

This is an opportunity I wish to avail of to place on record my very sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council for the consideration and courtesy which was so freely given to me at all times. It was valuable experience for me to have worked with a Council with such an enlightened and humane outlook for the welfare of the ratepayers. I wish you continued success in the implementation of the many work programmes which you have begun for the advancement of the people of Wicklow.

To you personally and to the members of the entire staff, I am very deeply grateful for the co-operation and understanding extended to me at all times. I shall always feel indebted to them for the loyalty and assistance which was given to me, particularly by the heads of sections, but especially, to Mr Tim Donovan, County Engineer, for the valuable advice he gave me so often.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESIDENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

**Members Present:** Councillors J. Bourke, M. Coffey, F. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, T.D., K. Keenan, D. Kinsella, E. Ryan, J. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill and R. Miley.

**Also in attendance were:** Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. T.J. Donohue, County Engineer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Moran, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 2nd February, 1976 be confirmed and signed.

RESIGNATION OF WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

The County Secretary read the following letter received from Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager:-

Dear Mr. Higgins,

I have been recommended by the Local Authorities Committee to resign from my appointment as Wicklow County Manager. I have decided to accept this recommendation and to take effect from the date on which I take up duty with the Wicklow County Council on 1st March, 1976.

I am very grateful to the Council for the opportunity to have been a part of the Council's work and for the support and encouragement which I have received from the Council and its Members. I shall be leaving the Council on 1st March, 1976 and shall be available for consultation on any matters which may arise.

Yours faithfully,  
F.J. O'Brien, County Manager

COUNTY SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Higgins,

I have been recommended by the Local Authorities Committee to resign from my appointment as Wicklow County Manager. I have decided to accept this recommendation and to take effect from the date on which I take up duty with the Wicklow County Council on 1st March, 1976.

I am very grateful to the Council for the opportunity to have been a part of the Council's work and for the support and encouragement which I have received from the Council and its Members. I shall be leaving the Council on 1st March, 1976 and shall be available for consultation on any matters which may arise.

Yours faithfully,  
F.J. O'Brien, County Manager

It is with genuine regret that I will leave the employment of Wicklow County Council but I will always have memories of our pleasant and cordial association built up with the Council and staff since my advent to Wicklow in October, 1973.

Yours sincerely,  
F.J. O'Brien,  
WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER."

The Chairman stated that it was with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of Mr. O'Brien as his departure would be a considerable loss to County Wicklow. During his short term in office he had brought about impressive improvements in the level of all Council Services. The results of his diligent work for County Wicklow is evidenced by the many new Housing Schemes, Water Supply Schemes, Sewerage Schemes and in the provision of amenities in various parts of the County. He wished the County Manager every success in his future career.

All the Members present joined in tributes to the County Manager, many of whom emphasised the rapport which existed between the Members of the Council and the County Manager.

The County Secretary and the County Engineer joined in the tributes to the County Manager on their own behalf and on behalf of the Council's Staff.

The County Manager thanked the Chairman and Members of the Council for their remarks and expressed his gratitude to all heads of sections and all members of the Staff for the assistance and co-operation given to him during his term of office.

ITEM NO. 2:- SCHEME OF PRIORITIES FOR LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The proposed Scheme of Letting Priorities for Council Houses together with a copy of the existing Scheme had been circulated to the Members together with letter dated 25th February, 1976 setting out in detail the proposed alterations. A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed amendments. It was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Miley and agreed, (Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and S. Costello dissenting):-

"That the amended Scheme of Priorities for Letting of Council Houses under Section 60 of the Housing Act, 1966 be adopted and submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval".

ITEM NO. 3:- HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS - INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR 1976

The Council were informed that an initial allocation of £550,000 is being made to Wicklow County Council for the payment of House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and Supplementary Grants for a six month period ending the 30th June, 1976. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. and agreed:-

"That the Council again request the Minister for Local Government to increase the income limit for loans under the Housing Act, 1966 and that the amount of loans be also increased in line with present day costs".

Capital allocation - Local Authority Housing Construction:

The Council were informed that by letter dated 27th February, 1976 received from the Minister for Local Government, that total authorised capital expenditure on the Local Authority Housing Construction Programme for 1976 to Wicklow County Council is £1,200,000. Noted.



**ITEM NO. 4:- CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR 1976**

The Council were informed that by letter dated 13th February, 1976 the Council had been notified that the capital allocation for major Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1976 is £210,800. There was no provision in this allocation for the commencement of any new major Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. The Council were informed that no reply had been received to date regarding the Council's submissions for a Scheme at Applewood Heights.

**ITEM NO. 5:- ALLOCATION - SMALL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES 1976**

The Council were informed that by letter dated 13th February, 1976 the Department of Local Government had notified the Council that a capital allocation of £25,000 was being made available in 1976 for the Council's Programme for Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. It was recommended that this sum of £25,000 be expended on the following Schemes:-

1. Improvement of Knockananna Water Supply	£5,000
2. Redcross Water Supply	£14,000
3. Kiltegan Water Supply	£6,000
	<b>£25,000</b>

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Cullen and agreed:-

"That the current year's allocation of £25,000 be utilised to defray the cost of carrying out Water Supply Schemes at Knockananna, Redcross and Kiltegan in accordance with the recommendation".

Councillor K. Ryan dissented as he felt that Schemes which had been approved prior to 1972 should receive prior consideration.

**ITEM NO. 6:- LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME ALLOCATION FOR 1976**

Letter dated 13th February, 1976 from the Department of Local Government intimating that a grant of £7,000 had been allocated to Wicklow County Council for the carrying out of Local Improvements Schemes in 1976 was noted.

**ITEM NO. 7:- BALLINAPARK GROUP WATER SCHEME**

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan and J. Whelan:-

"That the Council be informed of the present position relating to the Ballinapark Group Water Scheme (Avoca)".

Report dated 27th February, 1976 from the County Engineer was read in which it was recommended that the Council should wait until all work had been completed satisfactorily and all debts paid before the Scheme is taken over. In the course of a discussion it was stated that difficulties had been encountered in having the E.S.B. connect the pump to the scheme. The members were informed that officials from the E.S.B. had agreed to meet the Members for the Arklow Area. It was unanimously agreed that the Ballinapark Group Water Scheme would be placed on the agenda for this Meeting.



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



"That the Ballyknockan Water Supply be improved and that the Council be supplied with a report on the present supply".

The Council were informed that the tank is leaking very badly and would require to be emptied and plastered inside. The intake is in a channel which also supplies a local quarry. During the dry summer this year, it is understood that sods were placed across the channel and water diverted away from the Council's intake. Two other nearby streams could easily be diverted to the intake to increase the supply. The rose is badly silted and cleaning is required to be carried out. It was recommended that this work be carried out and that an area of land around the intake be purchased and fenced off to prevent any unauthorised interference with the intake in future. It was unanimously agreed that an estimate of cost for this work would be prepared.

ITEM NO. 13:- REPAIR OF COTTAGE AT 3, Stylebawn, Delgany

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

"That Wicklow County Council instruct the Engineer to have urgent repairs carried out to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Cahill, at 3 Stylebawn, Delgany".

The Council were informed that it is intended to start work on the repairs to this cottage on the 1st March, 1976. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14:- WATER SUPPLY FOR NEW HOUSES AT BALLINACLASH

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide an adequate supply of filtered water for the new houses in Ballinaclash".

The Council were informed that these houses are served by mains which take water from a stream which receives no treatment. Tests had been carried out before the scheme was constructed which indicated that the stream was pure. Some time ago a very bad sample was obtained but this was put down to some unusual occurrence as further samples showed that the water was again clear. However, a further sample has been received which shows the scheme to be contaminated. Arrangements have been made to have the water chlorinated. Noted.

ITEM NO. 15:- EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE SCHEME TO KILLACLORAN, AUGHIRM

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

"That sewerage services be extended to the Killacloran, Aughrim Group Water and Sewerage Scheme which is included in the Council's List of Small Water and Sewerage Schemes".

The Council were informed that there are approximately nineteen houses in this area to be served by the sewerage scheme. It is possible to connect approximately fourteen to the existing sewerage works in Aughrim, but the other five would have a separate septic tank constructed for them. Of the five, two houses have septic tanks already, which means that it would not be economical for the Council to construct a septic tank to serve the remaining houses. The cost of serving the fourteen houses by joining to the sewerage scheme is £3,500. It was unanimously agreed to place this on the List of Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for consideration in 1977.



ITEM NO. 16:- REPAIRS TO NEW HOUSES AT BALLINACLASH

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:-

"That Wicklow County Council investigate the numerous complaints of tenants in the new houses at Ballinacash re defective chimneys, dampness, unsound rainwear, fencing, access to rear of houses, and lack of pathways and indicate what action is being taken by the Council to remedy them".

The County Engineer reported that when the maintenance period for this scheme was nearing completion, the Contractor was given a final list of defects and that list was satisfactorily dealt with. There are hair line cracks in the plaster at the chimney breasts in one house in particular, Mr. Magee's, but after examination these were not considered a serious defect. There were signs of dampness at the gable ends of two houses during construction and the gable ends were treated with a synthetic selant and proved satisfactory after subsequent examination. There was no evidence of unsound rainwear at handing over time. Some residents claim that fencing is too small. However, the fencing provided is the standard type supplied to Council Schemes. There is no rear access to the houses but it must be pointed out that the houses are semi-detached and it is not the standard practice to provide access paths in these cases. The Council were informed that pathways are being constructed at present. Difficulties with the electricity supply was a matter for the E.S.B.

It was unanimously agreed that a further report would be submitted regarding the present condition of these houses.

ITEM NO. 17:- PROVISION OF DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING AT KNOCKANOOKER, KNOCKANANNA

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

"That the Council provide a demountable dwelling for Patrick Redmond, Knockanooker, Knockananna".

The Council were informed that this proposal had been investigated by the Chief Medical Officer who had reported that Mr. Redmond is 75 years of age and lives alone in a three roomed house which is unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost. In addition, the location of the house at Knockanooker is very isolated. Mr. Redmond has expressed a wish to be housed in the village of Knockananna and the Chief Medical Officer had accordingly recommended that Mr. Redmond be provided with a small house at this location. Noted.

The remaining items on the Agenda were deferred for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th March, 1976.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

5/4/76



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1976 AT 2.25 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, 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 and R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. J. Forrestal, Deputy County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section and Mr. E. Flannery.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., 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, 1976 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, 1976".

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., 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, 1976 as follows:-

Arklow	-	£30,127
Bray	-	£101,489
Wicklow	-	£26,986"

*John Timmins*  
12/4/76

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., P. Deering, J. Miley, T.J. Keenan, K. 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 and R. Miley.

Also in attendance were Mr. F.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. J. Forrestal, Deputy County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section and Mr. E. Flannery.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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



"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th February, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

ITEM NO. 2:- FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL AND IN SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES

The Members were informed that by letter dated 12th February, 1976 this Council was informed by the County Secretary of Roscommon County Council that for year ended 31st December, 1975 a sum of £10.19 was shown as due in respect of rates to that Council by Councillor F. Hynes. Accordingly, a vacancy existed in the membership of the Council and in certain subsidiary Committees due to the disqualification of Mr. Hynes under the terms of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941. Letter dated 23rd February, 1976 from Mr. Hynes was read in which he stated that a cheque made payable to Roscommon County Council for the full amount due had been sent on the 22nd September, 1975 but was not cashed. No further communication had been received by Mr. Hynes. The Council were informed that Mr. Hynes had indicated his consent, in writing, to his name being proposed to fill the casual vacancy which had arisen.

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

"That the casual vacancy in Wicklow County Council be filled by the co-option of Mr. F. Hynes, The Stores, Rathnew".

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

"That Councillor F. Hynes be re-appointed to each of the Committees and Boards in which a vacancy exists as a result of his disqualification".

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

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation to repeal the provisions of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941".

ITEM NO. 3:- APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

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

"That Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge be nominated to attend the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited".

ITEM NO. 4:- ADOPTION OF WAIVER OF RATES SCHEME, 1976

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

"That the Waiver of Rates Scheme 1976 as circulated be adopted and submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval".

ITEM NO. 5:- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Circular Letter G5/72 of the 27th February, 1976 of the Department

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHAMBER, COUNTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1976 AT 8.30 P.M.

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

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Callan, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Deering, J. Milroy, T.D., K. Keenan, D. Kinneally, E. 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 and J. Milroy.

Also in attendance were Mr. T.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. J. Foxrossel, Deputy County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section and Mr. E. Flannery.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., 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, 1976 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, 1976".

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Council in respect of the year ending on the 31st December, 1976 as follows:-

Ariflow	-	£20,127
Grey	-	£18,482
Wicklow	-	£26,988

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHAMBER, THE COUNTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1976 AT 8.30 P.M.

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

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Callan, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Deering, J. Milroy, T.D., K. Keenan, D. Kinneally, E. 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 and J. Milroy.

Also in attendance were Mr. T.J. O'Brien, County Manager, Mr. J.J. Higgins, County Secretary, Mr. J. Foxrossel, Deputy County Engineer, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section and Mr. E. Flannery.

ITEM NO. 1:- COMPLETION OF MINUTES

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



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concerning International Conferences and Meetings was read. The suggestion that where a local authority had decided that attendance at a conference was essential representation should be confined to a maximum of three including officials, was noted.

The Council were informed that notification had been received that the Housing and Planning World Congress would be held in Helsinki in August, 1976. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy:-

"That this Council adopt the suggestion contained in Circular Letter G5/72 and nominate three representatives, including officials, to attend the IFHP Congress at Helsinki in August, 1976".

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella:-

"That this Council nominate four Members and one official to attend the IFHP Congress in Helsinki in August, 1976. The nomination of the Members to attend should be done on the same basis as in 1975".

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to set limitations on the Members attending International Conferences having regard to the number of Members in each local authority".

The second amendment in the name of Councillor S. Costello was put to the Meeting and a recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>IN FAVOUR</u>	S. Costello, P. Deering, C. Keegan, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Sweeney. - 5
<u>AGAINST</u>	Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, L. Kavanagh, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., Senator Miss Walsh and J. Whelan - 13

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

The first amendment in the name of Councillor J. Miley was put to the Meeting and a recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>IN FAVOUR</u>	Councillors M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan - 10
<u>AGAINST</u>	Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, G. Timmins, T.D. and Senator Miss Walsh - 9

This amendment was carried by 10 votes in favour to 9 against. It was then decided to put this amendment as a substantive motion and a further recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>IN FAVOUR</u>	Councillors M. Cullen, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan - 10
<u>AGAINST</u>	Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, G. Timmins, T.D., and Senator Miss Walsh - 9

The proposal was carried by 10 votes in favour to 9 against.



It was agreed that the booking would be arranged through Messrs. Scotts Limited, Travel Agents, Arklow and that the booking arrangements would be rotated in subsequent years.

**ITEM NO. 6:- RAISING OF LOAN FOR PRIMING GRANTS SCHEME**

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

"That Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £33,000 from the Industrial Credit Company, repayable over a period of 15 years, to defray the cost of implementing the Council's Priming Grants Scheme".

**ITEM NO. 7:- RAISING OF LOAN TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PROVISION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATHS AT SLEAMAIN AND KILBALLYOWEN**

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

"That Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £5,000 from its Treasurers, The Bank of Ireland Limited, to defray the net cost of the provision of sheep dipping baths at Sleamain and Kilballyowen".

**ITEM NO. 8:- MEETING OF ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE WEST WICKLOW AREA TO CONSIDER BLESSINGTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

It was unanimously agreed to hold a Meeting of the Elected Members for the West Wicklow Area on Monday, 29th March, 1976 to consider the Blessington Development Plan, the time and venue to be arranged with the Elected Members.

**ITEM NO. 9:- PROGRESS REPORT ON STAFF STRUCTURE AND REGRADING**

The Council were informed that the proposals on Staff Structure and Regrading which had been approved at a Special Meeting held on Monday, 19th May, 1976 had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. Notification was received from the Department of Local Government that the Minister was prepared to approve of three offices of Administrative Officer in lieu of the Council's proposal that there be two Administrative Officers and one Senior Staff Officer. The Council's proposal for a Senior Staff Officer in the Accounts Department was still under consideration. It was also proposed to retain the existing number of offices of Staff Officer. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That an additional post of Administrative Officer be created in lieu of one post of Senior Staff Officer and that the existing number of offices of Staff Officer be retained".

The Council were informed that in relation to Engineering Staff sanction had now been received for the creation of:-

- 2 Posts of Chief Assistant County Engineer
- 2 Posts of Assistant County Engineer
- 2 Posts of Clerks of Works
- 1 Post of Civil Engineering Technician.

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concerning International Conference and Meetings was read. The suggestion that where a local authority had decided that attendance at a conference was essential representation should be confined to a maximum of three including officials, was noted.

The Council were informed that notification had been received from the Housing and Planning World Congress would be held in Helsinki in August, 1976. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy:-

"That this Council adopt the suggestion contained in Circular Letter 6772 and nominate three representatives, including officials, to attend the IHP Congress at Helsinki in August, 1976".

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella:-

"That this Council nominate four Members and one official to attend the IHP Congress in Helsinki in August, 1976. The nomination of the Members to attend should be done on the same basis as in 1975".

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to set limitations on the Members attending International Conferences having regard to the number of Members in each local authority".

The second amendment in the name of Councillor S. Costello was put to the Council and a recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR  
S. Costello, P. Deering, C. Keegan, Miss M. O'Neill and J. Sweeney - 5

AGAINST  
Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, L. Kavanagh, T.D., T. J. Keenan, B. Kinsella, J. Miley, R. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., and Senator Miss Walsh and J. Whelan - 12

The amendment was defeated by 12 votes against to 5 in favour.

The third amendment in the name of Councillor J. Miley was put to the Council and a recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR  
Councillors M. Callan, T. J. Keenan, B. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan - 10

AGAINST  
Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, G. Timmins, T.D., and Senator Miss Walsh - 9

This amendment was carried by 10 votes in favour to 9 against. It was then decided to put this amendment as a substantive motion and a further recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR  
Councillors M. Callan, T. J. Keenan, B. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Murphy, T.D., K. Ryan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan - 10

AGAINST  
Councillors J. Bourke, J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., C. Keegan, A. Murphy, G. Timmins, T.D., and Senator Miss Walsh - 9

The proposal was carried by 10 votes in favour to 9 against.



The Council's remaining proposals are still the subject of correspondence with the Department of Local Government. The Council were informed that in accordance with the Council's proposals one of the two posts of Chief Assistant County Engineer was created to carry out engineering services in the Urban Districts of Wicklow and Arklow and to carry out other work on behalf of Wicklow County Council. The following Resolution had been passed at the January Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955:-

"That we, Council of the Urban District of Wicklow, being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Engineering Services should be exercised and performed by Wicklow County Council, hereby agree and request that such services be provided by Wicklow County Council on behalf of the Wicklow Urban District Council".

The following Resolution had been passed by Arklow Urban District Council at their Meeting held on the 13th February, 1976:-

"That we the Members of Arklow Urban District Council being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that engineering services should be exercised or performed by Wicklow County Council hereby agree and request that such services be provided by Wicklow County Council on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council".

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

"That Wicklow County Council enter into agreement with the Urban District Councils of Wicklow and Arklow that the functions or duties in relation to the carrying out of engineering services on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council shall be exercisable and performable by Wicklow County Council".

#### ITEM NO. 10:- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TRAFFIC WARDENS) ACT, 1975

The Council were informed that this Act and the regulations made thereunder enables local authorities to appoint Traffic Wardens for the enforcement of parking in their areas. These traffic wardens would be empowered to levy fines for breaches of parking regulations and for failure to display a current licence. These fines are payable to the local authority and are to be applied towards the payment of the cost of operating the provisions of the Act. Any surplus may, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government, be used for the provision or extension of parking facilities, road improvements, etc. The local authority would be required to provide a back-up service for the prosecution in cases where fines are not paid. The implementation of the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act, 1975 was considered by the Council's Technical Committee on Speed Limits and this Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Council should defer consideration of the implementation of a Traffic Warden Service in County Wicklow for a period of twelve months.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

#### ITEM NO. 11:- EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY - BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Elected Members for the Bray Electoral Area held in the Town Hall, Bray on Monday, 26th January, 1976 it was unanimously agreed that the Elected Members for the Bray Area would recommend that Wicklow County Council should agree in principle to extend the boundary of Bray Urban District Council to enable the town of Bray to develop in a proper manner.

It was agreed that the booking would be arranged through Messrs. Scotts Limited, Travel Agents, Arklow and that the booking arrangements would be retained as separate arrangements.

#### ITEM NO. 6:- RAISING OF LOAN FOR PRIMING GRANTS SCHEME

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

"That Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £37,000 from the Industrial Credit Company, repayable over a period of 15 years, to defray the cost of implementing the Council's Priming Grants Scheme".

#### ITEM NO. 7:- RAISING OF LOAN TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PROVISION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATHS AT STAMMAM AND KILBALIWOWEN

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

"That Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £5,000 from its Treasurers, Bank of Ireland Limited, to defray the net cost of the provision of sheep dipping baths at Stammam and Kilbalowen".

#### ITEM NO. 8:- MEETING OF ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE WEST WICKLOW AREA TO CONSIDER BLESSINGTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was unanimously agreed to hold a Meeting of the Elected Members for the West Wicklow Area on Monday, 29th March, 1976 to consider the Blessington Development Plan, the time and venue to be arranged with the Elected Members.

#### ITEM NO. 9:- PROGRESS REPORT ON STAFF STRUCTURE AND REGRADING

The Council were informed that the proposals on staff structure and regrading which had been approved at a Special Meeting held on Monday, 19th May, 1976 had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. Notification was received from the Department of Local Government that the Minister was prepared to approve the proposals of the Council's Administrative Officer in lieu of the Council's proposals there be two Administrative Officers and one Senior Staff Officer. The Council's proposal for a Senior Staff Officer in the Accounts Department was still under consideration. It was also proposed to retain the existing number of officers of Staff Officer. It was proposed by Councillor G. Costello, seconded by Councillor D. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That an additional post of Administrative Officer be created in lieu of one post of Senior Staff Officer and that the existing number of officers of Staff Officer be retained".

The Council were informed that in relation to Engineering Staff sanction had now been received for the creation of the following posts:-

- 2 Posts of Chief Assistant County Engineer
- 2 Posts of Assistant County Engineer
- 2 Posts of Clerk of Works
- 1 Post of Civil Engineering Technician



It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"That this recommendation be accepted".

The Council were informed that until the necessary staff became available it was not possible to submit a report to the Council setting out the implications, financial and otherwise, of the proposed boundary extension. It was expected that this Report should be available in approximately four months time. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this item pending the availability of the Report.

**ITEM NO. 12:- DEPUTATION FROM COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING RIVER DRAINAGE IN COUNTY WICKLOW**

The Chairman welcomed the deputation from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture which consisted of Messrs. John Whelan and Donal McEvoy. An apology was received on behalf of Mr. Joe O'Neill who was unable to attend. The members of the deputation explained that a considerable amount of land was being made redundant in County Wicklow because of flooding and the owners could not carry out effective drainage works to these lands as rivers such as the Redcross/Emnereilly and Potters Rivers needed to be cleared. Enquiries from the Board of Works elicited the information that these rivers were not on the priority list of the Board. No positive response had been obtained by the Committee of Agriculture to approaches made to have these rivers attended to as a matter of urgency and it was understood that the Council had powers to carry out drainage work.

The deputation were informed that local authorities could carry out drainage work under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 and minor works of drainage could also be carried out with the aid of the grants under the Local Improvements Scheme. No grants were however available now for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act and the available monies for Local Improvements Schemes amounted to only £7,000 which was fully committed to carry out improvements to roads.

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that particulars of the problems of drainage in County Wicklow would be ascertained to determine the extent of the problem. Local farming organisations would be requested to co-operate in the assembling of this information. When this information has been incorporated in a Report, the Commissioners of the Board of Works will be requested to receive a joint deputation from the Council and the Committee of Agriculture. It was agreed that the County Secretary would liaise with the Chief Agricultural Officer in the preparation of the Report.

**ITEM NO. 13:- CLOSING OF ROADS AT SHILLELAGH**

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

"That consent of the Council be given to the application from the Wicklow and Bree Hunt to close the road between Ballard Cross and Fair Green Cross on the 26th March, 1976".

The Council's remaining proposals are still the subject of correspondence with the Department of Local Government. The Council were informed that in accordance with the Council's proposals one of the two posts of Chief Assistant County Engineer was created to carry out engineering services in the Urban Districts of Wicklow and Arklow and to carry out other work on behalf of Wicklow County Council. The following Resolution had been passed at the January Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1975:-

"That we, Council of the Urban District of Wicklow, being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Engineering Services should be exercised and performed by Wicklow County Council, hereby agree and request that such services be provided by Wicklow County Council on behalf of the Wicklow Urban District Council".

The following Resolution had been passed by Arklow Urban District Council at their Meeting held on the 15th February, 1976:-

"That we the Members of Arklow Urban District Council being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Engineering Services should be exercised or performed by Wicklow County Council hereby agree and request that such services be provided by Wicklow County Council on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Stoney and unanimously agreed:-

That Wicklow County Council enter into agreement with the Urban District Councils of Wicklow and Arklow that the functions or duties in relation to the carrying out of engineering services on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council shall be exercisable and performable by Wicklow County Council.

**ITEM NO. 14:- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TRAFFIC WARDENS) ACT, 1975**

The Council were informed that this Act and the regulations made thereunder enable local authorities to appoint Traffic Wardens for the enforcement of parking in their areas. These Traffic Wardens would be empowered to levy fines for breaches of parking regulations and for failure to display a current licence. These fines are payable to the local authority and are to be applied towards the payment of the cost of operating the provision of the Act. Any surplus may, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government, be used for the provision of extension of parking facilities, road improvements, etc. The local authority would be required to provide a back-up service for the prosecution in cases where fines are not paid. The implementation of the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act, 1975 was recommended by the Council's Technical Committee on Speed Limits and this Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Council should defer consideration of the implementation of a Traffic Warden Service in County Wicklow for a period of twelve months.

The Council was unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

**ITEM NO. 15:- EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY - GRAY GREEN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the Elected Members for the Gray Green District Council in the Town Hall, Gray on Monday, 20th January, 1976 it was unanimously agreed that the Elected Members for the Gray Area would recommend that Wicklow County Council should agree in principle to extend the boundary of Gray Urban District Council to enable the town of Gray to develop in a proper manner.



ITEM NO. 13(A):- ALLOCATION OF ROAD FUND GRANTS 1976

Notification dated 10th February, 1976 had been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the allocation of Road Fund Grants for 1976. The grant allocations were as follows:-

National Primary Upkeep Grant:	£60,500
National Primary Improvement Grant:	£40,000
National Secondary Upkeep Grant:	£29,000
Improvement and Upkeep of Other Main Roads, Improvement of County Roads and Traffic Management Works:	£203,000

Comparable figures for the previous year were furnished to the Council. The major reductions in grants were for National Primary and National Secondary Roads, which roads were the responsibility of the Department of Local Government. The allocation for roads which were the responsibility of the Council was broadly in line with the requirements outlined when the Estimates for 1976 were being prepared. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14:- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHARNWOOD ESTATE, BRAY

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

"That the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the main Bray/Greystones Road at Charnwood Estate should be reviewed immediately".

The Council were informed that the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be reviewed. It was considered however that the planned footpaths to be provided in front of the F.C.A. and Nolan's Shopping Complex should alleviate the necessity for a crossing. In the course of a discussion which followed, the Council were informed that a traffic count had not taken place to date at this location. It was unanimously agreed that a further report would be prepared on this proposal in the light of information obtained from a traffic count and taking into consideration the road conditions and visibility on the approaches to the proposed pedestrian crossing.

ITEM NO. 15:- PROVISION OF YIELD SIGNS AT TOWN HALL, BRAY AND YELLOW LINES IN GREYSTONES

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

"That Wicklow County Council agree to the provision of painted yield signs at Town Hall, Bray and to the provision of yellow lines on certain roads in Greystones as proposed by the Bray Area Road Safety Committee (by letter to the Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Dear)".

The Council were informed that the new Bray Traffic Scheme, which is currently being installed, together with its controlled lights, crossing and no parking areas will adequately cater for the area in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Bray. The provision of yellow lines on certain roads in Greystones was currently under investigation and a further report would be issued in relation to this matter as soon as possible. It was agreed to inform the Bray Area Road Safety Committee of the position.



ITEM NO. 13(A):- ALLOCATION OF ROAD FUND GRANTS 1976

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National Primary Upkeep Grants	£20,500
National Primary Improvement Grants	£20,000
National Secondary Upkeep Grants	£29,000
Improvement and Upkeep of Other Main Roads	
Improvement of County Roads and Traffic Management Works	£207,000

Comparative figures for the previous year were furnished to the Council. The major reductions in grants were for National Primary and National Secondary Roads, which were the responsibility of the Department of Local Government. The allocation for roads which were the responsibility of the Council was broadly in line with the requirements outlined when the Estimates for 1976 were being prepared. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14:- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHARMWOOD ESTATE, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and G. Keenan was considered:-  
That the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the main Bray/Graysstones Road at Charmwood Estate should be reviewed immediately.

The Council were informed that the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be reviewed. It was considered however that the proposed crossing should be provided in front of the R.C.A. and Main's Shopping Complex and should be provided for a crossing. In the course of a discussion which followed, the Council were informed that a crossing had not been placed to date at this location. It was unanimously agreed that a further request would be prepared on this proposal in the light of information obtained from a traffic count and taking into consideration the road conditions and visibility on the approaches to the proposed pedestrian crossing.

ITEM NO. 17:- PROVISION OF YIELD SIGNS AT TOWN HALL, BRAY AND YELLOW LINES IN GRAYSTONES

The following Notice of Motion was moved in the names of Councillors Mr. Murphy and G. Keenan:-  
That Wicklow County Council agree to the provision of painted yield signs at Town Hall, Bray and to the provision of yellow lines on certain roads in Graysstones as proposed by the Bray Area Road Safety Committee.

The Council were informed that the Bray Area Road Safety Committee, which is currently being installed, together with the installed lights, crossing and no parking areas will adequately cater for the needs in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Bray. The provision of yellow lines on certain roads in Graysstones was currently under investigation and a further report would be issued in relation to this matter as soon as possible. It was agreed to inform the Bray Area Road Safety Committee of the position.

ITEM NO. 16:- DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AT KILCRONEY

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

"That this Council carry out a survey of the dual carriageway at Kilcroney, to see what can be done to prevent further fatal accidents occurring there".

The Council were informed that according to the Council's records two people had been killed in one accident at this junction since the dual carriageway was opened in 1971. This accident had been reported as foolhardy as the driver ignored traffic waiting to enter the dual carriageway. In order to carry out lighting the area to full specification, it was estimated that the cost would be of the order of £3,900. The provision of two lighting standards at the junction could be carried out at an estimated cost of £375.

It was unanimously agreed that two lights be provided at Kilcroney Junction and that the traffic flow in the vicinity of the junction would be kept under review.

ITEM NO. 17:- GRANT TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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

"In view of the fact that Wicklow County Council are unable (under the present Planning Act) to provide financial assistance to the County Wicklow Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that Wicklow County Council ask the Minister for Local Government to authorise the payment of £200 to the Society in recognition of the services which they provide for the community; and that this matter be reviewed on an annual basis".

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

"That Wicklow County Council ask the Minister for Local Government to authorise the payment of £200 to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in recognition of the services which they provide for the community; and that this matter be reviewed on an annual basis".

ITEM NO. 18:- PREVENTION OF FLOODING

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

"That Wicklow County Council carry out work to prevent flooding of lands owned by Henry Bradshaw; John Lott and James Redmond and to prevent the undermining of the bridge which carries quite a lot of heavy traffic".

The Council were informed that there is no provision in the current year's Estimates for this work. The bridge is in no danger at the present time. The stream would need to be aligned and some land acquisition or agreement would be needed from the riparian owners. Provision could be made in the Roadworks Scheme for 1977 for the realignment of the stream in the interest of protecting the road bridge. Agreed.



ITEM NO. 19:- SPEED LIMIT IN ROUNDWOOD VILLAGE

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

"That Wicklow County Council ask for the speed limit for Roundwood Village to be extended to the Sally Gap Crossroads".

The Council were informed that a General Survey of Speed Limits is underway and the speed limit for Roundwood Village will be considered in this context. It was agreed that consideration would be given to extending the speed limit signs at Roundwood to Ashtown.

ITEM NO. 20:- BEND AT GEORGE BYRNE'S COTTAGE, BALLINGLEN

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor T.J. Keenan:-

"That this Council will remove the dangerous bend at George Byrne's Cottage, Ballinglen which has been the scene of many accidents in recent years".

The Council were informed that this bend is on County Road No. 143 which is fairly busy by county road standards, being the back road from Aughrim to Tinahely through Ballinglen. The estimated cost of improving the road and widening the bend slightly is £1,230 at 1976 costs. The Garda Authorities have stated that there have been no accidents at this bend in recent years. It was unanimously agreed to consider this work for inclusion in the 1977 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 21:- BRANCH LIBRARY AT DUNLAVIN

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

"That a Branch Library be built in Dunlavin, similar in size to Blessington and that a building fund be created for this purpose".

The County Librarian had reported that no suitable alternative accommodation to the unsatisfactory Imaal Hall, Dunlavin had been obtained. The provision of a library building in Dunlavin was recommended. However, in view of the Council's undertakings in the current year in relation to the erection of a Branch Library at Wicklow, it was recommended that consideration of this proposal be deferred to the next Estimates Meeting. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 22:- DRAINAGE AT ROSSANAGH, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council take action to prevent water from collecting outside Mrs. Doyle's cottage at Rossanagh, Rathnew; the water lodges at her entrance gates".

The Council were informed that the section of path referred to was piped in early January and the drain was re-opened. It was hoped that this would effectively remedy the problem at this location. Noted.



ITEM NO. 23:- TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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

"That travelling and subsistence allowances for Members of Local Authorities for attendances at Conferences be increased in accordance with present day costs".

It was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to approve of the appropriate increases.

ITEM NO. 24:- PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR VINCENT NUGENT, NEWTOWN

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

"That the County Council construct a house for Vincent Nugent, Dunran Hill, Newtown on a site provided to the Council".

The Council were informed that Mr. Nugent's application for a house at Newtownmountkenedy is being examined in conjunction with other applications received for this scheme. Noted.

ITEM NO. 25:- KILNAMANAGH/GLENEALY WATER SCHEME

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

"That this Council improve the pumping system in the Kilnamanagh/Glenealy Water Scheme as people in the area frequently have no water supply".

The Council were informed that water for this area is pumped from Glenealy Water Supply. When an electrical breakdown occurs the pump goes off and needs to be manually re-started. The tank holds almost a weeks supply so that breakdowns are not notices for several days. It was agreed that suitable arrangements would be made to remedy this problem.

ITEM NO. 26:- PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT BOLEYBAWN, TINAHELY

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

"That the Council provide a water supply for three houses in Boleybawn, Tinahely, namely Messrs. Mulhall, O'Neill and Sheridan".

The Council were informed that the provision of a well at this location will cost approximately £1,200. No provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for this work and it will be considered in conjunction with next year's Small Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme Programme. Noted.

ITEM NO. 27:- HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this item which should be placed high on the agenda for the next Housing Meeting.



ITEM NO. 28: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER BUSINESS

Spring Meeting of the County Councils' General Council: Letter dated 16th February, 1976 from the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils in relation to the proposal to hold an Annual Conference in Dunloe, Co. Donegal, commencing on the evening of Thursday, 6th May, 1976 and concluding on the 9th May, 1976 in lieu of the usual Spring Meeting. It was noted that the attendance will consist of the three existing Members of the General Council and that an official may be nominated to attend also. It was agreed that Resolutions for consideration by the Conference would be considered at the next Housing Meeting.

Grants for Libraries in National Schools: Letter dated 4th March, 1976 from the Secretary to the Minister for Education in which the Council were informed that provision for the making of grants for the Scheme of Libraries in National Schools has been made in the 1976 Estimates for the Department of Education was noted.

Agricultural Grant: Circular Letter G1/76 of the 13th January, 1976 in relation to the Government's decision to terminate the grant of the Employment Allowance for the current year was read and noted. The Council were informed that the number of employees which were the subject of grant claims had reduced from 1,572 in 1966 to 805 in 1975.

Superannuation: Letter dated 6th February, 1976 acknowledging receipt of the Council's representations in relation to the extension of the provisions of the Local Authorities' Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme to servants was read and noted.

Eastern Regional Development Plans for Tourism: Letter dated 19th February, 1976 from the Regional Manager of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited was read. It was noted that the Regional Manager was prepared to discuss with the Council the details of the plans whenever it is convenient. It was unanimously agreed that the representatives of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation be requested to attend at a Meeting of the Council to consider the Regional Development Plans and that a copy of these plans should be furnished in advance to each Member of the Council.

In reply to a query, the Council were informed that the Council had reached agreement with the owners to clear the property known as the Bog Meadow, Enniskerry.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

12/4/76



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

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

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. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

### ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 1st March, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

### ITEM NO. 2:- HOUSING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1976

The Housing Report for February, 1976 which had been deferred from previous Meetings was considered. The Council were informed that tenders would be invited for the following Schemes:-

Baltinglass	16
Blessington	6
Donard	6
Dunlavin	12
Avoca	14
Redcross	4
Trooperstown	1

The Council were informed that in relation to the provision of further private sites at Greystones, the Council could not proceed with this work until satisfactory arrangements were made in relation to the improvement of the water supply in that area. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to approve of the Council's proposals for the improvement of the water supply at Greystones and to request that he receive a deputation from the Council to consider this matter".

The Council were informed that applications from tenants in the rigid frame houses in Tinahely for transfer to new houses in the course of construction would not be considered. The Council were also informed that it was considered that a fire hazard did not exist in the houses in Tinahely.



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1976 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Councillors J. Bolger, M. Callan, T. Hynes, P. Deering, J. Miley, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinneally, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, T. Whelan, Senator Miss Walsh, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwith, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy and Miss N. O'Neill.

Also in attendance were Mr. P.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. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Section and Mr. J. Moran, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

## ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 1st March, 1976 be confirmed and signed."

## ITEM NO. 2:- HOUSING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1976

The Housing Report for February, 1976 which had been deferred from previous Meetings was considered. The Council were informed that tenants would be invited for the following Schemes:-

10	Galinstan
6	Blessington
6	Donard
12	Dunlavin
12	Avoca
4	Bederos
1	Trooperstown

The Council were informed that in relation to the provision of further private sites at Greystown, the Council could not proceed with this work until satisfactory arrangements were made in relation to the improvement of the water supply in that area. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to approve of the Council's proposals for the improvement of the water supply at Greystown and to request that he receive a delegation from the Council to consider this matter."

The Council were informed that applications from tenants in the right to frame houses in Tinahely for transfer to new houses in the course of construction would not be considered. The Council were also informed that it was considered that a fire hazard did not exist in the houses in Tinahely.

The erection of a wall at Avoca was considered and it was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council build a wall adjoining Mr. Bolger's property along the original line as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order as confirmed by the Minister for Local Government".

It was suggested that the Council would investigate the possibility of acquiring land for housing at Thomastown and Ballycoogue and that local organisations might be in a position to assist the Council in its enquiries.

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

"That a play-area be set aside at Tinahely and that some playing equipment be provided therein".

## ITEM NO. 3:- NOMINATIONS FOR EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED

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

"That Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. be nominated as a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for the coming year".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That Councillor F. Hynes be nominated as the Council's representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited".

The Council were appraised of the contents of letter dated 24th March, 1976 from the Regional Tourism Manager of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation in connection with the national and regional Tourism Development Plans. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Senator Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited should make copies of the national and regional plans available to each Member of the Council".

While it was appreciated that the publication is an expensive one, the view was expressed that having regard to the increased subvention in the current year by the Council, each Member should be supplied with the documents. It was felt that these documents were essential to enable the proposals for County Wicklow to be considered in the national context.

## ITEM NO. 4:- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

The Council were informed that the following Notices of Motion had been submitted to the General Council of County Councils during the year:-

- "That Wicklow County Council call on the Minister for Local Government to restore the Amenity Grants Scheme".
- "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to implement a scheme of free postage and recoupment of telephone rentals for elected Members of Local Authorities and that a special allowance be granted to enable the Chairman to carry out his functions"



- (c) "That where a man drawing superannuation from this Council dies, his wife should continue to draw the same benefits as her late husband".

It was unanimously agreed that these items would be re-submitted for consideration at the Annual Conference and that copies would be made available to the Council's representatives.

#### ITEM NO. 5:- RAISING OF LOAN FOR SMALL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES 1976

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

"That a loan of £25,000 be raised from the Commissioners of public works to defray the cost of carrying out Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes in 1976".

#### ITEM NO. 6:- EXTENSION OF GREYSTONES SEWERAGE SCHEME TO KNOCKROE AND PRIESTNEWTOWN

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

"That Stage II of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme be extended to take in, by gravity feed, the townlands of Knockroe and Priestnewtown".

The Council were informed that the Consulting engineer had been asked to investigate if it is possible and economical to include these townlands in Stage II of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme.

#### ITEM NO. 7:- SEWERAGE SCHEME AT COOLLATTIN ROAD, CARNEW

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

"That this Council take steps to have something done with the sewerage at Coollattin Road, Carnew which is causing a nuisance".

The Council were informed that this sewer was laid at a very flat gradient some years ago and in spite of rodding and minor improvements, including the provision of additional manholes the sewer is giving continuous trouble, requiring cleaning about once a week. It was recommended that a new sewer be laid at an estimated cost of £2,880 the work to be included as part of the proposed new Sewerage Scheme for Carnew. Agreed.

#### ITEM NO. 8:- PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR PATRICK SHEEHAN, BALLINABANOUE, ARKLOW

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

"That this Council install a water supply to the cottage of Patrick Sheehan, Ballinabanogue, Arklow".



ITEM NO. 9:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT COUNCIL HOUSES AT ASHTOWN, ROUNDWOOD

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

"That the Council extend the Refuse Collection to the Council houses at Ashtown (opposite Supermarket), Roundwood".

The Council were informed that arrangements are being made to have refuse collected from these houses. Noted.

ITEM NO. 10:- EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO 20 HOUSES AT ROCKMANOR

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

"That the County Council extend the Refuse Collection Service to 20 houses at Rockmanor".

The Council were informed that arrangements have been made for the collection of refuse from houses in the scheme by a Contractor. Noted.

ITEM NO. 11:- PROVISION OF HOUSES AT BALLINACLASH

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

"That Wicklow County Council build a scheme of houses for the Ballinacash Area".

The Council were informed that there were at present only two applicants seeking housing accommodation in this area and arrangements would be made to take a further survey of needs in the Ballinacash Area.

ITEM NO. 12:- PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR MRS. MARY O'BRIEN, KILNAMANAGH BEG, GLENEALY

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide housing accommodation for Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Kilnamanagh Beg, Glenealy, as a matter of urgency, as her present dwelling is unfit for human habitation".

The Council were informed that a report is being obtained in relation to the housing circumstances of Mrs. Mary O'Brien.

ITEM NO. 13:- PROVISION OF LIGHT AT BUS-STOP AT WILLOW GROVE, THE TOOMAN ROAD AND THE OLD DOWNS ROAD

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

"That a light be provided at the 84 Bus Stop at the Willow Grove, The Tooman Road and the Old Downs Road - three in all".

The Council were informed that lights are required in these locations. They had not been included in the current E.S.B. proposals and it was unanimously agreed that these lights be included in the Programme for 1977.



ITEM NO. 14:- PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY FROM ROCKMANOR ESTATE, KILCOOLE THROUGH THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE

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

"That the Council allow space for pedestrian pathway from Rockmanor Estate, Kilcoole through the new Council estate, thereby saving school children a two mile walk".

The Council were informed that the tenants of adjoining houses may object on privacy grounds to this footpath and might request the erection of a high wall. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would again investigate this proposal and a further report would be submitted.

ITEM NO. 15:- PUBLIC LIGHT AT LONGHILL, LUGDUFF

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

"That this Council will provide a light to serve the 6 cottages on the 'Long Hill', Lugduff".

The Council were informed that arrangements had been made with the E.S.B. to carry out improvement works in Tinahely during the current year and to complete them in 1977. The E.S.B. would be requested to make a recommendation in relation to this proposal. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 16:- CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER BUSINESS

Circular Letter H.4/76 - Local Authority Housing Subsidy:

The attention of the Members was drawn to Circular Letter H.4/76 in relation to Local Authority Housing Subsidy and the Council was informed that the housing subsidy in 1976 will be subject inter alia to the following provision:-

Expenditure on maintenance and management in 1976 (excluding improvement works and pre-sale structural repairs) should not be increased by more than 75% over the actual expenditure on the purpose in 1973/74.

The Council were informed that the effect of this provision would enable the Council to spend approximately £55,000 in the current year in lieu of the sum of £79,400 which had been provided for this purpose in the Estimates. The Council are taking this matter up with the Department of Local Government.

1975 Tenant Purchase Scheme:

Letter dated 22nd March, 1976 in which the Council were informed that the Minister for Local Government was not prepared to approve of the extension of the latest date for receipt of applications as suggested by the Council, was read and noted.

Ballinaclash Water Supply:

The Council were informed that a further sample had been taken from the water supply at Ballinaclash and the result was considered satisfactory. It was agreed that the tenants would be informed accordingly.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

ITEM NO. 17:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT COUNCIL HOUSES AT ASHTOWN, ROUNDWOOD

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

"That the Council extend the Refuse Collection to the Council houses at Ashtown (opposite Supermarket), Roundwood".

The Council were informed that arrangements for refuse collection from these houses. Noted.

ITEM NO. 18:- EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO 20 HOUSES AT ROCKMANOR

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

"That the Council extend the Refuse Collection Service to 20 houses at Rockmanor".

The Council were informed that arrangements have been made for the collection of refuse from houses in the scheme by a Contractor. Noted.

ITEM NO. 19:- PROVISION OF HOUSES AT BALLINAFLASH

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

"That Wicklow County Council hold a scheme of houses for the Ballinaflash area".

The Council were informed that there are at present only two applicants seeking housing accommodation in this area and arrangements would be made to take a further survey of needs in the Ballinaflash area.

ITEM NO. 20:- PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR MRS. MARY O'BRIEN, KILNAMANAGH BEG.

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide housing accommodation for Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Kilnamanagh Beg., Glenmalur, as a matter of urgency, as her present dwelling is unfit for human habitation".

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 5th APRIL, 1976.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

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ITEM NO. 14:- PROVISION OF PRESBYTERIAN CATHEDRAL FROM HOUSING ESTATE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Lavanagh, T.D. and J. Byrne was considered:-

"That the Council allow space for pedestrian pathway from Rossmore Estate, Kilscoke through the new Council estate, thereby saving school children a two mile walk."

The Council were informed that the tenants of adjoining houses may object on privacy grounds to this footpath and might request the erection of a high wall. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would again investigate this proposal and a further report would be submitted.

ITEM NO. 15:- PUBLIC LIGHTS AT LONGHILL, LUGGER

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

"That this Council will provide a light to serve the 6 cottages on the 'Long Hill', Lugger."

The Council were informed that arrangements had been made with the S.B. to carry out improvement works in Tinahely during the current year and to complete them in 1977. The S.B. would be requested to make a recommendation in relation to this proposal. Agreed.

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The attention of the Members was drawn to Circular Letter H.5/76 in relation to Local Authority Housing Subsidy and the Council was informed that the housing subsidy in 1976 will be subject to certain conditions following provisions.

Expenditure on maintenance and management in 1976 (excluding improvement works and structural repairs) should not be increased by more than 7% over the actual expenditure on the purpose in 1975/76.

The Council were informed that the effect of this provision would enable the Council to spend approximately £25,000 in the current year in lieu of the sum of £10,000 which had been provided for this purpose in the Estimates. The Council were asked to consider this matter up with the Department of Local Government.

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Ballinacash Water Supply

The Council were informed that a further sample had been taken from the water supply at Ballinacash and the results were considered satisfactory. It was agreed that the tenants would be informed accordingly.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

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, were in attendance.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th March, 1976 and of Special Meeting held on the 8th March, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

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

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

"That the disposal of 14 acres, 2 roods, 3 sq. perches of land at Old Court, Bray to the Industrial Development Authority, in accordance with Statutory Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88, sub-section 3, of the Housing Act, 1966, shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the said Notice".

ITEM NO. 3:- VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

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

"That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment to the office of Wicklow County Manager".

The Council were informed that the Minister for Local Government had made an Order under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 appointing Mr. John J. Higgins, County Secretary, Wicklow County Council, to be as from the 1st May, 1976 Wicklow County Manager temporarily, until a permanent appointment to the office is made.

ITEM NO. 4:- ARKLOW AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that a Meeting of the Elected Members for the Arklow Area would be held on Friday, 30th April, 1976 at 3.00 p.m. in Lawless' Hotel, Aughrim. It is proposed to consider the Action Plans for Aughrim, Shillelagh, Tinahely and Carnew at this Meeting.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

Councillors: J. Bourke, M. Cullen, J. Lavanagh, T.D., F. Hayes, P. Dearing, J. Milroy, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Senator Miss Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, G. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, and J. Milroy.

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

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

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ITEM NO. 2: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT OLDCOURT, BRAY

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

That the disposal of 14 acres, 2 rods, 3 perches of land at Oldcourt, Bray to the Industrial Development Authority, in accordance with Statutory Notice pursuant to Section 87 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended (Section 88, sub-section 2, of the Housing Act, 1966, shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the said Notice.

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The Council were informed that the Minister for Local Government had made an Order under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1975 appointing Mr. John J. Higgins, County Secretary, Wicklow County Council, to be as from the 1st day of 1976 Wicklow County Manager temporarily, until a permanent appointment to the office is made.

ITEM NO. 4: ARIKOW AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Arikow Area Committee should be held on Friday, 20th April, 1976 at 5.00 p.m. in the Arikow Hall, Arikow. It was proposed to consider the Action Plans for Arikow, Shillagh, Tinsahilly and Carrow at this meeting.

ITEM NO. 5:- CLOSING OF ROADS

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

"That approval be given to the temporary closing of roads as outlined hereunder:-

(a) 3 Day Cycle Race Committee - Main Dublin Road at Wicklow

Main Dublin Road in Wicklow from 10 yards east of the junction with Wentworth Place to a point 10 yards north-west of the junction with the Church Hill Road on Monday, 7th June, 1976 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

(b) Circuit of Wicklow Rally - Motor Enthusiasts' Club Limited - 24th July, 1976

1. Road from the junction at Oldcourt east to junction at Ballysmuttan, then south and west around Sorrel Hill to junction at Lacken, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2. Road from junction off Hollywood/Wicklow Gap road south and west around Slievecarragh to junction south of Lemonstown Cross Roads, then south approximately 1.5 miles to Hollywood Glen from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
3. Road from junction near Ballinroan House east to Kelshabeg, north approximately 1 mile, then west, north and east around Spinans Hill to Knockaderry Cross Roads, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
4. Road from junction off Knockanarrigan/Seskin road south-east, north, east then south past Coan to Ballinboyle, west to hairpin then south approximately 1 mile at Slieveragh from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
5. Road from Kilcarney Cross Roads south 1 mile to cross roads, east past Knocknagilky to hairpin, south about 2 miles then east to T. junction, south past Moyne, then east by Slievemweel, east about half mile then north nearly 2 miles, east, then south, then west, then south about 2 miles at Ballymanus from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
6. Road from junction south of Auhrim south-east to crossroads, then north-east to junction near Coats Bridge, then south across track to road near Clone House, east then south past school to hairpin at Ballinagore, north then south east to junction near Mooreshill Church, from 12.00 noon to 3.30 p.m.
7. Road from junction north east of Coats Bridge north to Blacks Bridge, east by Fortfaulkner, south then east to junction south of Avoca from 12.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
8. Road north from junction north of Shelton Abbey around Ballinakill to junction at Poolaphuca, north-east to Barransky Cross Roads, north to Blindwood, west about 1.5 miles to cross roads then north to next cross roads from 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
9. Military Road from 1 mile south of waterfall to Sally Gap Crossroads, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
10. Road from Sally Gap Crossroads to hairpin at Glencree, east across lower Glencree Road to junction near Crone, north east approximately 1 mile, then south east to Crossroads at Ballinagee House from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

(c) Discover Ireland Ras Tailteann - Strand Road, Bray

Strand Road (The Promenade) in Bray from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 19th June, 1976.



(d) The MG Car Club - Glen of the Downs Hill Climb

From beginning of the new through road at Glen of the Downs, to right up part Devereux from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 8th May, 1976.

ITEM NO. 6:- ALLOTMENTS

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

"That Wicklow County Council allow any suitable land which it has in its possession to be used as allotments for qualified applicants".

The Council were informed that all land which is not in immediate use for housing or other purposes has been or is being let on the 11 months system. It is now considered to be too late in the current year to divert any of this land to be used as allotments for qualified applicants. The Council has not received any applications for further land for use as allotments. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that an advertisement would be inserted in the press early in the coming year to ascertain demand for land for use as allotments and that consideration should be given to making such land available.

ITEM NO. 7:- ROADWAY AT THE ROCK, TOMACORK

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

"That the roadway leading to Patrick Fitzpatrick and Ray Brennan, The Rock, Tomacork, be improved as applied for under the Local Improvements Scheme".

The Council were informed that this Local Improvements Scheme is on the priority list for the current year and that arrangements are being made to have the work carried out as soon as possible. Noted.

ITEM NO. 8:- TREES ADJOINING PUBLIC ROADS

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

"That a detailed survey be carried out during 1976, throughout the four Electoral Areas of County Wicklow, of all dangerous trees overhanging the main roads, with a view to having them removed before next Winter".

The Council were informed that an advertisement was recently placed in the public press informing landowners of their responsibility for trees growing on their lands and that as a safety measure they should have all trees which are adjacent to the public road examined. The resources available to the Council does not permit a survey of the nature envisaged in the Notice of Motion to be carried out. There is approximately 1,200 miles of public road in the County and the Council's staff was not qualified to state categorically whether any particular tree is dangerous.

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would contact the Department of Lands requesting that they arrange to have an examination carried out of trees under the care of the Forestry Division which are adjacent to public roads. It was also agreed that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be asked to inspect poles to ensure that they are not in a dangerous condition. It was also agreed that the Council's outdoor staff should bring to notice any trees which might be considered dangerous in order that appropriate action could be taken.



ITEM NO. 9:- REINSTATEMENT OF ROAD AT WINDGATES

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

"That the side of the road at the top of Windgates be reinstated to a proper standard following on the work carried out by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs".

The Council were informed that severe complaints had been made to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and a site meeting had been requested. The Council are at present withholding further permissions until all existing reinstatement has been carried out to the Council's satisfaction. Noted.

ITEM NO. 10:- REPAIR OF ROAD AT LOUGHSTOWN UPPER, VALLEYMOUNT

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

"That the County Council resurface or repair the road at Loughstown Upper, Vallemount".

The Council were informed that this laneway leads to the house occupied by the Geoghegan Family. The road is a private road which serves three families and is approximately a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in length. The estimated cost of repairs is £1,600. It was recommended that this work should be considered for grant under the Local Improvements Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11:- REPAIRS TO ROAD FROM ARKLOW TO WOODENBRIDGE

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

"That this Council will treat the 'Vale Road' from Arklow to Woodenbridge as an urgent major priority in the Roadworks Programme".

The Council were informed that this matter was discussed by the County Manager, County Engineer and the Consulting Engineer in Arklow recently and that arrangements had been made for Messrs. Priority Construction to have the reinstatement works carried out forthwith. Noted.

ITEM NO. 12:- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN ASHTOWN AND ROUNDWOOD

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

"That the County Council undertake road improvements between Ashtown and Roundwood (vicinity of Supermarket)".

The Council were informed that apart from the necessity to carry out a certain amount of reinstatement and to repair a small area of the road near the Supermarket, no major fault had been found with the actual road surface. The above mentioned repairs will be carried out during the current year under "Maintenance". The surface dressing of this road will be considered for 1977. Agreed.



ITEM NO. 13:- REMOVAL OF BARRIER AT THE JUNCTION OF LARAGH/GLENMALURE ROAD

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

"That the Council remove the barrier from the south side of the junction leading to Glenmalure from Laragh to enable buses travelling from the Rathdrum direction to turn towards Glenmalure".

The Council were informed that the barrier which was the subject of this Motion is a form of traffic channelisation, carried out in accordance with good highway practice, to make safe the passage of traffic between Glenmalure and Laragh. It was considered that the junction affords ample access to both buses and lorries and its removal was not recommended. Following a discussion, during which it was stated that buses had difficulty in negotiating this bend, it was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would re-examine this problem and submit a further report.

ITEM NO. 14:- APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WARDEN AT JUNCTION OF FASSAROE LANE/WICKLOW-DUBLIN ROAD

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

"That a School Traffic Warden be appointed for the junction of Fassaroe Lane/Wicklow-Dublin Road (mornings only)".

The Council were informed that a survey would be taken of the number of school children crossing the road at this location and a further report would be submitted. It was also agreed to have this matter taken up with the Garda Siochana.

ITEM NO. 15:- SPEED LIMIT AT SHILLELAGH

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

"That this Council recommend that the speed limit sign be extended to the Tinahely side of Quarry Street, Shillelagh".

The Council were informed that as there were houses all along one side of Quarry Street the re-positioning of the speed limit sign was recommended. It was unanimously agreed to refer this item to the next Meeting of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

ITEM NO. 16:- SCHOOL WARDEN CROSSING - ST. PATRICK'S N.S., BRAY

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

"That 'No Parking' lines be provided by the Council at the School Warden Crossing at St. Patrick's National School, Bray, due to the danger from traffic to the present warden".

The Council were informed that a discussion had taken place with the Garda Siochana in relation to this matter and it is understood that the Garda Authorities are not in favour of the suggested 'No Parking' lines. In the course of the discussion which followed, it was stated that there are 900 children using this crossing and that the proximity of parked cars made it difficult for the Warden to carry out her duties.



It was unanimously agreed that this matter should be taken up again with the Gardai and that the Department of Local Government be informed of the situation to enable suitable regulations to be introduced to prohibit parking in the vicinity of the crossing point.

#### ITEM NO. 17:- SPEED LIMIT AT ASHFORD

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

"That the speed limit be extended to include road from Bel-Air Hotel to Main Road at Stephen's House and on the link road from McNulty's Public House through Ballinalea to Main Road at Rosanagh, on the Wicklow Road south of Ashford".

The Council were informed that plans for revised speed limits in connection with the above are at present being considered by the Garda Siochana. Noted.

#### ITEM NO. 18:- PARKING NEAR BRIDGE AT ASHFORD

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

"That a high kerb be built around the green patch on the bridge in Ashford to prevent motorists parking there".

The Council were informed that the roadside of this grass verge is already kerbed and arrangements have been made to have it cleaned and two broken kerbs reset. It was considered that the only method of preventing parking at this location would be the erection of a fence - which would not be practical.

Letter dated 11th March, 1976 from Superintendent T.J. Neagle, Garda Siochana, Wicklow, was read in which it was stated that the Gardai cannot see any necessity for the introduction of Parking Bye-Laws in Ashford Village. It was considered that there was adequate off-street parking in the village, which had wide streets. The Gardai were very conscious of the problem of parking on footpaths in Ashford on the occasion of cattle sales and had stated that the Road Traffic General Bye-Laws 1964 which prohibited the parking of vehicles on footpaths gave sufficient authority to them to deal with the problem. The Gardai propose to take up the matter with the proprietors of the Ashford Mart. It was unanimously agreed that the Gardai should again be requested to regularise parking in this area.

#### ITEM NO. 19:- REINSTATEMENT OF ROAD FROM BALLINALEA TO O'GARAS AND THE ASHFORD/GLENEALY ROAD

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

"That the sewerage main cuttings from Ballinalea to O'Garas and the Ashford/Glenealy Road as far as the Bel-Air Hotel be re-surfaced as the road was left in a disgraceful and dangerous condition after the main sewerage pipes were laid".

The Council were informed that these stretches of road had been included in the 1976 Road Works Scheme and will be surface dressed in the early Summer. Noted.



ITEM NO. 20:- CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

**Review of Rating System:** The Council were informed that a Report had been prepared by the Economic and Social Research Institute concerning economic aspects of local authority expenditure and finance. The Minister for Local Government had indicated that he would be glad to have the views of all interested persons and bodies on the Report. It was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to make copies of the Report available to Members to enable this matter to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

**Public Transport in County Wicklow:** Letter dated 26th. March, 1976 from Mr. E.J. O'Connor, Area Manager, C.I.E., was read. The position in relation to the provision of late evening bus service from Wicklow and the provision of bus shelters at locations in Wicklow was noted. The suggestion by C.I.E. that it was not feasible at present, due to road conditions and lack of passenger potential, to extend the bus terminus to Seafield was considered to be unsatisfactory as private buses were constantly using this road. It was suggested that this matter should be again referred to C.I.E. It was agreed that the matter of the direct Carnew/Arklow service to include Coolboy and Coollatin and the morning bus service to Bray should again be taken up with C.I.E. It was also agreed that an invitation should be sent to Mr. B. Fitzgerald, Manager, Dublin City Services, to attend the June Meeting of the Council to discuss the Council's suggestions in relation to the improvement of the service.

**Priming Grants Scheme:** Letter dated 7th April, 1976 from the Department of Local Government in which it was stated that the Minister for Local Government is not prepared to sanction a loan of £33,000 for the purpose of making grants under the Priming Grants Scheme was considered. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minister be requested to reconsider his decision in relation to this matter".

**Rear Entrance to Houses at Aughrim:** A discussion took place in relation to work being carried out to provide a rear entrance to houses at Aughrim. The Council's intention was to provide a 6' wide footpath at the rear of these houses which was the standard width for all schemes where such a facility is provided. It was suggested by Council Members however, that an 8 to 9' wide footpath was necessary at this Scheme. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the County Engineer would further investigate this problem.

**Deputation:** It was unanimously agreed that a deputation from Kilnamanagh Residents' Association, Glenealy would be received at the June Housing Meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date:



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 3RD MAY 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

Also in attendance were Mr J. Higgins, A/County Manager,  
Mr B.A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary, Mr T.J. Donovan, County  
Engineer; Mr A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Housing Section;  
Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section;  
Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on 5th April 1976 be confirmed and signed."

ITEM NO. 2:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BALLARD, SHILLELAGH:

Statutory Notice pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 88 (3) of the Housing Act 1966 was circulated to members of the Council on 20th April 1976. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Miley, and unanimously agreed:-

"That in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated to members on 20th April, 1976, the Council dispose of 2 roods of land situated at Ballard, Shillelagh which was acquired from Coolattin Estate Company in fee simple to Michael Gray, Ballard, Shillelagh, for the sum of £100.00, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the conveyance."

ITEM NO. 3:- CLOSING OF ROADS AT ENNISKERRY:

Application was received from the Irish Motor Racing Club to close the main road leading to Dublin from Enniskerry village past the Church and School House and terminating before the Texaco filling station at the apex of the 'V' junction.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M. Walsh and agreed:-

"That permission to close the Main Road leading from Dublin to Enniskerry for the purpose of the Irish Motor Racing Club Hill Climb on the 15th May 1976 be granted."

ITEM NO. 4:- PROVISION OF PUMPS AND WELLS 1976:

The Council was informed that it was proposed to provide pumps and wells as follows:-

	Estimated Cost:
(1) Tinakilly, Aughrim - to serve 5 cottages.	£1,150
(2) Knocknaquilkey, Knockananna - to serve 3 houses.	£1,150
(3) Moylisha, Clonegal - to serve 2 cottages.	£1,150
(4) Ballinakill, Arklow - to serve the house of Mrs J. Fortune.	£1,150

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- (5) Cooladangan, Arklow - to serve the vested cottage of Mrs Deathe. - £1,150  
 (6) Schoolheight, Booster, Carnew (new motor and pressure vessel, extend pumphouse). - £ 250

Total: £6,000

Improvements were required to the booster pump at Carnew in order to improve the supply to houses in the area. The Council were informed that £75,000 was included in the 1976 Estimates for improvements to pumps and wells throughout the county. Following a discussion in relation to existing wells at Barrinderry and Burgage, the Council were informed that this and other pumps brought to the notice of the County Manager would be dealt with as soon as possible. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the list of pumps and wells submitted to the Council be provided at an estimated cost of £6,000."

**ITEM NO 5:- TAKING OVER OF DAVIDSTOWN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:**

The Council was informed that the County Engineer was satisfied that the Knockanarrigan/Davidstown Group Water Supply Scheme was in order, and should be taken over. The 20 participants in this scheme had signed forms agreeing to the Council taking over the scheme and handing over their interest in same to the Council. It was agreed with the group that they would receive a remission of water rents for five years. The taking over of this group scheme and the laying of water mains from Castleruddery to Davidstown had previously been recommended by the County Engineer in connection with the carrying out of the Stratford Water Supply Improvements Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Council take over the Davidstown Water Supply Scheme on the terms indicated."

**ITEM NO. 6:- EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION FROM COOLBOY TO COOLROE AND COOLFANCY:**

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

"That the refuse collection be extended from Coolboy to include Coolroe and Coolfancy."

The Council was informed that with the purchase of the new refuse collection vehicle, consideration would be given to collecting in Coolfancy. The delivery of the new refuse collection vehicle was expected in about two weeks time. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 7:- PURCHASE OF LAND FOR HOUSING AT ASHFORD**

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

"That This Council purchase land in Ashford for the provision of further Council houses and private sites to meet the continuing demand for housing in the area."

The Council was informed that the purchase of land which was suitable for housing at the rear of the Council's existing housing scheme was being investigated, also the housing demand in the area. It was hoped to purchase the land by agreement. Noted.

**ITEM NO. 8:- HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR OCCUPANTS OF COTTAGE NO. 145 AT COOLKENNO:**

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

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"That this Council provide adequate accommodation for the occupants of Cottage No. 145 at Coolkenno, Tullow."

The Council was informed that Cottage No. 145 is occupied by a Mr & Mrs Thomkins and their 8 children and that a bathroom & toilet and a further bedroom were required to relieve the overcrowding. The estimated cost of the extension would be £1,700, and consideration to carrying out of the works would be subject to the availability of the necessary finances. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator M. Walsh and unanimously agreed:-

"That a bathroom and toilet, and bedroom be built on to cottage no. 145 at Coolkenno to relieve overcrowding, the estimated cost being £1,700."

#### ITEM NO. 9:- PROVISION OF PRIVATE SITES AT CARNEW:

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

"That this Council make private sites available to enable people to build their own houses at Carnew."

The Council were informed that an area of 3 roods and 23 sq. perches was available near the Council's existing housing scheme and that this land was suitable for private houses. An indication would be required as to the number of sites required before a layout could be prepared. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Senator M. Walsh and unanimously agreed:-

"That immediate steps be taken to ascertain the housing requirements for private sites in the Carnew area."

#### ITEM NO. 10:- PUMPING OF WATER TO KILNAMANAGH, GLENEALY:

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

"That this Council do something definite about the water pump for pumping water to Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."

The Council was informed that the cause of the break in water supply was the unstable current in the area and that the pump had to be manually re-started. The pump was recently checked and found to be in order. Arrangements are being made for a periodic check of the pump by the Council's employees.

#### ITEM NO. 11:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT OLDTOWN, ROUNDWOOD:

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the Refuse Collection to ten houses at Oldtown, Roundwood occupied by Messrs Doyle, Meany, White, O'Connell, Timmons, Farrell, Lewis, Weston, Healy, and Malone."

The Council were informed that the service was being extended to include these houses as this area was developing considerably. Agreed.

#### ITEM NO. 12:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT BACK ROAD AT BELMOUNT, UPPER WINDGATES, GREYSTONES

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

"That the Council extend the present Refuse Collection to include houses at Back Road at Belmont, Upper Windgates, Greystones."

The Council was informed that it was proposed to include this route for collection when the Oldcourt, Bray collection commences on Monday, 10th May 1976. Agreed.



**ITEM NO. 13:- GREYSTONES SEWERAGE SCHEME:**

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Byrne, C. Murphy, T.D., Mrs M. Ledwidge, L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes was considered:-

"That Stage II of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme be extended and designed to take in the townlands of Kilpedder Village, Tinna Park Demesne (eastside), Killickabawn, The Downs, and Johnstown (in Bromley)."

The Council was informed that the second stage of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme has been referred to the Consulting Engineer and his report was awaited. It was pointed out that the taking in of the additional areas mentioned in the notice of motion would be an extension of the Consultants' brief and would cause considerable delay in the submission of the contract documents for Stage 2 of the scheme. After discussion it was agreed to delete the reference to stage 2 in the motion: It was proposed by Councillor N.O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Greystones Sewerage Scheme be extended and designed to take in the townlands of Kilpedder Village, Tinna Park Demesne (eastside), Killickabawn, The Downs, and Johnstown (in Bromley)."

**ITEM NO. 14:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT RED LANE AND GLEN O'DOWNS TO KILMACANOGUE:**

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

"That the County Council extend the Refuse Collection to include the Red Lane and also the houses on the main road from the Glen O'Downs to Kilmacanogue."

The Council was informed that it was intended that these areas be included for collection when the Enniskerry/Kilmacanogue services are being re-tendered. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 15:- CLEARANCE OF SITE AT MERRYMEETING HILL, RATHNEW:**

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

"That the Council clear the refuse that is on the Council site at Merrymeeting Hill, Rathnew - the Council to fill in the hole with soil."

The Council was informed that the estimated cost of clearing the refuse would be £40.00 and arrangements were being made to have the work carried out as soon as possible. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 16:- WATER SUPPLY AT HILLVIEW, KNOCKENREE, AVOCA.**

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

"That the County Council provide a water supply for Mr & Mrs John Holden, Hill View, Knockenree, Avoca."

The Council was informed that the estimated cost of the provision of a water supply would be £1,000, and it was unanimously agreed that this work be considered for inclusion in the Council's Programme for 1977.

**ITEM NO. 17:- TENANCY OF COUNCIL HOUSE IN RATHMEIGUE, KNOCKANANNA:**

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

"That the Council appoint a tenant for the County Council house built on Breen's land in Rathmeigue, Knockananna."



The Council was informed that the house was built on a site provided by a Mr Richard Breen. The house was constructed before the ownership of the land was formally transferred to the Council. The Council's Law Agent was taking legal proceedings to have Mr Breen execute the Contract and the case was for hearing at Shillelagh Court on the 14th May 1976. It was agreed that this matter would be brought up again at the June Meeting.

**ITE, NO. 18:- REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT ST. MARTINS DRIVE, AUGHIRM:**

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

"That repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency to the houses at St. Martins Drive, Aughrim, where carpets, bedding and furniture have been destroyed by recent rain."

The Council was informed that the condition of these houses was being currently examined and that a report would be available at the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM NO. 19:- REPAIRS TO MRS ANNE BYRNE'S HOUSE IN KILBALLYOWEN, BALLINGLEN:**

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

"That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs Anne Byrne's house in Kilballyowen, Ballinglen under the essential repairs grant scheme."

The Council was informed that this house would not come within the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme as the house could be made fit for human habitation at reasonable cost. This is a vested cottage and the estimated cost of repairs would be £863.00. The owner could receive grants of £400.00 towards the cost of this work. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Council's Law Agent for his advice as to qualification for grant under the Essential Repairs Scheme, and also to the County Medical Officer for his observations concerning Disabled Persons Grants since Mr Byrne is an invalid, and that the repairs would be examined on the basis of the Law Agent's advice and the County Medical Officer's report.

**ITEM NO. 20:- PROVISION OF WATER PUMP AT BALLYMONEEN, AVOCA:**

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

"That a water pump be provided for residents of Ballymoneen, Avoca."

The Council was informed that the estimated cost of the provision of a water supply would be £4000, and it was agreed that consideration be given to provision in the 1977 Estimates.

**ITEM NO. 21:- REFUSE COLLECTION AT COOLFANCY, TINAHELY:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That this Council provide a Refuse Collection Service for the houses and National School at Coolfancy, Tinahely."

The Council was informed that with the purchase of the new Refuse Collection vehicle, consideration would be given to collecting in the Coolfancy area. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 22:- CONVERSION OF OLD PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT AVOCA:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That this Council will grant permission to Avoca Youth Club for conversion of the old Public Convenience as a Community Centre."

The Council was informed that it was considered that this public convenience was an eyesore and its design was not ideal for conversion into a recreational hall, and it was recommended that the toilets be demolished. During the course



of discussion it was agreed that the Youth Club be asked to submit their proposals in relation to the building, and that these proposals would be examined by the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer. It was pointed out that the Club's proposals would only be a temporary arrangement as the size of the building was too small for a permanent recreational centre.

**ITEM NO. 23: - HOUSING REPORT FOR APRIL 1976:**

The Housing Report which had been circulated to members was considered. The Council was informed that on the basis of work in progress 200 houses should be built in the 12 months to 31/3/77: extensions to contracts were given only in exceptional circumstances: that 4 additional houses were being built in Tinahely on the remaining land there: that as far as possible every effort is made to re-house tenants in their own area.

The lack of progress on rural cottages was noted, and the Council recommended that notice be served on the contractors requiring him to complete the houses without further delay.

The use of foreign materials in house building was causing concern to some members and the Council's wishes in relation to the use of home produced materials, etc., was to be made known to contractors. The Council was informed that under E.E.C. regulations Irish materials could not be insisted upon.

The Council was informed that documents were in the course of preparation for houses at Newcastle (12); Barndarrig (8); Laragh (6); Knockananna (4); Carrigacurra (1); Carnew (8); Rathdangan and Blessington.

The Council was informed that the allocation of private sites at Greystones could not proceed at present owing to unsatisfactory water supply in that area. In regard to eligibility for subsidised private sites the Council was informed that under the existing regulations applicants will be required to submit current certificates of income to determine eligibility for grants. It was agreed by the Council that information in regard to grants and subsidies for private sites be circulated to each individual applicant and the financial position explained to them, copy of this letter to be circulated to each member of the Council.

The Compulsory Purchase Order for land being acquired at Johnstown (Kilpedder) was being contested in the High Court.

Tenders for Baltinglass, Blessington, Donard, Dunlavin, Avoca, Redcross and Trooperstown houses were opened at the meeting.

**ITEM NO 24:- CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Killelesh Water Supply:**

The Council was informed that the legal position regarding the source of water supply rendered ineffective due to work carried out by adjoining land owners, was being investigated. The cost of re-digging the well was estimated at £200.00. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council proceed with the re-digging of the well for Killelesh Water Supply at an estimated cost of £200.00."

**Redcross Water Supply:** - The Council was informed that survey work and designing was in progress and that it was hoped to commence work in August.

**Extension of Sewerage at Baltinglass:-** It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council proceed with the extension of the sewerage scheme at Baltinglass and to provide extra car parking facilities at the Barracks."



**Ballinaclesh Water Supply:** - The Council was informed that a chlorinator which was installed was a temporary arrangement and more permanent arrangements to improve supplies would be made as soon as possible.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: .....

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman read the following letter from the County Manager:-

Timothy, T.D.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Timothy,

I wish to convey to you my sincere thanks for the letter of the 14th inst. regarding the Ballinaclesh Water Supply. I am pleased to hear that the Council has decided to proceed with the proposed scheme. I am sure that the Council will be able to secure the necessary funds to complete the project.

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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 MAY 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

Mr J.J. Higgins, Acting County Manager; Mr A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary; Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section; Mr T. Broderick, County Development Officer; Mr P.J. Long and Mr Holdship, representatives of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, were in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor F. Hynes.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Senator Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th April 1976 be confirmed and signed."

RESIGNATION OF WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER:-

The Chairman read the following letter received from Mr F.J. O'Brien, former County Manager:-

Mr G. Timmins, T.D.,  
Chairman,  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL:

30th April 1976

Dear Mr Timmins,

I wish to convey to you and to the Members of the Council my very sincere thanks for their compliments and generosity to me on my resignation from the position of Wicklow County Manager. Their very kind gesture in presenting me with a very valuable gift is very much appreciated. Mrs O'Brien wishes to join with me in this expression of thanks. Both of us will always treasure their very beautiful present and we shall also have very happy memories of our all too brief sojourn in Wicklow.

For the friendship which I experienced with the Council Members over the short period I was here, I am very grateful. At times it must be admitted that we looked at problems from different stand-points, but it is good to know that this did not interfere with our personal relationships. I sincerely hope that the major decisions and programmes we arrived at over the recent past will continue to bear fruit in the years ahead. I hope that my contribution over the past few years helped in some way towards meeting the pressing needs and demands made on the Council.

To the Staff of the Council, I am very much indebted for their help and assistance at all times. Without their loyalty and co-operation very little would have been achieved. I will always be mindful of our pleasant and cordial association.



With every good wish to all in the years ahead,

Yours sincerely,

(F.J. O'Brien)  
COUNTY MANAGER

# ITEM NO. 2:- NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM PLANS:

The Chairman welcomed Mr T. Long and Mr Holdship of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation. The Chairman requested Mr Long to outline the contents of the plan to the Members. Mr Long pointed out that to achieve targets amenities must be provided in appropriate locations. The plans set out development of tourism for the future and envisaged an investment of £50,000,000 in the period from 1976 to 1980, of which Bord Failte would contribute £20,000,000. The balance of the cost, i.e., £30,000,000 being met by private and other public bodies. Mr Long then outlined the objectives as set out in the report. He stated that the following projects would be undertaken in Wicklow to promote tourism:-

## Entertainment:

- (1) Seisium in Arklow
- (2) Blessington Regatta
- (3) European Mirror Championship in Greystones
- (4) Open air ceili on the sea-front, Bray

## Improvement in Facilities:

- (1) Tiglin Adventure Centre
- (2) Arklow Entertainment Centre
- (3) Dunlavin Courthouse
- (4) Improvements to fleet of horse-drawn caravans in Glenealy
- (5) Improvements to Roundwood caravan park and camping site

It is also proposed to allocate £30,000 to Stage I of the Glendalough Study.

The Chairman then asked Members to express their views on the report. During the discussion a number of questions were raised by the Members and these were replied to by the representatives of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.

## National Park:

Following a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed National Park, Mr Long requested the Council to consider this question in the National interest, particularly in view of the growth of Dublin. Wicklow is at present used by a large number of people every weekend, the proposed park envisaged proper facilities being provided. He pointed out that a study group were at present working out proposals. Many Members expressed surprise that the study was undertaken without the knowledge of the Council, and in reply Mr Long indicated that the study had, in fact, just commenced. The Council will be requested to contribute prior to any proposals being formulated.

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#### Benefit to Residents of Spending on Tourism:

In reply to a question raised on the desirability of expenditure on tourism, Mr Long confirmed that it was the policy of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation to ensure local people derived benefit from facilities and their quality of life would be enhanced by virtue of the improvements achieved.

#### Hotels in Wicklow:

The closure of three major hotels was discussed and in reply Mr Long pointed out that while assistance could be given to existing hotels, no grants could be given at present for the provision of new hotels. He agreed that the County Council should consider purchasing Rockfield House Hotel in Brittas Bay.

#### Damage to Sand Dunes at Brittas Bay:

In relation to damage to sand-dunes at Brittas Bay, Mr Long stated that while this was a technical question, he felt that the problem could be tackled if areas were zoned off and a project undertaken to plant strong grass on the dunes.

#### Lack of Attention to South West Area and other rural areas:

Mr Long agreed that this area was neglected in the report, due to lack of finance, he agreed that the area had tremendous natural beauty and felt that local interests should concentrate on this feature, for the present. In reply to a suggestion that parts of the County were not referred to in the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation publication and that some areas were promoted every year, Mr Long pointed out that finance had to be diverted to areas which had most tourist potential.

#### Bray Harbour Development:

Mr Holdship, in reply to a query regarding financing the £200,000 project to be undertaken, indicated that this referred to the proposal to extend the sewerage pipeline. The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation intended to make improvements which would have the effect of allowing the area to be used for recreation. The proposed work would include fencing and providing leisure facilities.

#### Financing Proposals in the Development Plan:

Mr Holdship pointed out that each project had been evaluated by Bord Failte and a grant level assessed. The balance would be met by private and other public bodies, neither Bord Failte nor the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation control resources, this document formulates the steps required by both private and public sectors of the economy if the interests of tourism are to be served.

To finalise, Mr Long pointed out that the contribution by Wicklow County Council to the Eastern Regional Development Organisation was very small. He made reference to the fact that Meath County Council contributed £5,000, whereas Wicklow contributed £2,000.

Mr Long thanked the Members for the attention they had given and the manner in which they discussed the proposals. The Chairman then thanked Mr Long and Mr Holdship.

#### ITEM NO. 3:- WICKLOW AREA COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was unanimously agreed that the meeting of the elected members for the Wicklow Area will be held on Monday, 24th May 1976 at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, to consider the action area plan for Rathdrum, Newtownmountkenedy, Rathnew, Ashford, Glenealy and Roundwood.

#### ITEM NO. 4:- TAKING OVER OF ROADS BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

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Miss M. Walsh and unanimously agreed:-

"That the following roads, having been brought up to standard be made public roads in accordance with the Local Government Act 1953 and be maintained by Wicklow County Council:-

Road from Main Road at Killoughter Cross Roads to entrance to Ballybla House for a distance of 0.53 km.

Road from Three Roads at Newcastle Church to the lodge at Newcastle Middle for a distance of 0.64 km.

Road from Three Roads opposite the Lodge to Tomdarragh House running Eastward for a distance of 0.64 km.

Road from County Road 39 to Roches in the town land of Carrigower for a distance of 1.01 km.

Road from Three Roads opposite Mountain Tavern Eastwards for a distance of 0.93 km. in the townland of Calary Upper.

Road from County Road 42 to Toners in the townland of Stilebawn for a distance of 0.11 km.

Road to the East of Main Road 24 in Bathdown Upper known as Ennis Lane for a distance of 0.34 km.

Road from Three Roads at Ballinabarney to Three Roads at Ballymanus (known as Red Peg's Lane) for a distance of 3.40 km.

Road from Three Roads at Ballynagran to Three Roads at Kilcandra for a distance of 1.80 km.

Roads in Bentley Park Housing Scheme off Boghall Road, Bray, for a distance of 0.09 km.

Road from County Road No. 400 at Ballyvolan to Council Houses at Timore known as Timore Lane for a distance of 0.60 km.

Road from County Road No. 11 to O'Tooles in the townland of Annacrevy for a distance of 0.20 km.

Road from County Road No. 33 to Strunz House in the townland of Carrigoona for a distance of 0.05 km.

Road from Main Road 66 to Rathnew Industrial Estate at Milltown North for a distance of 0.45 km.

Road from Main Road 44 to Foresters Hall, Kilcoole Green for a distance of 0.15 km.

Road from County Road 98 at Rathnew known as the Priest's Road for a distance of 0.12 km.

Road from County Road 98 to the Green, Rathnew for a distance of 0.04 km.

Roads in Council Housing Scheme off County Road No. 98 South East of Railway Bridge at Merrymeeing for a distance of 0.40 km.

Roads to Council Houses at Monastery, Enniskerry for a distance of 0.32 km.

Roads in Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, for a distance of 0.32 km.

Roads in Gratton Park Housing Scheme at Kindlestown for a distance of 0.86 km.

Road at St. Brigid's Park, Balcklion, for a distance of 0.16 km.

Road at Sea View at Redford for a distance of 0.20 km.

Service Road to houses at Kindlestown Lower (Parallel to Main Road 24) for a distance of 0.29 km.

Road to Council Houses at Ballydonarea for a distance of 0.22 km.



Road to Council Houses at Newcastle for a distance of 0.23 km.  
Road to the Council Houses at Nun's Cross for a distance of 0.13 km.  
Road to Council Houses at Ballywaltrim for a distance of 0.38 km.  
Roads in Avondale Park off Killarney Lane, Bray, for a distance of 0.29 km.  
Roads serving Council houses at Moneycarroll and O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy for a distance of 0.57 km.  
Roads in Sylvan Lawn Housing Scheme at Kilcoole for a distance of 0.25 km.  
Service Road to Council Houses at Kilmacullegagh for a distance of 0.04 km.  
Roads in Council Housing Scheme at Ballyfree East off Main Road 112 for a distance of 0.26 km.  
Service Road to Houses at Ballinacooly off Main Road 112 for a distance of 0.06 km.  
Road to Council Houses at Ashtown, Roundwood for a distance of 0.13 km.  
Road to Council Houses at Synnott's Corner Roundwood, for a distance of 0.05 km.  
Road to Council houses at Ballybrew for a distance of 0.05 km.  
Road to Council houses at Ballybawn for a distance of 0.06 km.  
Road to St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew for a distance of 0.13 km.  
Road from County Road No. 179 to Griffins in the townland of Shelton for a distance of 1.26 km.  
Road from County Road No. 172 at Carrycole Bridge to Ballinaclea for a distance of 0.89 km.  
Road from County Road No. 197 to Doyles in the townland of Ballintemple for a distance of 0.92 km.  
Road from County Road No. 197 to Hurleys in the townland of Ballintemple for a distance of 0.90 km.  
Road from County Road No. 197 at Ballycoog Crossroads to Post Office for a distance of 0.25 km.  
Road from County Road No. 197 to Hannigans and Kellys in the townland of Ballycoog for a distance of 0.52 km.  
Road from County Road No. 165 at Kilmacoo to Three Roads at Coolanearl for a distance of 1.33 km.  
Road from County Road No. 163 to Blacks in the townland of Oghill for a distance of 0.90 km.  
Road from County Road No. 146 to Byrnes in the townland of Tinakilly Lower for a distance of 0.53 km.  
Road from County Road No. 192 to Bridge at the boundary of Thomastown, Johnstown Upper and Coolastangan townlands for a distance of 0.30 km.  
Road from County Road No. 193 via Rostygah to Kilcarra East for a distance of 2.35 km.  
Loop Road off County Road No. 137 known as Ballyshal lane for a distance of 0.26 km.  
St. Martins Drive, Aughrim, off County Road No. 137 for a distance of 0.11 km.  
Roads to Council Houses at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, for a distance of 0.26 km.  
Road from County Road No. 171 to Whelans, Ballinastraw for a distance of 0.12 km.  
Road from County Road No. 155 to Council Cottages at Ballinabarney North for a distance of 0.40 km.  
Road from County Road No. 171 to Stedmans in the townland of Ballinvalley for a distance of 1.06 km.  
Road from Main Road No. 162 to Council cottages at Kilmurray North for a distance of 0.40 km.  
Road from Main Road No. 119 in the townland of Slieveroe, known as Slieveroe Lane for a distance of 0.16 km.



Road from Lower Street, Rathdrum, to Byrnes for a distance of 0.07 km.

Road from County Road No. 154 in the townland of Cronebane to the Mottee Stone for a distance of 0.53 km.

Road from County Road No. 103 Eastwards in the townland of Kilpoole Hill for a distance of 0.13 km.

Road from County Road No. 180 to Council houses at Kilmagig Upper for a distance of 0.11 km.

Road from County Road No. 396 to Kenny's in the townland of Cronebane for a distance of 0.80 km.

Road adjoining County Road No. 127 in Garrymore to County Road No. 125 in Ballyteigue for a distance of 0.63 km.

Road to Council Houses at the old Railway Station, Avoca, for a distance of 0.15 km.

Road from Main Road No. 201 to O'Neills in the townland of Mucklagh for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 202 to Bynres in the townland of Coolbawn for a distance of 1.20 km.

Road from County Road No. 143 to Shannons in the townland of Killballyowen for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to Shepherds in the townland of Ballybeg for a distance of 0.67 km.

Road from County Road No. 143 at Tomcoyle at Tankersley House for a distance of 1.20 km.

Road from County Road No. 143 to Haydens in the townland at Ballinglen for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 134 in Moyne Townland to Broes in the townland of Rathcot for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 133 to Kinsella in the townland of Ballinasillogue for a distance of 0.45 km.

Road from County Road No. 259 at Rathduffmore to County Carlow Boundary and from Three Roads, Knockananna to County Carlow Boundary for a distance of 2.00 km.

Road from County Road No. 209 to Kennys in the townland of Ardnaboy for a distance of 0.80 km.

Road from County Road No. 258 to County Road No. 257 at Kilcarney Lower with branch to O'Keefe's in the townland of Kilcarney Lower for a distance of 0.96 km.

Road from Main Road No. 208 to Kilcommon Church and School for a distance of 0.14 km.

Road from County Road No. 244 at Greenhall to Three Roads, Tomfinnogue for a distance of 1.20 km.

Road from Main Road No. 208 to Dillons and McGraths in Coolafunshogue for a distance of 1.20 km.

Road from County Road No. 246 to Doyles and Gahans in the townland of Knockatomcoyle for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 246 to Binions in the townland of Knockatomcoyle for a distance of 0.33 km.

Road from County Road No. 250 to Sullivans in the townland of Knockatomcoyle for a distance of 0.19 km.

Road from County Road No. 246 to Dwyers in the townland of Knockatomcoyle for a distance of 0.20 km.

Road from Main Road No. 242 to Byrnes and Pratts in the townland of Ballynultagh for a distance of 1.07 km.

Road from County Road No. 222 at Tombreen Bridge to County Road No. 223 in Tombreen townland for a distance of 1.92 km.



Road from County Road No. 223 to Graingers in the townland of Tombreen for a distance of 0.53 km.

Road from County Road No. 251 to Bowe's in the townland of Killabeg for a distance of 0.59 km.

Road from County Road No. 142 to Tomkins in the townland of Rodenagh for a distance of 0.30 km.

Road from County Road No. 244 to Langrell's in the townland of Newtown for a distance of 0.66 km.

Road from Main Road No. 242 to Kealy's in the townland of Mungacullen for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 245 to Southern's in the townland of Ballynultagh for a distance of 0.53 km.

Road from Main Road No. 242 to Cronelea House in the townland of Cronelea for a distance of 0.93 km.

Road from County Road No. 245 to Hopkins in the townland of Ballynultagh for a distance of 0.27 km.

Road from Main Road No. 243 to Furlong's and Cash's, Ballynultagh for a distance of 0.80 km.

Road from County Road No. 245 to Clearys in the townland of Ballynultagh (called Bachelor's Walk) for a distance of 0.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 236 to DoYLES and Byrnes, Coolross for a distance of 1.46 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to O'Connor's and Kinsella's in the townland of Rosbawn for a distance of 1.06 km.

Road from County Carlow Boundary to Cullens of Carrick for a distance of 0.66 km.

Road from County Road No. 247 in Raheenteige to McDonalds in the townland of Farnese for a distance of 0.93 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to Grahams in the townland of Garryhoe for a distance of 1.06 km.

Road from County Road No. 246 to Langrell's, Gegan's and Kavanagh's in the townland of Knockatomcoyle for a distance of 1.08 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to Moore's in the townland of Garryhoe for a distance of 0.53 km.

Road from County Road No. 143 to Carty's and Stapleton's in the townland of Preban (both branches) for a distance of 1.11 km.

Road from County Road No. 209 to Hughes at Rathshanmore East for a distance of 0.16 km.

Road from County Roads No. 209 in Ballynahanogue to Mulhall's with branch to Connolly's, Mullens South for a distance of 1.40 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to Hederman's in the townland of Rosbawn for a distance of 0.32 km.

Road from County Road No. 205 to Kinsellas in the townland of Mangans for a distance of 2.06 km.

Road from Main Road No. 208 serving new houses on Hacketstown Road at Tinahely for a distance of 0.05 km.

Road from County Road No. 227 serving new houses at Coolattin Row, Carnew, for a distance of 0.08 km.

Road from Main Road No. 220 serving houses at Brunswick Row, Carnew, for a distance of 0.09 km.

Road from Main Road No. 208 serving Council Houses at Churchlands, Tinahely for a distance of 0.05 km.

Road from County Road No. 365 at Templebodan Bridge to Callens in the townland of Kylebeg, for a distance of 0.64 km.

Road from County Road No. 332 to Doyle's and Allen's in the townland of Ballymoney for a distance of 0.25 km.

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Loop Road off County Road No. 375 in the townland of Threecastles for a distance of 0.38 km.

Road from L.19 Road 268 to Moore's in the townland of Deerpark for a distance of 0.35km.

Road from County Road No. 266 in the townland of Graigue to Drivers in the townland of Carrig Upper for a distance of 1.00 km.

Road from County Road No. 299 to O'Brien's in the townland of Ballinacrowe Upper for a distance of 0.80 km.

Road from County Road No. 266 in Kiltegan Village to Well for a distance of 0.15 km.

Road from County Road No. 403 South to Lugatryna for a distance of 0.54 km.

Branch from County Road 309 serving Council houses at Dunlavin for a distance of 0.24 km.

Road from County Road No. 358 serving Housing Scheme at Rockypool and from Main Road 385 serving New Houses to the West of Blessington Main Street for a distance of 0.51 km.

Road from County Road No. 374 serving Knockieran Cottages for a distance of 0.12 km.

Four Branch Roads off Main Road 268 serving Parkmore Housing Estate, Baltinglass, for a distance of 0.79 km.

Road from County Road 256 serving Housing Scheme at Old Kiltegan for a distance of 0.09 km.

Road from County Road 357 in Ballyknockan to Ballyknockan Quarries for a distance of 0.27 km.

Road from Main Road No. 319 to Dunne's, Ballylion Upper with branch to Metcalfe's in Ballylion Lower for a distance of 1.36 km.

Road from County Road No. 301 to Wynne's in the townland of Manger for a distance of 0.45 km.

Road from County Road No. 279 to Smullen's in the townland of Irongrange Upper for a distance of 1.60 km.

Portion of road, grass margin and footpath situated at the junction of Rathdown Road and New Road, Greystones, for a distance of 400 yards, the road to be known as "Mountain View Park, La Touche Estate, Greystones."

The Council was informed that as there was an objection to the taking over of County Road No. 226, this item was being deleted from the advertised schedule.

#### ITEM NO. 5:- SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee on Wednesday, 19th May 1976 at 2.30 p.m. at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow.

#### ITEM NO. 6:- CLOSING OF ROADS - TINAHELY AGRICULTURAL SHOW:

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

"That subject to the usual conditions, approval be given to the temporary closing of roads as follows on the 2nd August 1976 in connection with the Tinahely Agricultural Show:-

- (A) Lugduff - from Pat Doyle's garage to Duffy's, The Mount.
- (B) Killavaney - from Killavaney Chapel to Duffys, the Mount.
- (C) Whitefield - from Togher Bridge to Duffys, The Mount."



**ITEM NO. 7:- RESURFACING OF ROAD AT COOLAFANCY:**

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

"That the County Council resurface the road from Grades Cross, Coolafancy to the County Boundary - a distance of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile."

The Council was informed that repairs to this stretch of road had recently been carried out consisting of filling in an open drain alongside the road thus making it safer and wider. It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keegan, seconded by Senator Miss M. Walsh, and unanimously agreed:-

"That surface dressing of this stretch of road at an estimated cost of £400.00 be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme."

**ITEM NO. 8:- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT AUGHRIM:**

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

"That the sightline at the junction to Maccreddin Road from Chapel Lane, Aughrim, be improved in the interest of safety."

The Council was informed that this was a minor job and it is proposed to carry out this work in the current year.

**ITEM NO. 9 :- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS NEAR BARNISKEY CHURCH:**

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

"That the dangerous bridge and turn near Barniskey Church be improved in the interest of safety to road users."

The Council was informed that this road would be included in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme for consideration. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 10:- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLINACLASH:**

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

"That the dangerous turn on the Rathdrum side of the school in Ballinaclesh be made safer."

The Council was informed that this road would be included in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme for consideration. Agreed.

**ITEM NO. 11:- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

- "(a) That a footpath be provided from Avoca Village to Kilmagig to facilitate pedestrians on that dangerous stretch of narrow public road.
- (b) That repairs be carried out to path between the bridge at Avoca and the Church of Ireland.
- (c) That this Council will tarmacadam the road between Avoca and the Mines in the area where the road has been widened.
- (d) That this Council will now decide to take over the "Red Road", Avoca."

The Council was informed that:-

- (a) provision of a proper path would be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.
- (b) this proposal could be considered for inclusion in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.



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(d) that this work has now been carried out, Noted.

(d) that this proposal would be placed on the list of roads to be taken over in next year's Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.

At this point, on the suggestion of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that Notices of Motion which involved work which was already done or carried out in the current financial year, would in future be omitted from the Agenda, and that the Member of the Council concerned would be notified directly by the County Secretary.

ITEM NO. 12: NEW SCHOOL AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY:

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

"That in view of the fact that a new school will be opened on the Boghall Road, Bray, in the coming Autumn catering for small children, the Council in the interest of safety, provide a path of a temporary nature."

The Council was informed that no notification had been received that a new school was opening at the Boghall Road in the Autumn. The road here is very narrow. No money was provided in the current years Estimates. It was agreed that the County Engineer have another look at this stretch of road and that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 13:- REMOVAL OF CLAY AT TIMORE, NEWCASTLE

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove the bank of clay and bushes which remains after the Council making a right of way by the cottage of Mr & Mrs Hackett, Timore, Newcastle."

The Council was informed that a right of way was not made at this cottage. Portion of the driveway was surfaced last year to facilitate Mrs Hackett with her wheelchair, when the Local Improvements Scheme at Timore was being carried out. A concrete ramp was built and this prevents adequate access for the people next door. The estimated cost of removing the bank of clay would be £100.00. It was unanimously agreed that this be done.

ITEM NO. 14:- RESURFACING OF ROAD AT BALLYBAWN, KILMACANOGUE:

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

"That the Council resurface the inner Road in front of the Council Cottages at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue."

The Council was informed that the estimated cost of re-surfacing the inner road was £340.00 and that it would be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 15:- CLIFF WALK ROAD TO BRAY HEAD:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That the Council take over the road from the "Anchor", Greystones, and the Cliff Walk to Bray Head."

The Council was informed that considerable work would have to be done to bring this work up to standard including providing a footpath in front of the houses, some kerbing, making up road levels, surface water drainage and surface dressing throughout. The estimated cost of carrying out this work would be £3,700. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That this item be included for consideration in the 1977 Estimates."

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ITEM NO. 16:- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ARKLOW AND TEMPLERAINY CHURCH:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Murphy, T.D., and D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council provide a pedestrian crossing near the Post Office at Main Street, Arklow, which was agreed some time ago and also investigate the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Templerrainey Church."

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to have the pedestrian crossing provided at Arklow in the current year. In the case of Templerrainey Church, a pedestrian count would be carried out to establish if a pedestrian crossing is warranted. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 17:- SURFACE DRAINAGE - ASHFORD HOUSES:

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

"That this Council improve the surface drainage at the new Council Estate in Ashford which has caused flooding in several houses there."

The Council was informed that flooding occurs on the left hand side of the road going into the Estate and is caused by surface water flooding from the gardens which have a steep gradient. A surface water drainage system was laid at the front of these houses to take flooding from the front portion of the roofs and gardens and the gulleys are effective only for the disposal of surface water flowing from the roofs. A further inspection will be carried out in wet weather to determine the most effective remedy for the flooding.

ITEM NO. 18:- REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATH AT UPPER DARGLE ROAD, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, C. Murphy, T.D., and Mrs M. Ledwidge was considered:-

"That the footpath at Upper Dargle Road (junction of Lower Dargle Road to Printing Works) be reinstated to a proper standard after the Gas Company's work."

The Council was informed that the Gas Company had already been requested to re-instate to a satisfactory condition the footpath between the Dargle Tavern and the Printing Works. This matter will be taken up with them again in order to have this work done forthwith. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 19:- PROVISION OF LETTER-BOX AT OLDCOURT CROSSROAD:

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

"That this Council make application to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide a letter box to serve the people of the area at Oldcourt Crossroad."

ITEM NO. 20:- EXTENSION OF CARNEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL:

It was agreed to defer this item to the June Meeting.

ITEM NO. 21:- IMPROVEMENT OF BRIDGES AT SALLY GAP ROAD:

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

"That the bridges on the Sally Gap Road be put into such a condition as to allow Touring Coaches traverse from East to West or vice versa."

The Council was informed that there are 3 bridges of masonry stone wall construction between the Sally Gap and Annacarter Crossroads. The estimated cost of widening the bridges in order that touring coaches can pass along the road



would be approximately £3,000 per bridge. The proposal to carry out the works totalling £9,000 would need to have regard to available monies in 1977 and the necessity to devote such monies to works of greater priority. It was agreed to defer consideration of this motion until the report of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation on the National Park became available.

ITEM NO. 22: MAINTENANCE OF THE UPPER GREEN, KILCOOLE

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

"That consideration be given to the proper maintenance of the Upper Green in Kilcoole."

The Council was informed that the cutting of grass and shrubs would be attended to in the current year. Consideration of other works required would be included in the 1977 Estimates. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 23:- REPORT ON ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE:

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the June Meeting.

ITEM NO. 24:- ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1974 and 1975:

The Abstracts of Accounts for the year 1974 and 1975 were considered at the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Abstracts of Accounts for the financial years ending 31st December 1974 and 31st December 1975 be adopted."

ITEM NO. 25:- CORRESPONDENCE:

County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals -

A letter dated 8th April 1976 from the Department of Local Government was read. The position was that there are no provisions in the Planning Act which would allow a planning authority to provide financial assistance for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. However, the Local Government Planning and Development Bill 1973 which is at present in the Seanad proposes to amend the existing Legislation to enable the planning authorities to assist "a body or person providing homes or shelters for stray or unwanted cats and dogs".

Cleaning of Greystones Area - It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor C. Keegan:-

"That proper maintenance of the Greystones area be carried out".

The Council was informed by the County Manager that in the present economic climate continuous work for all County Council employees was his priority. The Council's Engineer would investigate the problem in the area, and the Manager would be guided by his recommendations.

School Warden at Blessington - The Council was informed that the question of providing a crash barrier outside the School at Blessington was receiving attention.

Water Supply - Greystones Area - The Council was informed that the water supply for the Greystones area was the subject of correspondence between Wicklow County Council, Dublin Corporation and the Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:-

CHAIRMAN

DATE:-



MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, on MONDAY, 14th JUNE, 1976.

PRESENT:- Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman  
Councillors J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,  
F. Hynes, P. Deering, J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella,  
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, S. Costello, J. Byrne,  
C. E. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, R. Miley,  
C. Murphy, and Senator Miss N. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr. B. A. Fidgeon,  
Acting County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E.,  
County Engineer, Mr. O. McNeill, Chief Assistant County  
Engineer, Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing  
Section, Mr. R. Kelly, Administrative Officer, Roads  
and Environmental Services Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff  
Officer, Environmental Services Section, Mr. E. Flannery,  
Acting Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM (1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor  
C. Murphy, and unanimously agreed

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 3rd May, 1976,  
be confirmed and signed".

ITEM (2) DEPUTATION FROM KILNAMANAGH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. M. Ward, addressed the meeting and she complained that the  
water supply in Kilnamanagh was out of action every second week. She  
was informed by the County Manager that the cause of the disruption in  
supply was the unstable current in the area, and that the break in  
current cut off the supply and had to be manually restarted.  
A Caretaker had recently been appointed and daily inspections were  
being made to ensure continuous water supply. It was agreed that a  
further report be submitted to the Council and that Mrs. Ward be  
informed of the steps being taken to improve the supply.

ITEM (3) DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BALISLAND, SHILLELAGH

This matter was deferred as agreement had not been finalised  
with the proposed purchaser.

ITEM (4) DISPOSAL OF LAND AT GREYSTONES

Statutory Notice pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government  
Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966,  
was circulated to Members of the Council on the 1st June, 1976.  
It was proposed by Councillor Costello and seconded by Councillor  
Hynes

"That the disposal not be carried out in accordance with Statutory  
Notice circulated".

This proposal was put to the meeting and a recorded vote was taken  
which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Councillors J. Burke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,  
C. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, R. Miley, G. Timmins,  
T.D., and Senator Miss Mary Walsh.

Against:- Councillors S. Costello, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
J. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan,  
J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan.



The proposal was carried by 11 votes to 10, and the County Manager was to renegotiate the disposal of the land by outright sale without any ground rent payable.

# ITEM (5) TAKING OVER OF BALLYBAWN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The Council was informed that the County Engineer was satisfied that the Ballybawn Group Water Supply Scheme was in order, and should be taken over. Forms had been signed by the 37 participants in the scheme indicating that they were agreeable to hand over their interests in the scheme to the Council, and further agreeing to paying the Council the usual water charges in respect of premises connected to the Council's water mains after the expiration of the remission period in 1981.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed

"That the County Council take over the Ballybawn Group Water Supply Scheme on the terms indicated".

# ITEM (6) LOAN OF £1,000,000 for DEVOLVED HOUSING SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously resolved "subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government that a loan of £1,000,000 be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of providing devolved housing schemes in County Wicklow".

# ITEM (7) REALLOCATION OF MONIES FOR SMALL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

The Council was informed that the Templecarrig/Windgates Improvement Scheme could not at present be carried out due to Dublin Corporation's refusal to allow a connection to their mains, until adequate storage facilities are provided. It was proposed to transfer £3,000 of the £6,000 allocated for the Templecarrig/Windgates Improvement Scheme, to complete the new water mains in Main Street, Rathdrum, and a further £1,100 to complete the water supply at Cooldross, Kilcoole, with the balance of £1,900 not being allocated for the present.

The County Engineer informed the Council that the amount provided for small schemes was inadequate to complete existing commitments and to provide adequate storage facilities might necessitate building a reservoir. It was agreed that the County Engineer prepare a report on the cost of the provision of adequate storage and that his report be submitted to the Council.

# ITEM (8) WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSE - MRS. SOUTHERN, SUNNY TERRACE, RATHDRUM

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered

"That this Council replace the existing water supply to house occupied by Mrs. Southern, Sunny Terrace, Rathdrum, which is very unsatisfactory".

The Council was informed by the County Manager that according to the Council's records, an illegal connection was made to Mrs. Southern's house. He would investigate the matter to see if, in fact, the connection was made by the County Council, and if so the Council would remedy the matter.

# ITEM (9) VESTING OF COTTAGE AT COOLAWINNA

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered

"That Wicklow County Council complete the vesting of cottage occupied by Mary Healy at Coolawinna, Ashford".



The Council was informed that there was no Council house in the name of Mary Healy, Coolawinna, Ashford, but that it may refer to a cottage occupied by Miss Catherine Healy. Miss Healy had not made application to vest and will be included in the Next Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Councillor Kavanagh explained that the townland should have been Ballinapark, and it was agreed that the matter be further investigated.

ITEM (10) REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT KILMANOGUE, GLENEALY

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered

"That Wicklow County Council carry out repairs to their cottage at Kilmanogue, Glenealy, occupied by Mr. Jack Brien".

The Council was informed that the repairs, at an estimated cost of £742, had been approved, subject to availability of finance. It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, T.D., and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and unanimously agreed

"That repairs, at an estimated cost of £742, be carried out".

ITEM (11) ERECTION OF HOUSE for Mr. J. BARNES, SHILLELAGH

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered

"That this Council build a house for John Barnes, Shillelagh".

The Council was informed that Mr. Barnes lives in a house on the property of Coollattin Estate at Ballymocker, Shillelagh. He has no site available on which to build and had indicated that in the event of the Council not having an isolated house available he would accept a Council house in Carnew. The County Manager informed the Council that the Council had no land in Shillelagh, but that there was service land in Carnew. It was agreed that the acquisition of a site on the Aughrim Road be investigated.

ITEM (12) REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR COOLLATTIN

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered

"That this Council provide a refuse collection service for Coollattin. The van passes by the houses when travelling from Coolboy to Shillelagh".

The Council was informed that the present collection service was fully committed and with the provision of a further refuse collection vehicle, this area would be considered for a rescheduled service. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Whelan, and unanimously agreed that the Coollattin area be included in the rescheduled collection service.

The County Engineer informed the Council that it would take approximately two months for the rescheduled service to be working satisfactorily and that a number of existing dumps would be closed when the extended service comes into operation.



ITEM (13) ERECTION OF HOUSE - MR. WM. DICKENSON, KILMACOO

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, and J. Whelan was considered

"That the County Council build a house for Wm. Dickenson, Kilmacoo, on a site which he will provide himself at Kilmacoo as he is a married man with a wife and four children living in a caravan".

The Council was informed that the Dickenson family had indicated that they would build their own house with the aids of loans and grants from the Council. Application forms were being sent to them. Agreed.

ITEM (14) ERECTION OF HOUSE - WM. and MARY DICKENSON, KILMACOO

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors M. Cullen, E. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered

"That the Council construct a house for Wm. and Mary Dickenson, Kilmacoo, Avoca, on a site to be provided to the Council".

As this motion was substantially the same as Item No. 13, it was considered in conjunction with this Item.

ITEM (15) ERECTION OF HOUSE - MR. and MRS. MATT KINCH, ARKLOW

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered

"That Wicklow County Council erect a dwelling for Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kinch, Rockbig, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, on a site provided to the Council for this purpose".

The Council were informed that this matter was still being investigated.

ITEM (16) EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors E. Miley and M. Cullen, was considered

"That Wicklow County Council provide water to the six Council cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum:-

Mrs. Wm. Byrne,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Ben Eilly,	Mr. Mark Sunderland,	Mr. J. Dunne".

The Council was informed that the existing water supply at Rathdrum is inadequate to serve this proposed extension until improvements have taken place in the supply. Work on the improvement of Rathdrum scheme was at present in progress. The provision of an extension to serve the above houses would be considered in the 1977 list of Small Schemes.

ITEM (17) EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO THE STUMP, RATHDRUM

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors E. Miley and M. Cullen, was considered

"That Wicklow County Council will supply the eight houses at Stump, Rathdrum, with water from Rathdrum Mains or a supply from the Forestry over near Croneybyrne House on the road heading to Rathdrum".

The Council was informed that improvements were at present in progress in Main Street, Rathdrum. The question of an extension to houses at Stump would be looked at when the present scheme was finished and included in the 1977 list of Small Schemes. Agreed.

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ITEM (12) ACQUISITION OF LAND AT COOLAFANCY

The following notice of motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered

"That the possibility of acquiring a site at Coolafancy to solve the housing problem in the Coolboy area be investigated forthwith".

The Council was informed that the acquisition of land would be considered with regard to the number of qualified applications for houses in the area; there was no further progress on the acquisition of a site at Coolboy. It was agreed that proposals for housing developments in the Coolboy area be prepared, and submitted to the Council, as soon as possible.

ITEM (1) EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO DEERPARK, SHILLELAGH

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan, was considered

"That the Council extend the refuse collection to 11 houses in Deerpark, Shillelagh".

The Council was informed that the rescheduling of collection districts was at present being looked at and that the 11 houses in Deerpark would be included when the list of places for collection was being considered. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan and agreed that the 11 houses in Deerpark, Shillelagh, will be included in the revised rescheduled collection districts.

ITEM (20) EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO BLACKBERRY LANE, STYLEBAWN

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, and J. Byrne, was considered

"That the refuse collection in the Delgany area be extended to houses in Blackberry Lane, Stylebawn, Delgany".

The Council was informed that it was not recommended that the collection be extended to serve Blackberry Lane, as it is very steep, narrow, overgrown with trees, and has no adequate turning point. It would be inaccessible to a standard refuse truck. It was agreed that if the refuse is brought to the top of the Lane, the collection will be made from that point.

A further suggestion that collection be made from individual isolated houses, where the refuse is brought to crossroads, and the truck is passing, was agreed.

ITEM (21) CORRESPONDENCE and OTHER BUSINESS

International Housing Conference in Helsinki

It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney and seconded by Councillor Timmins, and unanimously agreed

"That the following Members and one Official attend the I.F.H.P. Congress in Helsinki in August:-

Councillor S. Costello,  
Councillor Miss N. O'Neill,

Councillor K. Ryan,  
Councillor P. Deering".

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3rd MAY, 1976:-

Repairs to Mrs. A. Byrne's house in Coolballyowen, Ballinglen

The Council was informed that the Council's Law Agent reported that since the cottage could be made fit at a reasonable cost, repairs would not come within the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme, and the Chief Medical Officer had reported that the repairs did not come within the scope of the Disabled Grant Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Walsh and agreed that the Council repossess the house and carry out the necessary repairs.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that this would be done subject to availability of the necessary finances. He pointed out that the Council no longer have a free hand in carrying out repairs and that a recent circular from the Department had limited the amount which the Council could spend on cottage repairs.

Tenancy of Council House in Rathmeigue, Knockananna

The Council was informed that the Council's Law Agent reported that the District Justice would not deal with this case in Shillelagh Court, as the Council had no documents of Title of the site on which the cottage is built. Since Mr. Breen would not sign the Agreement of Transfer which was completed some years ago, the Law Agent stated that proceedings would have to be taken in the Circuit Court for specific performance of the Agreement.

Proposed Tip at Ballyman

The Council was informed that the matters raised by the Save Enniskerry Committee would be considered when detailed proposals were available from Dublin County Council.

Enniskerry Housing Scheme

Letter from the Chairman of Enniskerry Housing Action Group, in relation to alleged lack of progress on Enniskerry Housing Scheme, was noted. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes and agreed that the Council recommend the County Manager to drop the ban on overtime on the construction of Enniskerry Houses and take on additional men to complete the scheme.

Defects - Kilmacanogue Houses

The Members discussed allegations from residents of the Council houses in Kilmacanogue that there were a number of defects in the houses, and following discussion it was agreed that a further attempt would be made to have the National Building Agency rectify the listed defects in the houses in this scheme.

The County Manager agreed to contact the Council's Law Agent to see if the National Building Agency could be compelled to satisfactorily complete the scheme.

Boundary Wall at New Housing Scheme at Aughrim

Councillor Keenan stated that the wooden fence at Aughrim constituted a hazard to children playing in the area, and it was proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed that the wooden fence at Aughrim housing scheme be removed and a wall be erected instead. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he would investigate the matter.

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# Greystones Dumping Ground

Councillor O'Neill was informed that the dump at Greystones was closed and that the defective gate-way on the dump would be repaired. The question of closing off the entrance to the dump from the C.I.E. access road would also be investigated and taken up with C.I.E.

# Road-side Traders

Councillor Burke was informed by the County Manager that the difficulties in relation to road-side traders had been already explained to the Council. A resolution passed under the 1948 Act, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings along the verges of the National Primary Route between Bray and Newtownmounkenedy, was not yet confirmed by the Minister. It is a national problem and a Body had been set up to look into the problem at a national level.

# Donard Housing

Councillor Deering was informed that the houses in Donard were in units of six and there are not sufficient applicants to go ahead with a second set of six. It was proposed to go ahead with these six houses for which tenders had been received and a number of Small Family Units would be built in this scheme, as soon as possible. The other applicants for housing in this area had not yet been processed, and it would be premature to go ahead with 12 houses.

# Land at Valleymount

The County Manager informed the Council that there were difficulties in connection with Title of land being purchased.

# Bridges at Blessington

It was proposed by Councillor Deering, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed that 'No Parking' signs be erected on the bridges at Blessington. The Council was informed that these signs would have no legal effect, since parking by-laws would be required for the area.

# Pump at Barndarrig

Councillor Cullen was informed that the water which he claimed was a health hazard would be examined.

# Protest by Mrs. Lynch in relation to house at Hollybrook

Councillor Ledwidge was informed that a number of suggestions were made to Mrs. Lynch, with regard to her house at Hollybrook, Kilmacanogue, Bray. A separate entrance and screen had been offered, but she did not accept these.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:-

CHAIRMAN

DATE

5/7/76



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

Also in attendance were Mr J.J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary, Mr E. Flannery, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr T. Broderick, County Development Officer, and Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 10th May 1976 be confirmed and signed."

ITEM NO. 2:- TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN WICKLOW

The Chairman introduced Messrs Martin, Smith and Mulcahy from the Dublin City Services of C.I.E. to the Council.

Mr Smith informed the Council that route to Killarney Road, Fairhill and Herbert Park was examined and would be extended to Oldcourt via Vevay Road. It would be uneconomic to service Killarney Road, Herbert Park and Fairhill. A bus shelter is situated on Old Conna Road for outward journey. It is not proposed to erect a shelter at the Ormond Cinema.

Mr Martin informed the Council that buses are inspected fully fortnightly or on specific request on drivers' "Signing-off Sheets". It is possible that four to five days could pass before defective route signs on vehicles would be noticed. Although not required by law warning triangles are carried by all city buses. It is proposed to make crew changes at Castle Street in future instead of at Main Street, Bray.

Route 85: Bray/Enniskerry - It is not possible to time buses to arrive at Enniskerry after 10.00 a.m. Mass as departure from Bray is 10.00 a.m. arriving at Enniskerry at 10.15 a.m.

Route 44: Extra services have been provided for peak hour traffic to Enniskerry. It is not possible to extend late service to Stepaside to Kiltarnan as this would disrupt existing schedules. Extension of route 44 to Grattan Park is not necessary as people are within walking distance of other routes.

Route 65: Blessington/Ballyknockan - It is considered that this service is adequate. Display of Time Tables on poles had proved a traffic hazard in city areas.

In reply to further comments by members the following observations were made by Mr Mulcahy of C.I.E. :-

Extension of service to Oldcourt is being continually monitored: C.I.E. would carry out a survey in the Blessington/Ballyknockan area in connection with re-routing of buses: It was doubtful if the Bray/Enniskerry service could be extended to take in Ballybawn: It would be uneconomic to provide a pick-up service from the Mailboat, Dun Laoire for south-bound traffic: The service from Dublin to Donard would be looked at again to see if it was possible to re-route.

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If details of the difficulties experienced by management in transporting employees to work in factories in Blessington were submitted to C.I.E. the position would be investigated.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from C.I.E. for their attendance and assistance and hoped that the discussion would bear a certain amount of fruit.

**ITEM NO. 3:- APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WARDEN AT FASSAROE LANE, WICKLOW/DUBLIN ROAD:**

The Council was informed that a survey of children crossing the road at this point was taken, and while the numbers crossing did not warrant the employment of a traffic warden, in view of the very heavy volume of traffic on this National Primary Road, it was recommended that a traffic warden be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That a Traffic Warden be appointed for the junction of Fassaroe Lane and Wicklow/Dublin Road."

**ITEM NO. 4:- HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1976:**

The Draft Higher Education Grants Scheme 1976 incorporating the changes set out in Circular letter dated 31st May 1976 from the Department of Education was considered. The Council was informed that the main change from the 1975 Scheme was an increase of 25% in the Lecture Fees bringing these to a maximum of £215.00. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1976."

**ITEM NO. 5:- AMENDMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1965:**

The Council was informed that Circular letter dated 1st April 1976 from the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries was considered by the Sheep Dipping Committee at their meeting on the 19th May last. The principal change from the present scheme was the abolition of the compulsory summer dip and in future there would be only one annual dipping, i.e., a period from the 1st October to 31st January.

Mr Sheehan from the Department explained the contents of circular to the Committee and pointed out that an examination of the sheep scab problem in England and other European countries had shown that the summer dipping was not effective against the spread of sheep scab. The mite which caused sheep scab does not generally become active until late autumn and early winter and control of the disease can be achieved by dipping during these months. Having discussed the matter fully the Sheep Dipping Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the Sheep Dipping Order 1965 be amended to provide for one annual dipping only, i.e., during the period 1st October to 31st January. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Sheep Dipping Order 1965 be amended to provide for sheep dipping during period 1st October to 31st January."

It was pointed out that an earlier commencing date would benefit the farmers of County Wicklow, and it was agreed to make representations to the Department of Agriculture to bring the date forward to the 15th September. The County Manager informed the Council that the legal dates for sheep dipping were now the 1st October to the 31st January.

**ITEM NO. 6:- ERECTION OF WARNING SIGNS AT BLACKBERRY LANE, STYLEBAWN, DELGANY.**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That warning signs be erected at Blackberry Lane area of Stylebawn, Delgany, indicating narrow road with dangerous bends."



The Council was informed that the suggested signs will be erected. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 7:- Sign to Parnell Park, BATHDRUM

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council erect a finger post sign into Parnell Park, Rathdrum, naming the Estate, and that the Council also erect a traffic warning sign to alert drivers about children playing in the area."

The Council was informed that a name plate had been ordered and arrangements were being made to have a 'CHILDREN PLAYING' sign erected.

ITEM NO. 8:- REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH AT KILLADREENAN, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair and resurface the footpath at Killadreenan Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council was informed that the present condition of the footpath at Killadreenan, although not perfect, was considered adequate, and that in the light of the present financial position no re-surfacing work, other than making good potholes, was anticipated for the time being. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and agreed:-

"That this work be included for consideration in the Council's Road Works Scheme for 1977."

ITEM NO. 9:- GRANT TO CARNEW CHORAL SOCIETY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That provision be made in the next years Estimates in accordance with the terms of the Local Authority Act 1973 to provide a grant to Carnew Choral Society."

The Council was informed that under Section 12 of the Arts Act 1973, the Local Authority was authorised to provide assistance for the following purposes:-

1. To stimulate public interest in the Arts,
2. To promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of the Arts,
3. To assist in improving the standard of the Arts.

The Arts are defined under the Act as painting, sculpture, architecture, music, drama, literature, design in industry, the cinema, the fine arts and applied arts generally.

A number of applications for assistance had been made by the Association of Irish Musical Societies, but it was pointed out that no provision had been made in the current years estimate of expenses to grant assistance in the current year. The Arts Act was broad in concept and the County Manager suggested that in order to consider its implications a scheme be drafted setting out the financial limits, type of organisation to be assisted, etc., and that this report be considered in conjunction with the 1977 Estimate of Expenses. This was agreed. It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and agreed:-

"That a Cultural Sub-Committee be formed to deal with applications and to make recommendations to the Council".

ITEM NO. 10:- SURFACING OF CALARY LANE

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



"That the Council surface the remainder of Calary Lane, Carrigower Upper, Nr. Bray."

The Council was informed that Calary Lane is in the townland of Calary Upper and not Carrigower, and improvements to 0.56 miles of this road were carried out in 1974 under local improvements scheme No. 81. There is a further 1,000 feet of the road to be completed in order to reach the junction at Road 32. When the original Local Improvements Scheme was mooted, a resident on the remaining 1,000 feet objected to paying his contribution towards the cost. It would be contrary to Council policy to carry out this work as the road must first be brought up to standard by means of a local improvements scheme. The County Manager informed the Council that it was not the function of the Council to promote local improvement schemes, and that the requests for improvements should be made by the landowners who would be required to make the necessary contribution towards any improvements.

**ITEM NO. 11 :- IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD AT KNOCKENREE, AVOCA**

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

"That Wicklow County Council improve the dangerous junction at Patrick Kearns, Knockenree, Avoca."

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

"That improvements to the dangerous junction at Patrick Kearns, Knockenree, Avoca, be included for consideration in the 1977 Road Works proposals."

**ITEM NO. 12:- SITE AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW**

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. Cullen and E. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council level out and fill the hole on their site at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, to prevent dumping."

The Council was informed that the hole had now been filled in.

**ITEM NO. 13:- REPAIRS TO SPINK ROAD :**

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

"That the Council include the taking over and repairing of the Spink Road up by the Holy Year Cross, Avoca, in the Estimates for 1977."

The Council was informed that it was not recommended that this road be taken over and repaired for the following reasons:-

1. The cost would be £12,000
2. Nobody lives on this road other than holiday home owners.
3. It would reinforce planning applications for development in this area (numerous already refused), which would be visually unacceptable. The development of this road would benefit speculators only.
4. A very pleasant amenity, viz: a mountain walk and pony track will be withdrawn from public use if this road is improved.

It was pointed out that this was not a public road and that it was contrary to Council's policy to take over roads not brought up to County Road standard. Following discussion it was agreed that applications for resurfacing should be dealt with under the Local Improvements Scheme procedure. The question of a Bord Pailte grant was to be investigated.



**ITEM NO. 14:- NATIONAL PLAN FOR TOURISM 1976-80**

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

"That Wicklow County Council's Development Team consider the National Plan for tourism 1976-80 with particular reference to its impact on planning of development within the county."

The Council was informed that this matter was presently being investigated by the County Development Team and a report would be available in due course.

**ITEM NO. 15:- RESURFACING OF GREYSTONES PROMENADE:**

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

"That consideration be given in the 1977 Estimates to the resurfacing of the Promenade in Greystones."

The Council was informed that it was not considered that the present condition of the Promenade warranted re-surfacing. There are one or two minor spots in need of attention and these will be attended to. Noted.

**ITEM NO. 16:- FLOODING OF MRS SHERIDAN'S YARD AT CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM**

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T.J. Keenan and B. Miley was considered:-

"That the Council eliminate the flooding of Mrs Sheridan's yard at Corballis, Rathdrum, which was caused by road surfacing some time ago."

The Council was informed that this yard was not being flooded by the road although it is lower than the road. A tarmac strip was placed along the entrance 12 months ago, and additional drainage was provided to take water away. When some stetmix is available a further carpet will be provided. It was proposed by Councillor T.J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor B. Miley and agreed:-

"That the proposed improvements be carried out."

**ITEM NO. 17:- EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1974 and 1975:**

The Council was informed that under Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, the Council's authorisation was required to over-expenditure. The excess expenditure was incurred as follows:-

	1974: (Nine Months)	1975:
Roads	£38,458.09	£ 94,127.85
Health	£ 497.02	—
Housing	£24,506.19	£ 48,678.69
Sanitary	£20,558.52	£ 30,887.04
General Purposes	£42,027.02	£133,482.13
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£126,046.84</b>	<b>£307,175.71</b>

The Council was informed that the increased expenditure during the years 1974 and 1975 over and above the adopted Estimates was in many cases offset by corresponding increases in Receipts. Some of the excess expenditure had already been approved by the Council during the two years and the members' approval was now sought to facilitate the Local Government Auditor by grouping the excess expenditure in one resolution. It was agreed that in future financial data would be circulated to the Councillors.

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

"that excess expenditure in respect of the years 1974 and 1975 amounting to £126,046.84 and £307,175.71 respectively be approved.

Councillor K. Ryan dissented.

#### ITEM NO. 18:- EXTENSION TO CARNEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL

It was agreed that this matter be deferred.

#### ITEM NO. 19:- REPORT ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE:

It was agreed to defer this item to the July Meeting of the Council.

#### ITEM NO. 20:- ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was unanimously agreed that the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council be held on Monday, 12th July 1976 at 2.30 p.m. before the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

#### ITEM NO. 21:- CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS:.

**A.G.M. of County Councils' General Council :** The Council was informed that the Annual Meeting of the County Council's General Council will take place in Dublin in early August, and that items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary before Friday, 23rd July 1976.

**Priming Grants Scheme:** The Department of Local Government had issued sanction to the Council's proposals to raise a loan of £33,000 to defer the cost of implementing the Council's Priming Grants Scheme; the loan to be obtained from the Industrial Credit Corporation repayable over a period of 15 years.

**Dangerous Trees, Etc.:** Letter from Trees for Ireland indicating that the Council's concern about dangerous trees would be discussed at their Annual General Meeting.

**Communication from E.S.B.** stated that it was part of their on-going policy to examine their network of electricity poles, and where ever poles are found to be below standard they are replaced. The siting of poles on the Sea Front at Greystones, and on the footpath in Carnew were to be drawn to the attention of the E.S.B.

**Removal of Barrier - Laragh to Glenmalur:** The Council was informed that the alignment at the junction leading to Glenmalur to Laragh had been examined and that in the interest of safety the junction should not be altered.

**Footpath at Boghall Road:** The Council was informed that it would be possible to provide a temporary footpath over approximately half the length required. This would involve excavation of existing verges over a length of 600 yards and gravelling same and would cost approximately £2,000. Any expenditure on this path would be completely nullified as and when the proper Boghall Road Scheme is constructed. It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed:-

"That a footpath be provided at an estimated cost of £2,000."

The County Manager stated that he would see if he could divert monies for this scheme.

**Withdrawal of Freight Traffic from Wicklow Station:** Letter dated 16th June 1976 from C.I.E. indicating that an examination of the economics of handling freight traffic had revealed that Wicklow Station does not justify the

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continuing supply of facilities for the handling of freight traffic and that such facilities would be withdrawn from Wicklow from 6th September 1976. Substitute road transport services would be provided from Arklow. Concern was expressed by Members of the Council concerning the longterm implications for Wicklow Town arising from the decision of C.I.E. It was pointed out that the closure would not help the Council's efforts in attracting industries to the town. It was agreed that the County Secretary should request C.I.E. to reconsider this decision on the matter in the interests of the further development of Wicklow Town.

Painting of Sign Posts: - The Council was informed that the Council's Sign Posts are inspected and painted periodically. Sign Posts requiring attention were to be brought to the notice of the County Manager.

Letter dated 25th May from C.I.E. concerning matters arising from the December 1975 Meeting was read and noted.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

Date: James Mulvey

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

- (1) Water Main at Ballinacorney, Wicklow
- (2) Completion of Water Supply at Ballinacorney, Wicklow
- (3) Balance to be transferred from the ...

- (1) Children's Playground at Ballinacorney, Wicklow
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