

WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL MINUTES-1969

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purposes of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th January, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:--

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Miley, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, P. J. Bermingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey and K. C. O'Donnell attended.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

- (a) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Kavanagh for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per plan enclosed together with newspaper advert."

- (b) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

- (c) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. M. Grogan, Glenfern, Cabinteely, for erection of a motel on a site 5 acres south of Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

2. To receive Deputation from Labour Party, Kilcoole Branch, in regard to (a) Drainage of New Road, Kilcoole; (b) Flooding at Monteith Park; (c) Extending Speed Limits; (d) Upper Green, Kilcoole.

3. Applications for Reception of Deputations.

4. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
5. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new dwellinghouses.
6. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
7. Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
8. Proposed Development of former C.I.E. Depot at South Beach, Greystones—Revised Plans submitted by Bord Failte.
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and William Cleary:— "That the Secretary give a report on the progress being made in providing houses for the following:— John Dillon, Monument Lane, Arklow; Peter Monaghan, Kilcarra, Arklow; Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council provide a house for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, on a site provided at Coolfancy."
11. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— (a) "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Susan Murphy's cottage, Ballinacor, Kilbride, No. 71/7; (b) "That the Council relay sewer pipes at the back of Mr. Doran's and the Rep. of Mr. Thompson's cottages."
12. Cottages repaired during month of December, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired during month of January, 1969.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Kavanagh for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per plan enclosed together with newspaper adverts."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. John Kavanagh for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar on the 2nd April, 1968, and further information regarding the application had been received on the 30th September, 1968. The application was refused on the 28th November, 1968, on the grounds that the proposal would adversely affect the scenic amenities of the area which was one of considerable natural beauty deserving preservation and protection. Mr. Kavanagh owned 13 acres, 0 roods, 3 perches of land at Killegar and the site contained 2 roods, 22 perches. It was proposed to provide a water supply from a spring well and sewerage facilities by means of a septic tank. The County Medical Officer had drawn attention to the danger of pollution of the water supply by reason of the proposed location of the septic tank. The present application by Mr. Kavanagh was similar to that previously submitted and the County Engineer and County Medical Officer had recommended refusal of the application on the same grounds as in the previous instance. The County Secretary stated that an application

had been made in December, 1967, for the erection of two houses on Mr. Kavanagh's lands and these were refused on the 2nd February, 1968. An application for erecting a house on an adjoining site had been refused on the 15th December, 1967, and a similar application in respect of the same site had been refused in February, 1966, and the Council's decision had been upheld by the Minister on Appeal. It was understood that Mr. Kavanagh had sold a farm in Dublin and now sought permission for a house on his lands at Killegar. Councillor H. J. Byrne proposing the Motion to direct the grant of planning permission stated that the applicant wished to get married and required a house for his own accommodation. He agreed that the house would be sited on the approach to the Scalp but pointed out that at the back of the site there was a very unsightly haybarn and if the proposed bungalow were erected it would screen the view of the haybarn and in his opinion improve the amenities of the area. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge. Councillor S. Costello drew attention to the points made in the Report of the County Medical Officer regarding the siting of the septic tank and the possibility of pollution of the water supply and suggested that the matter be adjourned to the next Housing Meeting of the Council and in the meantime that the Council's Officers consult with the applicant with a view to seeing if the difficulties in regard to water supply and sewerage facilities could be overcome and to consider the point made in relation to the haybarn. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd February, 1969, to allow of these matters being examined.

- (b) In names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that no new application for planning permission had been received from Dr. Kevin Dodd though a letter had been addressed to him pointing out the requirements for making a new application. The Council decided to defer the matter and asked that a further letter be addressed to Dr. Dodd indicating the procedure to be followed for making an application for planning permission.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. M. Grogan, IGenfern, Cabinteely, for the erection of a Motel on a site 5 acres south of Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application on behalf of Mrs. M. Grogan, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin, for the erection of a motel on a site containing 5 acres south of Kilpedder had been refused on the recommendation of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer. It was considered that the siting of a motel at this point on the Arterial route which it was intended to be developed as a dual-carriageway later would give rise to a serious traffic hazard. The County Medical Officer had also expressed doubt if the proposed method of sewage disposal would prove satisfactory and no evidence had been given that a water supply could be obtained from Dublin Corporation. The County Secretary stated that the plans as submitted were similar

to those previously submitted and details of the application together with the arguments put forward by the applicant to counter the grounds of refusal of permission by the Council of the previous application were read to the Council. The County Engineer stated that traffic on this section of the Arterial Road was increasing at the rate of 10% per annum and was already very heavy and that a motel with 60 bedrooms would generate a considerable amount of traffic on the off the Arterial Road at this point and give rise to a serious traffic hazard. It was recommended that the application be refused. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the efforts of the Irish Tourist Board to have additional bedroom accommodation provided for tourists and to the substantial earnings from tourism in North-East Wicklow and expressed the view that this development would be a desirable one in the interests of tourism and of the County. He did not agree that a traffic hazard could arise as there was ample vision on either side of the site of the motel. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to a suggestion of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hynes, that the proposal be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 3rd February and that in the meantime the Council's staff would contact the applicants with a view to seeing if any agreement could be reached in the matter.

Item No. 2—To receive Deputation from Labour Party, Kilcoole Branch, in regard to (a) Drainage of New Road, Kilcoole; (b) Flooding at Monteith Park; (c) Exceeding Speed Limits; (d) Upper Green, Kilcoole.

The Council received a Deputation from the Labour Party, Kilcoole Branch, consisting of Messrs. William Lawless, Patrick O'Gorman, Kevin Behan, Patrick Doyle and Edward Keddy. Mr. Lawless thanked the Members of the Council for receiving the Deputation and introduced the other members of the Deputation. In regard to the Upper Green Mr. O'Gorman stated that this now had become a commons and was used as a dump. The people at Kilcoole asked that it be fenced off to prevent it being used by itinerants and showmen. He stated that there was no sanitation and that a health nuisance could arise. Mr. Behan stated that he owned property at the Green, Kilcoole, which he had bought some years ago but that he had suffered a lot from trespass by persons with caravans. He stated that he had been informed by the Scott Estate that they had no further responsibility in respect of the Green. The Council agreed that the matter of acquiring the Green be looked into and arrangements made for its acquisition for use as a children's playground and that the roadway across the Green leading to the hall be taken over. In regard to flooding at Monteith Park it was stated by Mr. Kelly that flooding occurred in four houses and that this arose from the stream at the back of the houses overflowing the banks after heavy rain. He asked that this stream be deepened and cleaned and that the archway bridge did not appear to be adequate to take the flow of water after heavy rain. Mr. Keddy also asked that a light at Lott Lane be moved to the further side of the bend in the lane where it would give light further up the lane and also that a light be provided near the new Church. Members of the Deputation also asked that the refuse collection service be extended. In regard to enquiries from members of the Deputation concerning the Sewerage Scheme the County Manager stated that a Preliminary Report on the Scheme had been received within the last few days and the Scheme was estimated to cost £72,000. In regard to cottages at the Sea Road it was claimed that flooding occurred at two houses at the front and at the back doors and that the accommodation roads

to the cottages were in a bad condition and that nothing had been spent on them since they were provided. It was stated also that a fountain at the cottage had been flowing for the past two years and that since it was used by only one person that it should be removed and re-erected at the sea front. In regard to the houses recently built by the National Building Agency at Kilcoole it was stated that no heating had been provided in the upstairs rooms though this had been shown in the original plans. It was stated also that due to the locations of walls it was not possible to provide any extension to a house or to erect a garage. In regard to the allocation of the houses on this Scheme Mr. Lawless asked if four additional houses could be provided which would meet the requirements of the remaining applicants at Kilcoole. It was agreed that this matter be examined.

Item No. 3—Applications for Reception of Deputations.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 27th January, 1969, to discuss priorities in relation to Services in the Estimates for the coming financial year. The Council also agreed to receive at the same meeting a Deputation from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association. Having considered a letter from the Upper Windgates Residents' Association requesting the reception of a Deputation to discuss the progress regarding the supply of water to Upper Windgates it was agreed that the Deputation be received at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 27th January, 1969.

Item No. 4—Applications for Supplementary Grant towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Peter Joseph Corrigan in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Rathattin, Hollywood.
Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £350 to Mr. Jerry Kelly in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Cryhelp, Dunlavin.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new dwellinghouses.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Edward Malachy Darcy, Kyle, Ballinglen, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Glenphilippen, Tinahely, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Council considered again the application of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire, Administratrix, of the Estate of Mr. William Williams, decd., for consent to the sale of Cottage No. 118 at Tigin, Ashford, to Mr. Edward Byrne. Bolinass, Ashford, for the sum of £550. The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. John Lawless, 1 Lauderdale Terrace, Bray, explaining his reasons for seeking to purchase the house, a letter from Sean O'Ceallaigh and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Maguire, stating that their client was most anxious that Mr. Edward Byrne should have the cottage and that they were satisfied that he was about to be married soon and would need accommodation and from Messrs. A. Cullen and Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Byrne, requesting a decision on the 13th January. The County Secretary stated that the application before the Council was one from Mrs. Maguire for the Council's consent to the sale to Mr. Edward Byrne and it seemed that the Council should decide on this application. It was a matter for the Council to determine whether in their view Mr. Edward Byrne was a qualified applicant. The Council decided to defer a decision and asked that an inquiry be addressed to Mrs. Maguire as to whether she would be prepared to sell the cottage to Mr. Lawless.

The Council considered the application of Mr. William Wolohan to sell his interest in Vested Cottage No. 135/4 at Oldcourt, Bray, to Mr. James Devitt, Boghall, Bray. Mr. Wolohan had gone to reside with his daughter in Manchester and the proposed purchaser was married with two children and was a qualified person.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by William Wolohan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 135/4 at Oldcourt, Bray, to James Devitt, Boghall, Bray, for the sum of £600, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £200, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Liam Blake, tenant/purchaser of Cottage No. 368/10 at Ballymorris, Aughrim, for consent of the Council to sell his cottage to Mrs. Margaret King, Tinakilly, Aughrim. It was stated that Mr. Blake was going to England as he could not find work in the locality. Mrs. King, who was a widow with five children, had stated that she had been living in the district for fifteen years but the Rent Collector, who had made inquiries, reported that there was no person of the name in residence in the district at present. Councillor Keenan and Councillor Miss Walsh having stated that Mrs. King, who was a native of the district, was in fact living with her brother in the area and was in need of housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Liam Blake of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 368/10 at Ballymorris Lr. to Mrs. Margaret King, Tinakilly, Aughrim, for the sum of £710 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £250, the

statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage; and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Busher, son of the deceased tenant/purchaser, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Busher, had offered cottage No. 190/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to the Council and was seeking a price of £700. The County Engineer estimated the market value of the cottage at £600 and on that basis the most that the Council could offer Mr. Busher would be £400. Members of the Council having expressed the view that a figure of £650 would be reasonable it was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council purchase the interest of James Busher, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, in Vested Cottage No. 190/8 Ballygannon, for the sum of £433 6s. 8d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Proposed Development of former C.I.E. Depot at South Beach, Greystones—Revised Plans submitted by Bord Failte.

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte had forwarded details of a revised development for the site at the South Beach, Greystones, which the Council had acquired from C.I.E. and on which it had been proposed to provide new public toilets. It was understood that the revised scheme would cost in the region of £12,000 as compared with the estimate for the original scheme of £24,000, which had been regarded as unacceptable by the Council. The County Engineer had reported that the outline proposals were acceptable and that he presumed that the final details for the preparation of the Contract documents and the execution and supervision of the scheme would be a matter for Bord Failte. He noted that no estimate cost of the scheme based on these plans had been given. The County Secretary stated that it was understood that a Grant could be made available within the present year towards the cost of the scheme if it could be put in hands at once. On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, the Council approved of the proceeding with the scheme on the basis of the design proposals submitted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley:— "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations, and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That dangerous

bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That the Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew"; (2) Lay a footpath along the road-side from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Terrace, Blessington."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That Supplementary Grants due more than six months to members of Killacoran Group Water Scheme be paid without further delay."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th January, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Miley, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the name of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill as follows:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Mrs. Teresa O'Brien, Parkmore, Baltinglass, for the erection of a bungalow on a site at Baltinglass Road, Blessington, as per plans submitted."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th October, 28th October, 4th November, 11th November and 2nd December, 1968
3. Bray and District Joint Sewerage Scheme—Reports of Consultant Engineer and County Engineer on Tenders received.
4. Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme—Preliminary Report and Estimate submitted by Consultant Engineer.
5. Newcastle Hospital—(a) Proposed Development Works; (b) Provision of Housing Accommodation for Medical Staff; (c) Proposed changes in Senior Staff structure.
6. Clerical Staff—Health Services Section.
7. Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers Recommendations for revision of Salaries or (a) County Librarian; (b) County Secretary.
8. Purchase of new Machinery — Recommendations of County Engineer for replacement of obsolete plant and provision of new machinery.
9. Greystones Harbour—Proposed Agreement with Bord Fáilte Éireann for maintenance of works completed at Greystones Harbour.
10. Council's Offices at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow—Replacement of Wall and surfacing of paths and car park, etc.
11. Bray Courthouse—Letter from Department of Justice re transfer of District Court Office to 2 rooms in Courthouse at present vacant.
12. Drainage at Annacurra Village—Report of County Engineer.
13. Public Lighting — Aughrim, Ballyknockan, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole, Laragh, Rathnew, Tinahely.
14. Sheep Dipping — Proposed provision of Dipping Bath at Lacken, Blessington—Report of County Engineer.
15. Posts of District Medical Officer at Tinahely, Blessington and Kiltegan—Letter from Department of Health.
16. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.

17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and Roger Miley:— "That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill)."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve 9 cottages on the New Line, Carnew."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:— "That the Council provide a water and sewerage scheme in the village of Rathdangan."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That a dangerous bend be removed at 'Rockingham,' Rosbawn, Tinahealy, and that the road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thos. King's Cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark."
25. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That a dangerous shore at the entrance to Mr. Peter Murphy's holding at Tigroney, Avoca, be reconstructed; (b) "That the road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately 2 miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at Shortts, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson's, Woodenbridge, be removed."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That the Council take over Ardnaboy Lane which has recently been done under the Rural Improvements Scheme."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from 'bus stops.'"
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That we offer whatever salary we consider necessary in order to recruit professional staff."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thos. J. Keenan:— "That we get an up to date report on when the Council start the scheme of work on private roads with the allocation of £5,000 handed over by the Department of Local Government."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatocoyne Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James J. McCreagh and F. Hynes:— "That the Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew; (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
32. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and

- James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolutions to the contrary."
 35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
 36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
 37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— (a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Bessington"; (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
 38. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the Names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill as Follows:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Teresa O'Brien, Parkmore, Baltinglass, for the Erection of a Bungalow on a Site at Baltinglass Road, Blessington, as per Plans Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that no new application for Planning permission had been received from Mrs. Teresa O'Brien, Parkmore, Baltinglass. The Council noted that the proposal could not be dealt with and deferred the matter.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:
Resolved — That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th October, 28th October, 4th November, 11th November and 2nd December, 1968.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to fix a date for the Estimates Meeting and suggested that Monday, 24th February, 1969, be fixed for the purpose. The Council agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Council on the 24th February, 1969.

Item No. 3 — Bray and District Joint Sewerage Scheme — Reports of Consultant Engineer and County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The County Secretary submitted details of the Report of Mr. R. P. McCabe, Consulting Engineer, of 10th January, 1969, on his examination of the Tenders received for the Bray and District Sewerage Scheme. Nine Tenders in all were received, the lowest being that of

J. V. Duffy, Ltd., in the sum of £186,111 18s. 2d. with a time of 104 weeks for completion and the second lowest being that of P. J. Walls and Bros. in the sum of £191,665 5s. 0d. with 52 weeks for completion. The other Tenders ranged upwards to a maximum of £292,327 11s. 0d. The Consultant stated that the Contractors submitting the lowest four Tenders had been interviewed on relevant aspects of the Contract and inquiries had been made concerning projects already carried out by each Contractor for local authorities and Consulting Engineers and he recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender, being that of J. V. Duffy Ltd. which he regarded as satisfactory in all aspects. He stated that the completion time was a realistic one. The Consultant pointed out that the Contract did not include the pumphouse nor the sea outfall and stated that flooding of Little Bray could only be prevented by the inclusion of the pumphouse. The free discharge of increased volumes of sewerage direct into the harbour would increase pollution and nuisance. The sea outfall had been designed to prevent this occurring. The Council also considered the Report of the County Engineer of 20th January, 1969, in which he drew attention to the amount of the difference between the two lowest Tenders and pointed out that the second lowest Tenderer gave a completion time of 52 weeks as compared with 104 weeks for the lowest Tenderer. He pointed out the factors which would require to be taken into consideration to determine which of these Tenderers having regard to the period for completion would be preferable. The County Engineer stated that if there was any doubt in the matter a programme network analysis could be got from the lowest two Tenderers as to how they proposed to organise and complete the work in the specified time and a re-assessment of the Tenders could be made on the basis of their submission. The County Engineer also drew attention to the aspect of the availability of funds which would have a bearing on the Tender which might be accepted. The County Engineer also indicated suggested ways in which the cost of the Scheme might be apportioned between Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council and pointed out that if this were done on a population basis the major portion of the cost of the Scheme would be borne by Bray Urban District Council on a ratio of approximately 4:1.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Mr. R. P. McCabe, Consulting Engineer, on Tenders received for the Bray and District Joint Sewerage Scheme and Report of County Engineer we approve of the recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of J. V. Duffy Ltd. in the sum of £186,111 18s. 2d. this being the lowest Tender received, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Complaint of Mr. Lee, Dargle and Bray Laundry.

The County Secretary stated that complaints had been received from Mr. Lee of the Dargle and Bray Laundry regarding a nuisance being caused at his house from the stream into which the sewerage from the Avondale Park Housing Scheme discharged. The matter had been examined by the Council's Health Inspector and by the County Engineer who had recommended that since the new Sewerage Scheme would not be in operation for a period of up to two years and since it was necessary that some remedial measures be taken at once that the effluent flow in the open stream as far as a point which he indicated on a map submitted and from that point be piped past Mr. Lee's house into the Dargle River. The estimated cost of the work would be £500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Engineer we approve of his recommendation to pipe the stream into which the effluent from the Avondale Park Housing Scheme is discharged from the point 'B' as shown on map submitted by County Engineer to the Dargle River at estimated cost of £500 and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme—Preliminary Report and Estimate submitted by Consultant Engineer.

The Council considered Report of 17th January, 1969, of the County Manager in regard to the Preliminary Report and Estimate of cost of providing Sewerage for the village of Kilcoole which had been received from Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consultant. The County Secretary also submitted to the Meeting the Report of the County Engineer dated 2th January, 1969, in regard to the Scheme. The Council noted that the Scheme was estimated to cost £72,000, which would entail Loan Charges of £6,650 if a 25 year Loan were obtained leaving the net charge to Rates after allowing for State Grant at £3,280. The County Engineer in his Report had agreed that the Scheme was an expensive one due to the sporadic development which had taken place over the years but pointed out that since the Scheme would eventually serve approximately 292 houses with a population of 1,350 persons it could be regarded as reasonable and economic in the trend of present day costs. He agreed that a village of this size with an expanding population should have a proper Sewerage Scheme and pointed out that further building and development could not take place until such a Scheme was constructed. He suggested that the Scheme as submitted be forwarded to the Department for their approval and if any economy was considered necessary by the Department this could be discussed with the Department's Engineering Inspector at a later stage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the Preliminary Report and Estimate submitted by Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, for the Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme, and of its submission to the Department of Local Government for approval to the preparation of Contract Documents.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Newcastle Hospital—(a) Proposed Development Works; (b) Provision of Housing Accommodation for Medical Staff; (c) Proposed Changes in Senior Staff Structure.

Proposed Development Works.

The County Secretary stated that in July, 1967, the Minister for Health was requested to convey approval in principle to (a) demolition of wooden pavilions, (b) erection of two two-storey units which would provide accommodation for 128 patients, (c) erection of a Chapel in the Hospital grounds and a certain amount of reconstruction in the main Hospital. At that time the total number of patients being maintained in Mental Hospitals from Co. Wicklow amounted to 26 and the scheme proposed would have made available a total of 200 beds at Newcastle.

As the number of in-patients had continued to decrease the Department of Health had suggested that a further meeting be held to consider the matter of the proposed developments at the Hospital and following a discussion with Officers of the Council on the 27th November, 1968, representatives of the Department of Health agreed that the following scheme, if approved by the Council, would be given favourable consideration—

1. Demolition of the eastern and western wooden pavilions.
2. Provision of pre-fabricated Church on site of western pavilion.
3. Provision of pre-fabricated Occupational Therapy Unit at rear of main Hospital.
4. Examination of main Hospital roof structure for dry rot and examination of electric wiring.

The cost of the new building was estimated at from £25,000 to £30,000 and the expenditure incurred on the scheme as a whole would be met from the capital sum due to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority. This new scheme would not afford any extra dormitory accommodation for patients but in view of the decline in the number of in-patients and new trends in the treatment of mental illness it was suggested that consideration of the proposal to provide extra accommodation for patients be deferred for the present. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager recalled for the Members how the mental hospital had been set up at Newcastle and pointed out the success of the service which had effected a reduction in the numbers receiving treatment in Hospital for mental illness from about 340 down to 225 approximately. He referred to the new methods of treatment and to the setting up of a Clinic Service throughout the County which had proved so successful. He agreed that there were still about 160 patients being accommodated and treated at St. Brendan's Hospital in Dublin but pointed out that a high proportion of these patients were advanced in age. While there was accommodation for only about 60 to 70 patients at Newcastle Hospital patients remained only a short time in Hospital and a much larger number received treatment in Newcastle Hospital each year. In the course of the discussion Members of the Council while expressing appreciation of the work of the staff of the Hospital and of the success achieved at the Clinics in reducing the numbers being maintained in Hospitals expressed the view that a greater number of beds should be made available at Newcastle so as to enable the remaining patients at present in the Dublin Hospitals to be treated at Newcastle. It was suggested also that the staff were handicapped in their work by not having an adequate number of beds available for treatment of patients in the Hospital. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposed developments and of the other matters relating to Newcastle Hospital to the next Council Meeting to be held on 10th February and asked that Dr. T. Egan, R.M.S., and the County Medical Officer, and if possible also an Officer from the Department of Health attend the Meeting to advise the Council further in regard to the matter.

Item No. 6—Clerical Staff—Health Services Section.

The County Secretary stated that there had been a steady increase in the clerical work to be discharged in the Health Services Section during the past few years on account of the introduction of new services and the expansion of existing services. There were now 88 persons receiving free drugs on hardship grounds and the recent introduction of arrangements to enable Medical Card Holders attending private Doctors to obtain supplies of drugs had also led to additional work in the Section. Some while ago a scheme had been introduced under which

persons suffering from Diabetes received their requirements of drugs and appliances without charge and 121 persons were now availing of this scheme. The Council also were now responsible for collecting Accounts from paying patients treated at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. It was considered that an additional Clerical Officer would be required to maintain the work in the Section and to avoid undue overtime to maintain work up to date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerical Officer for the Health Service Section.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers—Recommendations for Revision of Salaries of (a) County Librarian, (b) County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that Recommendations had been received under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for the revision of the salary scales of the County Librarian and of the County Secretary and it was resolved: That having considered Recommendation under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of a revised salary scale of £1,379 x £54—£1,757 to the Office of County Librarian with effect from 1st April, 1968, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale. Passed unanimously.

It was also resolved: That having considered Recommendation under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of a revised salary scale of £2,470 x £126—£3,100 per year with effect from 1st April, 1968, to the post of County Secretary and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this revision of salary. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Purchase of New Machinery—Recommendations of County Engineer for Replacement of Obsolete Plant and Provision of New Machinery.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the 2nd January, 1969, of the County Engineer in which he gave details of plant required to replace existing obsolete plant and provide up to date machinery to carry out the Council's Engineering Services efficiently. It was proposed to purchase 6 new lorries and to trade in against these 8 Commer lorries which would result in a reduction of 2 in the number of lorries. The estimated net cost of the lorries was £14,530. Other items proposed for purchase were 2 articulated units, prime mover and trailer for use as tankers and sprayers £6,000; 1 low loading trailer (possibly second hand) £1,000; 1 tracked loading shovel 1 four-wheel drive loading shovel and 1 hydraulically operated excavator with back actor equipment against which would be traded in 2 Blaw Knox machines and bulldozer with equipment at a net cost for each moving equipment of £26,300. Four new trailers and tractors were proposed estimated to cost £4,800, 1 pick up truck at £1,000 and 4 gritters at a total cost of £10,000. The total cost of all the machinery recommended was estimated

at £55,000 and the County Engineer recommended that sanction be sought to the raising of a Loan of this sum to defray the cost of the purchase of the machinery.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendations of the Co. Engineer in Report of 2nd January, 1969, for the purchase of new machinery at a total estimated cost of £55,000 and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £55,000 repayable over a period of seven years to defray the cost of the purchase of this machinery.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Greystones Harbour—Proposed Agreement with Bord Failte Eireann for Maintenance of Works Completed at Greystones Harbour.

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann had requested the Council to complete a Deed of Covenant for the Council to maintain the works carried out at Greystones Harbour and recently completed with aid of a Grant from Bord Failte; when a draft Deed to this effect had been supplied to the Council in February, 1968, the Board had been informed that the Council's sole commitment in regard to the works at Greystones Harbour was by way of a contribution of an amount not exceeding £3,500 towards the cost, which contribution had been made at the request of the Greystones Civic Association. The Co. Engineer had certified that the work had been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of contract. The Council might, however, be accepting a serious responsibility in completing the proposed Deed which would require them to maintain the works in the same good order, repair and condition as when completed. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that representatives of Bord Failte and of the Greystones Civic Association be asked to attend a Meeting of the Council to discuss the matter further.

Item No. 10—Counc.'s Offices at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow—Replacement of Wall and Surfacing of Paths and Car Park, etc.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that a section of the wall fell and was removed about a year ago and that he considered the remaining portion should now be demolished and a boundary wall built to retain the gravel and clay which is falling out on to the tarmac surface. He estimated the cost of removing the remainder of the wall and constructing a block wall approximately 4' high at £350. An estimate of the cost of providing a tarmac surface on the paths and car park around the offices was not available nor an estimate of the cost of making the remaining rooms on the ground or basement floor to the offices suitable for use as offices.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Engineer we approve of the following works at the Council's Offices, Kilmantin Hill:—

- (1) Removing remainder of wall and erection of new boundary wall;
- (2) Provision of tarmac surface on paths and car park around offices
- (3) Making remaining rooms on ground floor of offices suitable for use as offices and removal of old materials.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray cost of these works. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Bray Courthouse—Letter from Department of Justice re Transfer of District Court Office to Two Rooms in Courthouse at present Vacant.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 23rd December, 1968, from Department of Justice referring to the unsatisfactory nature of the office accommodation provided for the Court staff in Bray District Courthouse and stating that it was intended to transfer the District Court Office to two rooms in the building which were at present vacant and asking that the Council arrange to carry out the necessary work as a matter of urgency to enable the District Court staff to be transferred out of what was regarded as their present unhealthy accommodation. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had estimated the cost of the work required at approximately £124 but that the Council at the Meeting held on 13th May, 1968, had indicated that they were not prepared to approve of the expenditure of monies on these works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That the Council confirm their decision not to carry out these works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Drainage at Annacurra Village—Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that drainage work was at present being carried out at Annacurra Village and a request had been received to continue the laying of pipes down by the hall to the hollow as this would leave the drainage in the village very effective. The County Engineer had reported that the estimated cost of the additional drainage which he considered desirable and necessary was £22.0. There were no funds available for the work and he recommended that the cost of the work be charged to "Road Contingencies" and be carried out concurrently with the present work in progress.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—Having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of carrying out of drainage at Annacurra Village at estimated cost of £200 chargeable to Road Contingencies.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Public Lighting — Aghrim, Ballyknockan, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole, Laragh, Rathnew, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that Reports had been obtained in regard to public lighting sought at a number of places in the County and details of these were submitted. The following Resolution was passed unanimously: We approve of provision of public lighting as follows:—

Ballynerrin, Wicklow—Two lights at cost of £64. 19. 6.

Rathnew—One light at the Green and one light at the Arklow Road at cost of £22. 15. 0.

Kilcoole—	One light opposite Garage at cost of £19. 5. 0. Two poles and one light at Lott Lane at cost of £62. 9. 6. One light outside of O'Toole's shop at £11. 2. 6.
Laragh—	One additional light at £32. 9. 9.
Carnew—	One light at Lough Leitrim.
Tinahely—	One light on grass verge adjoining water pump opposite group of eight cottages at Rosbawn, Tinahely.
Ballyknockan—	One light on pole no. 6/52 at Ballyknockan subject to quotation from E.S.B. being acceptable.

Item No. 14—Sheep Dipping—Proposed Provision of Dipping Bath at Lacken, Blessington—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
31st December, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1968 — Provision of Dipping Bath at Lacken, Blessington.

A Chara.

With reference to yours of the 10th instant.

An inspection of the proposed site on the lands of Mr. James Balfe, Kylebeg, Lacken, with Mr. Thomas Murphy, M.R.C.V.S., Baltinglass, Veterinary Inspector for the area, has been carried out. Three copies of the plan showing the position of the site and the works necessary to provide an adequate water supply are enclosed.

Mr. Murphy considers the site of a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre shown on the map suitable.

To provide an adequate water supply it would be necessary to provide a storage tank at the point shown and pipe the water down to the site for the bath. It is estimated that the cost of providing this water supply will be £450. The ground conditions are sufficiently good for drainage and although the site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Area, it is considered that there would be no problem with regard to drainage.

Mr. Murphy has recommended that tank no. 3 of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries standard tanks would be necessary, and it is estimated that the cost of providing this tank would be £1,300. This would make a total cost for tank and water supply of £1,750.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of providing a tank including the acquisition of the site would be in the region of £1,800 to £1,850 and while a grant of 50% of the cost could be obtained from the Department of Agriculture it was necessary to have the documents submitted to the Department for confirmation of the amount of Grant which could be made available. In regard to the drainage from the dipping tank the County Secretary pointed out that the site was

within the Upper Liffey catchment area and suggested that the Dublin Corporation might be asked for confirmation that there was no objection to the proposal. The Council decided that the County Medical Officer be asked to examine the matter of the drainage and if satisfied that the provision of the bath be proceeded with.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of provision of dipping bath on lands of Mr. James Balfe, Kylebeg, Lacken, at estimated cost of £1,750, subject to confirmation by C.M.O. that the drainage arrangements are acceptable, and subject to grant of 50% of the cost of the tank being made available by the Department of Agriculture.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Posts of District Medical Officer at Tinahely, Blessington and Kiltegan—Letter from Department of Health.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

An Roinn Sainnte,
Teach an Chustaim.
Baile Atha Cliath 1
2 Nollaig, 1968.

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 11th November, 1968, regarding the posts of District Medical Officer Tinahely, Blessington and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts, as they are affected by the decision contained in this Department's Circular No. 24/65 of 20th May, 1965, to suspend the making of permanent District Medical Officer appointments pending the replacement of the dispensary service by a service with the greatest practicable choice of doctor in accordance with the Government's intention as stated in Paragraph 32 of the White Paper on the Health Services. Having reviewed this decision with particular reference to the situation in relation to the above mentioned districts the Minister does not consider that a departure from the decision in these cases would be warranted.

Mise, le meas,

M. C. SWAYNE.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Members of the Council expressed the view that the Dispensary Districts referred to could be regarded as areas in which, as indicated in paragraph 45 of the White Paper, special steps would be necessary to retain Doctors to provide a service and that arrangements should be made for the making of permanent District Medical Officer appointments in these districts and if necessary the standard payments be supplemented to attract Doctors to these districts. In regard to the Blessington Dispensary District Councillor J. Miley pointed out that the Department had agreed to the filling of this post by a permanent appointment and that a Doctor had been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission but had not accepted the appointment. The Council asked that the Minister be requested to receive a Deputation from the Council to discuss the matter of the filling of the vacancies for District Medical Officers and appointed Councillors Miss M. Walsh,

G. Timmins, T.D., R. Miley and J. Miley to represent the Council on this Deputation.

Item No. 16—Letter from County Councils' General Council Regarding Resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council had reported that the Council's Resolution in regard to the disposal of used cars had been considered at the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council on the 26th September, 1968, and eventually it had been decided to have the Executive Committee examine the proposal and take the matter up with the Department of Local Government. Since the Meeting he had received a document on the subject which came before a recent session of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, and that this should be of great interest to the Committee at their Meeting to be held shortly. The second Resolution put forward by the Council, which related to the Criminal Justice Bill had been adjourned and would be placed on the Agenda for the following Meeting.

Guarantee of Loan to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

The County Secretary stated that the Mortgage in respect of the Loan to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners which had been guaranteed by the Council was submitted for Sealing by the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated 14th January, 1969, now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a sum of £7,800 proposed to be advanced by them to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners under the Harbour Acts, 1946/47.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed Car Park and Access Route to Dwyer/McAllister Cottage at Glen of Imaal.

The following letter from Bord Failte Eireann was submitted:—

BORD FAILTE EIREANN

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Town Hall, Wicklow.

Baggot Street Bridge, Dublin 2,
15th January, 1969.

Dear Sir,

As you know, the Dwyer-McAllister cottage in the Glen of Imaal combines both a scenic and historical value. It is an area which is often visited both by local and foreign tourists, and traffic has proved so much in recent years that the car parking facilities along the roadside have become totally inadequate.

We have, therefore, thought that it is necessary to provide a car park, and if possible to improve the means of access from the main road to the cottage. We have been in contact with your Co. Engineer, who is in agreement with the scheme proposed by us, and who we hope would be able to carry out the proposed work for us. The design for the car park would be carried out by the Wicklow County Council. The area involved is shown on the accompanying map. It is proposed to have a car park on the northern side of the road, and to improve the

access path from the road up to the cottage.

We would, however, not like to undertake such works, unless we knew that the work done on both car parks and access route would not prove useless after a couple of years, and we would like, if possible, to have it taken over by Wicklow County Council. This would be in order to ensure its permanent maintenance.

I should, therefore, like to formally ask you, in the name of Wicklow County Council, whether you would agree to taking over and maintaining the proposed car park and the new access route from the road to the cottage. It should be understood that all works for the improvement of the site would be paid by us, if the County Council carries them out, and agrees to take over and maintain the site.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HARBISON,
Technical Department.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—Having considered letter of 15th January, 1969, from Bord Failte Eireann we approve of taking over and maintaining proposed Car Park and new access route to the Dwyer/McAllister Cottage in the Glen of Imaal provided that full cost of design and construction of Car Park and improvements to access route are defrayed in full by Grant from Bord Failte Eireann.
Passed unanimously.

Applications for Reception of Deputations.

The following letter from Bray Housing Action Association was submitted:—

BRAY HOUSING ACTION ASSOCIATION

Secretary's Address,
5 Maitland St., Bray,
19th January, 1969.

To the County Secretary,

A Chara.

The above Association wish to be represented at the Special Meeting of your Council on 27/1/69. We have appointed Mr. T. May, "St. Anthony's," Lr. Dargle Rd., Bray, as our delegate, and we would be obliged if you would receive him at this meeting. We would also be obliged if you could send a copy of the current year's estimates to Mr. May as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
F. HENNESSY,
Secretary.

The Council agreed to receive a delegate from the Bray Housing Action Association at the Meeting to be held on 27th January, 1969.

The following letter from Mr. Tony Lawlor on behalf of the residents of Kilmacanogue was also submitted:—

Kilmurray,
Kilmacanogue
Bray
11/1/69.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Following a meeting of Residents of Kilmacanogue District held

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible, when the deputation will be received.

TONY LAWLOR.

Notices of Motion.

In the names of Councillors Godfrey Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That cottage occupied by P. O'Connell, Brittas, Knockenarrigan, be vested in him."

In the name of Councillor John J. Bourke:— "That this Council should purchase without delay land at Newtownmountkennedy for further Housing needs in the area."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That a proper water supply be given to the 8 Council cottages at Fassaroe."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:—“That the Council be given a report on the following points:— (a) the total number of houses in the County Council area without running water installed, (b) the total number of houses without sewerage facilities.”

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Gregory:— "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That this Council calls for the release of Mr. Denis Dennehy from Mountjoy Prison."

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The County Clerk, Dry County Secretary and Mr. P. Henry, Staff Editor, of the *Arkansas Democrat*, are familiar with the product.

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National Farmers' Association, Willamette County Executive

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the Priority of Services in relation to the Estimates for the financial year commencing on 1st April, 1969, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th January, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Miley, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, were present.

The Council decided to receive the Deputations of representatives from the following organisations which it had been agreed could attend at the Meeting:—

National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive.
Macra na Feirme, Wicklow County Executive.
Greystones and District Civic Association.
Bray and District Trades Union Council.
Greystones-Kilcoole Housing Action Committee.
Upper Windgates Residents' Association.
Bray Housing Action Association.
Residents of Kilmacanogue District.

National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive.

Mr. James J. Nolan, Hon. Secretary of the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, addressed the Council on behalf of the National Farmers' Association and Macra na Feirme. He referred to the conflicting interests as between national and local considerations which would face the Council when dealing with the Estimates and urged that priority be given to the needs of the County primarily. He referred to the increasing load which had been placed on local authorities by the central Government and noted the reduction in the amount of County Road Grants made available in recent years despite a substantial increase in the receipts from Motor Taxation. He expressed the view that the present road system was satisfactory and recommended that the minimum provision be made in respect of road expansion. As regards Health expenditure he urged the Council with other local authorities to press that all increases in expenditure on Health Services since 1965/66 be met by Grants from central funds. Mr. Nolan also expressed the view that the present rates system was unsatisfactory.

Greystones and District Civic Association.

Mr. D. Paine, Hon. Secretary, Greystones and District Civic Association, addressed the Council and stated that he had three points to put to the Council as regards matters which should be given priority, these being Housing, staffing of the Council's Services, which he stated were understaffed, and water and sewerage. He pointed out that the Scheme for provision of sewerage for Greystones was urgently required to allow of further housing development.

Bray and District Trades Union Council.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Bray and District Trades Union Council had written to state that it had been decided to present a Memorandum for the consideration of the Meeting rather than be personally represented and had asked that the Memorandum enclosed with the letter be read to the Council. The following Memorandum was read to the Council by the County Secretary.

BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL

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The following observations of the Executive Committee of the Bray and District Trades Union Council are a suggested basis on which the County Council should base their priority of services for the coming year:

1. Clerks of Works:

The declining building standards at housing schemes gives cause for serious alarm. Therefore, the employment of an increased number of Clerks of Works, to ensure greater quality control would be an obvious step in the right direction in this regard.

2. Water Supply:

The present supply of water for industrial and residential purposes in the northern rural areas of the County is not satisfactory. The immediate and short term solution to this problem appears to call for a review of the present agreement with Dublin Corporation with a view to increasing the present quota of water supplies.

3. Access to Natural Amenities:

A policy of greater vigilance in the maintenance of existing rights of ways to the beaches, rivers and lakes of the County for the social pleasure of the community must be continued by the Council. The restoration of traditional rights of ways should also be pursued vigorously by the Council.

4. Roads System:

The present condition of the roads in the County leaves no room for criticism. It is therefore recommended that a reduction in the amount allocated for maintenance and reconstruction be made. The finance, thus gained should be transferred to the estimates for sanitary services and housing construction and the labour content transferred likewise to eliminate any reduction of employment. However, the maintenance of the present Winter Employment Schemes should be continued because of the obvious reasons.

5. Piped Water/Sewerage Systems:

The elimination of the continued lack of piped water and sewerage systems in the rural areas of the County should be given priority. It is therefore suggested that the Council adopt a five year plan aimed at providing all families in the County with piped water and sewerage. The lack of main drainage services is also restricting industrial development and employment and should receive priority.

6. Housing:

The present rate of construction is not adequate obviously for the ever increasing demands. Therefore, immediate planning and construction of schemes must be given priority by the County Council.

In the context of private development, opposition to ribbon building and scattered development should be adhered to by the Council because of the unjust burden it places on the rates.

Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association.

Mr. Derek Kelleher stressed the need for provision of more houses as a matter of urgency in the Greystones and Kilcoole area. He criticised what he referred to as a "grandiose road programme" and urged that expenditure on roads be cut back and money saved be devoted to housing. Mr. John Moody stated that he was living in an unfit house and had been applying for a house for the past six years and that the number of houses provided in the area fell far short of the demand. Mr. McGrane stated that there was a housing emergency in the area and that 65 families in Greystones and 25 families in Kilcoole were seeking houses. He urged that a register of housing applicants be maintained as was done in Bray Urban District.

Windgates Residents' Association

Mr. Mason addressed the Council and stated that he had offered a site free of charge on his lands for a reservoir for the purposes of the water supply scheme if required. He stated that at present the fountain at Windgates was leaking and the pipe serving it was also leaking and this required attention. He urged that the water supply be provided at the earliest possible date. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme had been approved and the County Engineer had arranged for the purchase of a reservoir and pipes and on completion of the acquisition of land and wayleaves required for the Scheme the work would be put in hands. It was expected that the Scheme could be started within the next few weeks.

Bray Housing Action Committee.

Mr. May attended to represent the Bray Housing Action Committee but having indicated that he wished to deal with the housing need within the Bray Urban District the Chairman pointed out that this would be a matter for Bray Urban District Council and could not be dealt with by the County Council. Mr. May stated that he had been misinformed and would take up the matter with Bray Urban District Council.

Residents of Kilmacanogue District.

Mr. Carolan inquired as to when a water supply could be made available at Ballybawn and stated that the pump at this place had been out of action for several months. The County Manager informed Mr. Carolan that a water supply was proposed for Ballybawn by way of an extension from the Enniskerry Scheme. Mr. Carolan also stated that there had been a Council cottage vacant at Ballybawn for several months and also that a vested cottage there had been sub-let. The County Secretary stated that the cottage at Ballybawn had been allocated and would shortly be occupied and that the matter of the vested cottage which was stated to be sub-let would be looked into. Mr. James O'Toole complained of the condition of the road between Altidore and Red Lane and asked that this road be tarred. He stated that the road had been badly damaged by flooding and complained that the Council had taken no action for some time afterwards. Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss O'Neill stated that they had drawn the

County Engineer's attention to this matter already. Mr. Devitt inquired as to when a water supply could be provided for the cottages at Kilmurray and stated that the pump at this place was leaking and had been leaking for a considerable time. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Manager stated that the Corporation of Dublin had been asked if a water supply would be made available for the cottages but agreement had not been obtained and the matter of providing a supply by means of a group scheme from a suitable source was being examined. Mr. White protested at the Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council for the acquisition of 14 acres of land which he occupied at Boghall Road and which was being acquired for housing and asked why other land in the area should not have been taken. The County Manager pointed out that the matter of sites to be acquired by the Council for housing in the neighbourhood of Bray had been examined by the Members for the area who had considered the Reports of the Council's Architect and County Engineer and had agreed that the land occupied by Mr. White was most suitable for building.

The Chairman stated that he understood that a representative of the West Wicklow Development Association was present and asked if the Council would receive him. The Council having agreed Mr. Brian Hussey addressed the Council on behalf of the Association. He stated that the Association had been formed two years previously and had arranged for a survey of the West Wicklow area which had been carried out by the Geography Department of Trinity College, Dublin. He stated that the conditions in the area were similar to those in the West of Ireland. There was a large number of old people and there was emigration from the area and generally it was depressed. Having approached the Department of Finance with a view to the area being declared a Development Area the Minister for Finance had made available a Grant to enable the Association to employ a Development Officer and Mr. T. Maher was now employed in that capacity. Three public meetings were held each year and the membership was open to anyone. He stated that it was considered desirable that a development centre be provided in West Wicklow which would accommodate an office for the Development Officer and embody offices for Agricultural Inspectors of the Committee of Agriculture and as an office for the Council. He suggested that it was desirable that the Council also have an office in this building. He estimated the cost of providing a suitable building at about £7,000. Councillor G. Timmins suggested that the matter might be referred to the Committee of Agriculture and undertook to raise the matter at the meeting of the Committee to be held on the following day. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would be faced with substantial capital requirements for their services in the coming year and pointed out that a library was required in Blessington and this was regarded as of greater importance. The Council had been very economical in regard to their offices in Wicklow and he did not feel that an additional office in West Wicklow would be justified. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the Courthouse at Blessington might be acquired by the Council and that he thought that this could be obtained at a lesser price than had been sought by the owners and that this building would be suitable for use both as a library and as offices for the Development Officer and as a development centre.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the matter of the priority of services in relation to the Estimates. Councillor Costello pointed out that the purpose of the Meeting was to make decisions on the policy to be adopted in the coming year's Estimates and he referred to the views expressed by representatives of the organisations who had attended the Meeting or submitted views that he agreed that

priority should be given to the needs of the people of the County. He suggested that the Council should refuse to provide for certain services which were properly the concern of the Department of Justice and that the expenditure on Civil Defence Services should be reviewed. He agreed that expenditure should be kept to the minimum and that monies should be diverted from roads to more essential services of housing and sanitary services. On the matter of interest charges which had been referred to by the National Farmers' Association representative, he pointed out that this was a national matter on which the Council could not act effectively. In regard to staffing he referred to a Notice of Motion in his name on the Agenda for the payment of such levels of salary to Officers to ensure that the necessary staff be available. He also suggested that a permanent list of housing applicants should be kept and a housing register introduced. He stated that he had the following proposals to make:—That the Council refuse to make any allocation in the Estimates for Reformatories and Industrial Schools, Conveyance of Prisoners, Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses, and Courthouses—Repairs and Renewals, Rents and Expenses and Courtkeepers. He proposed also that the expenditure on Roads Services be cut. Councillor J. Miley referred to the Housing Programme which had been adopted by the Council and which should result in housing needs being met by the end of March, 1971. In regard to Roads, Councillor J. Miley pointed out that all roads were tarred in the Northern Engineering District, but in West Wicklow there were many roads which had not proper surfaces and that it was essential that these roads be brought up to the same standard as roads in other parts of the County. He also stressed the need for water supply at Hollywood and Stratford and other places.

The County Manager drew attention to the capital requirements for the Council's Services which will arise in the coming years. He pointed out that over the next five years about £1,000,000 would be needed for housing, about £1,500,000 for water supplies and sewerage services and £500,000 for Vocational Education. In addition, Coast Protection might give rise to expenditure of up to £200,000, a number of new bridges had to be provided to replace bridges damaged by flooding, and the Council had also borrowed £55,000 for road machinery. It was understood that the Committee of Agriculture had acquired new offices and that the cost would be in the region of £12,000; swimming pools which were being sought also involved capital expenditure as did industrial sites which the Council had acquired and was acquiring and there were also proposals for new offices for Council's staff. On the matter of staffing, he pointed out that the Council might wish to give further consideration to this matter since it appeared that it was agreed that priority should be given to housing and to sanitary services in future. For the housing schemes the Council had only one Architect and two Clerks of Works and it was suggested that possibly an additional Architect would be necessary. Two Engineers were assigned to duties in respect of water supplies and sewerage services, but possibly it might be necessary to engage Consultants for some of the minor schemes. Details of the major water supply schemes which gave rise to capital requirements of £1,500,000 were supplied to the Council. The County Manager stated that for road works the County Engineer had indicated that two Chief Assistants and four other Assistants were necessary. Councillor Whelan stated that roads in South Wicklow as well as in West Wicklow were unsurfaced and that monies were needed to bring these up to a proper standard. In regard to Newcastle Hospital he considered that the staff were providing an excellent service and pointed out that it was unreasonable to relate the numbers of the staff to the number of patients who might be

receiving treatment in Newcastle Hospital at a particular time. In regard to the request of the West Wicklow Development Association for a contribution towards the cost of providing a development centre Councillor Whelan suggested that some Grant should be given by the Council towards this project.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we refuse to make any allocation in our Estimates for the following services:—

- (1) Reformatories and Industrial Schools,
- (2) Conveyance of Prisoners,
- (3) Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses.
- (4) Courthouses—Repairs and Renewals, Rents and Expenses and Courtkeepers.

Councillor J. Miley as an amendment proposed that this matter be deferred for decision at the Estimates Meeting, and Councillor Miley's amendment was seconded by Councillor B. Phelan.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor J. Miley, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—NINE.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by ten votes against to nine in favour and the Motion in the name of Councillor Costello was declared passed on the same voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we agree that expenditure on Roads be limited to the amount necessary to maintain existing roads, subject to suitable phasing of employment so as to maintain the existing level of employment.

In the course of the discussion on this proposal some Members expressed the view that any substantial reduction in the expenditure on Roads might cause a reduction in the amount of employment, and the discussion was still in progress when the Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. on the Chairman's leaving the Chair.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Council was held on the 27th January 1969 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Wicklow Town Hall, Wicklow. An Agenda was presented by the Chairman, Mr. J. Miley.

The following were present:—

Councillors: J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Sweeney, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Whelan, J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley, a motion was moved and seconded that the Council should consider the following:

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receiving treatment in Normal Hospital at a particular time. In regard to the request of the Wick Wicklow Development Association for a contribution towards the cost of providing a development centre, Councillor Whelan suggested that some Grant should be given by the Council towards this project.

It was
Proposed by Councillor S. Costello,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,
Resolved—That we refuse to make any allocation in our Estimates for the following services—

- (a) Refuse to make any allocation for the following services—
- (b) Refuse to make any allocation for the following services—
- (c) Refuse to make any allocation for the following services—
- (d) Refuse to make any allocation for the following services—
- (e) Refuse to make any allocation for the following services—

Councillor J. Miley as an amendment proposed that the matter be referred for decision at the Executive Meeting, and Councillor Miley's amendment was seconded by Councillor B. Byrne.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor J. Miley it was found that the majority was in favour.

IN FAVOR: Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, B. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. N. O'Neill, B. Byrne, J. Miley, and J. Temple—SEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Miley, B. Byrne, B. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, J. Miley, J. Temple, T.D., and Mrs. M. Walsh—EVEN.

The amendment was declared defeated. The motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was declared passed. On the other vote it was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello,
Seconded by Councillor B. Byrne,
Resolved—That we agree that expenditure on the following services—

to the extent necessary to maintain existing levels of employment or to maintain the level of employment

In the course of the discussion on the motion some Members expressed the view that any substantial reduction in the expenditure on these matters would result in a reduction in the number of employees and the Council was still in progress. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. by the Chairman leaving the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd February, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phe'an and James Gregory. An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

- (a) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to John Kavanagh for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per plan enclosed with newspaper advert."

- (b) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

- (c) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Mrs. M. Grogan, Glenfern, Cabinteely, for the erection of a motel on a site 5 acres south of Kilpedder, County Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

2. Application for Loan towards cost of purchase of new dwelling-house.
3. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Tiglin, Ashford
4. To authorise raising of Loan to defray cost of erection of twenty-one houses at Blessington.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a house be built for Thomas Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan."
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council purchase land at Avoca and Aughrim and build houses which are so badly needed by so many people."
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the Council extend the public sewerage facilities from Miss H. Dunne cottage at Killacoran to serve the 15 houses at Killacoran, Aughrim, where a group water scheme has been successfully completed."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:— "That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and William Cleary:— "That the Secretary give a report on the progress being made in providing houses for the following: —John Dillon, Monument Lane, Arklow. Peter Monaghan, Kilcarra, Arklow; Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow."
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council provide a house for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, on a site provided at Coolfancy."
12. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: (a) "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Susan Murphy's cottage, Ballinacor, Kilbride, No. 71/7"; (b) "That the Council relay sewer pipes at the back of Mr. Doran's and the Rep. of Mr. Thompson's cottages."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That supplementary water grants due more than six months to members of Killacoran Group Water Scheme be paid without further delay."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Godfrey Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:— "That cottage occupied by P. O'Connell, Brittas, Knockenarrigan, be vested in him."
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Colly be made Tenant of the cottage he lives his lifetime in at Humphreystown."

16. Notice of Motion in name Councillor John J. Bourke:— "That this Council should purchase without delay land at Newtownmount-kennedy for further housing needs in the area."
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19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That the Council be given a report on the following points:— (a) the total number of houses in the Co. Council area without running water installed; (b) total number of houses without sewerage facilities."
20. Cottages repaired during month of January, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of February, 1969.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the death of Councillor James J. McCrea who had been a member of the County Council since 1925 and for a great many years had been Chairman of the Council. During 26 of those years Councillor H. J. Byrne stated he had served with him on the Council. Councillor McCrea had served the people of Wicklow well and he regretted that such a very important figure had been removed from the life of the County. He proposed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives and friends of the late Councillor. Councillor E. E. Byrne, seconding the Motion, referred to the part taken by the late Councillor McCrea in the fight for liberty and the service he had rendered in every aspect of public life throughout his long career. All the Members of the Council in turn paid tribute to the qualities of the late Councillor McCrea and to the great loss to the Council by his death, his services as the Council's representative on the General Council of Co. Councils and on numerous other bodies was evidence of the high regard in which he was held as was also the number of occasions on which he had been re-elected unanimously to the office of Chairman. The County Manager on his behalf and on behalf of the staff asked to be associated with the Council's Resolution of Sympathy and spoke of the deep interest Councillor McCrea had shown in seeking social betterment in the efforts to improve the living standards of the community. Through his activities as a prominent member of the General Council of County Councils he influenced policy at a higher level in social and other matters. He felt that his outstanding traits were his great energy and his generosity always so much in evidence. By his death County Wicklow had lost a competent public representative who had left a solid record of achievement behind him. The Resolution of Sympathy was passed, all the Members standing in their places. On the proposal of the Chairman the Council agreed that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Councillor McCrea.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan and Roger Miley:— "We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, that Outline Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to P. Maguire, Esq., for the erection of two dwellings at Kilquade in accordance with the plans submitted."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th February, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whe'lan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, due to illness Councillor E. E. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. J. Birmingham, Architect, County Medical Officer and Dr. T. Egan, R.M.S., Newcastle Hospital attended.

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7. Clinic at Bray — Proposals for provision of toilets and application for use of part of site from Bray Old Folks Association.
8. Rates on Agricultural Land — To consider passing Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, in respect of Rates for the current financial year.
9. Letters from Bray Urban District Council re (1) Traffic Survey; (2) Employment of Traffic Wardens; (3) Traffic Problems — Proposed Meeting.
10. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Resolutions from Wicklow County Council considered at December Meeting of General Council.
11. Proposed Improvement Works at Greystones along shoreline — Grant from Bord Failte.
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26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That the Council be given a report on the following points:— (a) the total number of houses in the County Council area without running water installed; (b) the total number of houses without sewerage facilities."
27. Cottages repaired during month of January, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of February, 1969.
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and Roger Miley:— "That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill)."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the Council will extend lighting facilities to serve 9 cottages on the New Line, Carnew."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:— "That the Council provide a water and sewerage scheme in the village of Rathdangan."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That a dangerous bend be removed at "Rockingham," Rosbawn, Tinahely, and that road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thomas King's Cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That the watermain be extended to the Council's houses at Deerpark."
36. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That a dangerous shore at the entrance to Mr. Peter Murphy's holding at Tigroney, Avoca, be reconstructed." (b) "That the road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately 2 miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at Shortts, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson's, Woodenbridge, be removed."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That the Council take over Ardnaboy Lane which has recently been done under the Rural Improvements Scheme."
38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower

- Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from 'bus stops."
39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That we offer whatever salary we consider necessary in order to recruit professional staff."
 40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:—"That we get an up to date report on when the Council start the scheme of work on private roads with the allocation of £5,000 handed over by the Department of Local Government."
 41. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
 42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—"That the Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
 43. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:—"That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
 44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:—"That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
 45. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:—"That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."
 46. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—(a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shilleagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
 47. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew;" (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
 48. Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—(a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Blessington;" (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
 49. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
 50. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—(a) "That public lighting be extended to the Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass;" (b) "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
 51. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S.C. Phelan:—"That where Planning Notices are inserted in the press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
 52. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That this Council calls for the release of Mr. Denis Dennehy from Mountjoy Prison."
 53. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as Follows:— (a) In the Names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to John Kavanagh for the Erection of a Bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per Plan Enclosed Together with Newspaper Advert."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been considered by the Council at the Meeting held on the 13th January, 1969, and had been deferred for Reports on the following two matters:— (1) whether the objections of the County Medical Officer regarding the water supply and proposals for sanitary facilities by means of a septic tank could be overcome, and (2) whether the removal of the unsightly hayshed at rear of the site and the placing of a bungalow on the site would not improve the amenities of the area rather than cause injury to these amenities. The County Secretary stated that the applicant now proposed to provide a water supply by a bored well with electric pump at a distance of at least 100 feet from the septic tank and that the septic tank would be sited at a distance not less than the minimum required. The County Medical Officer had reported that there was no objection to the proposed water supply and that he had no objection to the siting of the septic tank provided that the subsoil open jointed pipes for effluent distribution at the northern side of the road were adequate so that there would be no visible flow of effluent to the stream. On the matter of the effect on amenities of the area the Council's Planning Officer had reported that the hayshed which was appropriate to its rural surroundings did not diminish the amenities thereof and that it would in any event have to be removed to accommodate the proposed dwelling and if re-erected would obtrude as the ground levels were considerably higher to the rear of the site of the dwelling. In his opinion the concealment or removal of the existing hayshed was not a satisfactory basis for reconsidering the recommendation of refusal of Outline Permission for the erection of the dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Kavanagh for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry, as per plan enclosed together with newspaper advert. Passed unanimously.

(b) In the Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us By Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager To Grant Planning Permission To Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, For The Erection of a Bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, As Per Plans Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that an application for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, had been received from Dr. Kevin Dodd on the 17th September, 1968, and had been refused on the 15th November, 1968, on the following grounds:—

1. The area in which the site of the proposed bungalow is situated is one of great natural beauty and of high recreational and

tourist value and in order to preserve these values it is the policy of the Council to restrict development to areas which have been defined in the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan where it would cause least injury to amenity; the site of the proposed development is not in one of these areas. The site is on the northern side of the Ballyman Road which is the most effective northern limit on further residential development at Monastery having regard to the necessity to preserve the rural setting of Enniskerry and the area of the Scalp. The proposed development would be seriously injurious to the amenities and great natural beauty of the area because it would be out of place along a rural road which is used intensively for walking and pleasure driving and because it would impinge on views from this road towards the Scalp.

2. The proposed bungalow would constitute ribbon development along a rural road and set a precedent for further development of similar character.
3. The public watermain ends approximately 300 yards from the site and because of the number of separate connections already made to the end of this main further connections cannot be permitted.

The application before the Council was the same as that previously submitted and it was recommended that it be refused for the same reasons as in the case of the previous application. A letter dated 30th January, 1969, had been received from Bord Fáilte Éireann requesting the Council to refuse Outline Permission on the grounds that the proposed development was contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which required the preservation of the existing rural character as the best setting for the Scalp, an outstanding natural feature for the enjoyment of the inhabitants of the region and visitors to the country and also on the grounds that the development would be a precedent for further development which would have an unsatisfactory ribbon form along a major tourist route and also on the grounds that the erection of a bungalow at this location would seriously injure amenity in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Councillor S. Costello stated that the site for the proposed house was on a minor road and not on the road leading to the Scalp and that the bungalow would not be visible from the road leading to the Scalp. He pointed out that the application was made by a resident of Bray who had found it difficult to obtain a suitable house and that he saw no objection to granting permission in these circumstances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Dr. Kevin Dodd, Prague Villa, Novara Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted.

Passed unanimously.

- (c) In the Names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, John J. Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan and Roger Miley:— "We the Undersigned Hereby Give Notice That It Is Our Intention to Move Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, That Outline Planning Permission Under the Planning and Development

Act, 1963, Be Given to P. Maguire, esq., for the Erection of 2 Dwellings at Kilquade in Accordance with the Plans Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that an application for Outline Permission for the erection of two bungalows at Kilpedder had been received from Mr. P. Maguire on the 31st July, 1968, and had been refused on the 27th September, 1968, on the grounds that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site was at a severe bend on a narrow road and because development at the density proposed in a rural area where public services were not available would not be in the interests of the proper planning and development of the area. The present application was similar to that previously submitted. The County Secretary also pointed out that Mr. Maguire had received Outline Planning Permission for the erection of one bungalow on these lands at Kilquade on an adjoining site on the 6th April, 1967, subject to conditions one of which provided that the access be on the north-west boundary of the site. No house had, however, been built on that site to date. It was recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The sites had no public road frontage.
2. Access to the sites was unsatisfactory in that it was from an inadequate private laneway, the entrance to which was on a dangerous bend of a heavily trafficked road where increased access would endanger public safety by reason of serious traffic hazard and obstruction of road users. The proposed means of access also adjoined immediately a similar laneway and entrance which would add to the hazards referred to. The existence of the latter laneway and entrance was not shown on the plans submitted.
3. The proposal was in serious conflict with the proper planning and development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to P. Maguire, Esq., for the erection of two dwellings at Kilquade in accordance with the plans submitted.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Whelan — THIRTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. Sweeney — FOUR.

The Resolution was declared passed by thirteen votes in favour to four against.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved — That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held

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Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 — Application For Loan Towards Cost Of Purchase Of New Dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,200 to Mr. Barry Deering, Milltown, Dunlavin, in respect of the erection of a new house at Milltown subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Application For Supplementary Grant For New House.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £200 to Mr. Eamonn Messett, Kilmolin, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmolin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Application For Consent To Sale of Vested Cottage at Tiglin, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed at the Meeting of the Council on the 13th January and as decided by the Council a letter had been addressed to the Solicitors for the applicant to inquire if the applicant was willing to sell her interest in the cottage to a Mr. William Lawless who had applied. No reply had yet been received from the Solicitors. The Council noted that a reply was awaited.

Item No. 5 — To Authorise Raising of Loan to Defray Cost of Erection of 21 Houses at Blessington

The County Secretary stated that approval was required to a Loan of £51,800 to defray the cost of the erection of a further 21 new Council houses at Blessington. The houses were being erected on plots which had been acquired from cottage tenants. The work will be carried out by way of a serial contract with the Contractor at present working on the site who had proved satisfactory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £51,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of fifty years to defray the cost of the erection of 21 houses at Blessington, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries by Members of the Council as to whether sites could be made available for persons wishing to build their own houses at Blessington the County Secretary stated that a lay-out had been prepared by the Council's Architect for the erection of 18 houses to a design prepared by him for sale to persons who would qualify for Loans and Supplementary Grants from the Council. A scheme of this nature had been carried out at Kilcoole and a similar scheme was in progress at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. The County Secretary stated that

the County Engineer in his Report of 30th January had expressed the view that the proposal to build houses in blocks of four would be unacceptable to many of the people who wished to avail of sites to build their own houses. He recommended that the present lay-out for private development sites be redesigned so that sites could be made available for persons who wished to build to their own design. Another section of the development could be laid out for persons who wished the Council to build houses for them and to a design of their own acceptable to the Council. In reply to inquiries from Members the Council's Architect stated that if the area at present planned for the erection of 18 houses for sale were instead to be used for individual houses this would substantially reduce the number of houses which could be erected on the site. It was decided that the matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at a Meeting to be arranged at an early date.

Item No. 6 — Newcastle Hospital — (a) Proposed Development Works; (b) Provision of Housing Accommodation For Medical Staff; (c) Proposed Changes in Senior Staff Structure.

The County Secretary stated that following discussions with the Department of Health in regard to the developments at Newcastle Hospital and particularly relating to the Council's desire that extra accommodation be provided so that Co. Wicklow patients could be transferred from the Dublin Mental Hospitals to Newcastle it was proposed that the following works be carried out:— (1) the demolition of the two wooden pavilions at the eastern and western ends of the main building; (2) the provision of a pre-fabricated Church on the site of the western pavilion; (3) the provision of a pre-fabricated Occupational Therapy Unit at the rear of the main hospital; and (4) examination of the main hospital roof structure for dry rot and examination of electric wiring. In view of the decline in the number of in-patients and new trends in the treatment of mental illness it had been the view of the Department that consideration of the proposal to provide extra accommodation for patients might be deferred at present. The Council had deferred these proposals from the January Meeting for the attendance of Dr. T. Egan, R.M.S. of the Hospital, and the County Medical Officer to advise the Council further on the matter. The County Manager reviewing the position in regard to the Hospital stated that in November, 1964, when the hospital first opened there were 338 patients from Co. Wicklow receiving treatment in the Dublin Mental Hospitals. The latest figures for February, 1969, showed that the number receiving treatment in the Dublin Mental Hospitals had fallen to 154 and that 74 patients were accommodated in Newcastle Hospital. The total number of patients being maintained in the Mental Hospitals, consequently, had fallen by 110. Dr. T. Egan replying to inquiries from Members of the Council stated that in 1964 no Out-Patient Clinics had been in operation though the Dublin Mental Hospital Authority had arranged some visits by nursing staff to the County to investigate home conditions in regard to patients being sent home from hospital. During 1968 510 people had been receiving attention in their homes from the staff of Newcastle Hospital. In regard to the demolition of the wooden pavilions he stated that one was used for occupational therapy and the other was not used at all. Both were regarded as unsafe and the Chief Fire Officer considered the buildings were a fire risk even in day time. The Church was situated below ground under the eastern pavilion and on the demolition of the pavilion it would be necessary to provide a new Chapel. A new building for occupational therapy would be required to replace the other pavilion. In regard to the main building he gave details of the extent to which the building was capable of use and how

it was at present being used but stressed that apart from the ground floor and the first floor the building was very unsuitable for use for treatment of mental patients. In regard to the staff accommodation he pointed out that no accommodation was available for married doctors and since the medical staff was on call duty for an average of 100 hours per week it was essential that they reside at the hospital or in the immediate vicinity. Dr. Egan also explained the proposed changes in the staff organisations and pointed out that the proposed changes were acceptable to the members of the staff.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved — That having considered Report on discussions with representatives of Department of Health in regard to the Scheme for extensions and reconstruction at Newcastle Hospital we approve of (1) the demolition of the eastern and western wooden pavilions, (2) the provision of a pre-fabricated Chapel on site of the western pavilion, (3) the provision of a pre-fabricated Occupational Therapy Unit at rear of main hospital, (4) examination of main hospital roof structure for dry rot and examination of electric wiring. We note that the cost of these works would be met from the capital sum due to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved — That suitable buildings be erected at Newcastle Hospital to accommodate the patients at present maintained in the Dublin Mental Hospitals.

Dr. Egan stated that even if the necessary accommodation were available at Newcastle he had not sufficient staff nor did he feel he could recruit sufficient staff at present to enable him to treat these patients. Dr. Egan pointed out that many of the patients remaining in the Dublin Mental Hospitals were properly geriatric cases or mentally handicapped persons who would not be suitable for treatment at Newcastle. Following a discussion on the matter the Motion was deferred.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we approve of the provision of a Doctor's house at Newcastle Hospital and direct that plans and estimated cost of providing a suitable building be prepared.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the following revised arrangements for staffing at Newcastle Hospital:—

- The suppression of the Office of Matron and creation of the Office of Chief Nursing Officer in lieu thereof.
- Suppression of the Office of Deputy Matron and creation of the Office of Assistant Chief Nursing Officer in lieu thereof.
- Subject to consent of the holders of the Offices of Head Night Nurse (female) and Deputy Head Nurse (female) suppression of these Offices and the appointment of the Officers concerned to Offices as Assistant Chief Nursing Officer.

- Creation of an extra Office of Assistant Chief Nursing Officer.
- Of the four Offices of Assistant Chief Nursing Officer two Offices are to be designated as Male Offices.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Clinic At Bray — Proposals For Provision of Toilets and Application For Use of Part of Site From Bray Old Folks Association.

The County Secretary stated that a Tender for the erection of the toilets had been accepted early in the year but the Tenderer had failed to sign contracts or submit sureties. Subsequently following consideration of a Report of Dr. J. G. O'Mahony, Senior Dental Surgeon, in which he recommended certain improvements in and extensions to the Dental Services and discussions with Chief Medical Officer revised proposals for improvements to Clinic at Bray were submitted to the Department of Health on the 31st July, 1968. It was suggested that special pre-fabricated unit type of building might be provided which would make available special accommodation necessary for the Dental Services but would have accommodation for all the various medical services including Psychiatry. As, however, the provision of toilets for the existing building was regarded as urgent the Council's Architect was endeavouring to negotiate a price for erecting the toilets with Contractors in the Bray area and it was expected that the cost involved would be about £800. No comments had yet been received from the Department of Health regarding the proposed provision of a new unit type of building to provide additional services including accommodation for the Dental Services.

The Council at the Meeting on the 9th December, 1968, had considered an application from the Bray Old Folks Committee for assistance in providing a site for a Social Centre for the care of the aged and a contribution towards the cost of the building. It was suggested to the Council that a site might be made available on the grounds of the Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray, and that the Council might contribute a sum of £200 per year towards the capital cost of the building spread over a number of years. This contribution would rank for recoupment from the special Grant of £1,000 made available by the Department of Health in the present year towards the provision of community services for the aged. The Council had referred the matter for further consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area but a further letter had now been received from the Bray Old Folks Association asking if the matter would be considered by the Council at their next Meeting and stating they were anxious to get a premises as soon as possible.

The Council approved of making available a site on the grounds of the Clinic at Bray and approved also of the making of the contribution of £200 per year towards the capital cost of the erection of the building for use as a Social Centre.

Item No. 40—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That we get an up to date Report on when the Council start the Scheme of Work on Private Roads with the allocation of £5,000 handed over by the Department of Local Government."

The Council agreed to consider this item on the grounds of its being urgent. Councillor Whelan urged that arrangements be made to expend the amount of the Grant made available by the Department of Local Government for Local Improvements Schemes and suggested that

these monies be used for works on roads not at present maintained by the Council but which the Council wished to bring up to a suitable standard for taking over as public roads. The County Engineer pointed out that the extra staff which the Council had approved had not yet become available due to the difficulty in recruiting Engineers and that, consequently, it had not been possible to carry out any works to date under this Scheme. If the monies were to be expended on roads for the purpose of bringing them up to standard for taking over as public roads he considered it would be possible to deal with such works. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that a sum of £1,250 be allocated to each Electoral Area and expended on roads in respect of which representations had been made that they be put in order and taken over by the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That an up to date report be furnished on the progress of the Council's Housing Programme."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the Council build a house at Ballinacash for Richard Kenny on a site to be provided by him."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:— "That the road serving houses at Lugatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to a meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 17th February, 1969.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Items adjourned from the Meeting of the Council held on the 10th February, 1969, was held on Monday, 17th February, 1969, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantlin, Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Whelan was appointed as Chairman.

Item No. 8—Rates on Agricultural Land—To consider Passing Resolutions under Section 7 of Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, in respect of Rates for the current financial year.

The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, Rates unpaid at the end of the financial year became due in full without any allowance for Agricultural Grant unless the Council passed a Resolution to waive, subject to the sanction of the Minister, any condition requiring payment within the financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister we hereby determine that the making of any allowance under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 to 1967, in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1969, within such financial year.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council was authorised to waive the levying and collection of any Rate for Criminal Injuries on holdings consisting of land only with a valuation of £20 or less if they were satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for this purpose would exceed the amount leviable. The Council passed the following Resolution:

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, and being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for Criminal Injuries on holdings consisting of land only with a valuation of £20 or less would exceed the amount leviable we waive the levying and collection of such Rate.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council in previous years had passed a similar Resolution in relation to the Rate for the Separate Charge in respect of Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for the Separate Charge relating to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board on holdings of land only under £20 would exceed the amount leviable we approve, subject to the sanction of the

Minister, of waiving the levying and collection of such Rate.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Letters from Bray Urban District Council re (1) Traffic Survey.

The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council had decided that a Traffic Survey was needed for Bray Urban area and had asked the Department of Local Government to agree to a Survey of this type being financed from the Road Fund and had written to request the Council to support them in this proposal. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in a Report on the matter agreed that a Traffic Survey might be desirable for car parking and traffic routing in Bray but had pointed out that this would be a matter for Bray Urban District Council and that the financing of such a Survey would be a matter for the Department of Local Government. The County Engineer expressed the view that the Survey should not be financed from the allocation to the County Council which was already committed for urgent road works on the Arterial Route for the next five or six years. He stated that the Department might, however, be willing to give an extra allocation from the Road Fund for this purpose to Bray Urban District Council. The Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be informed that the County Council supported Bray Urban District Council in their request for a special Road Fund Grant to defray the cost of the Traffic Survey.

(2) Employment of Traffic Wardens.

The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council had indicated that they proposed to employ Traffic Wardens at Ravenswell Road and Vevay Road, Bray, and that having noted that a contribution had been made by the County Council to Arklow Urban District Council towards the cost of remuneration of a Traffic Warden had asked that the Council make a similar contribution for two Wardens in Bray. It was requested by the Urban District Council that the County Council contribute half the wages of the Wardens. The County Secretary stated that the legal provision for the employment of Traffic Wardens was contained in Section 96 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, but pointed out that Sub-Section 7 of the Section provided that the functional area for a County Council for the purposes of the Section was deemed not to include any Urban District within the County. It seemed, therefore, that the County Council would not be empowered to make any contribution towards the cost of the provision of any Traffic Wardens within the Bray Urban District. In the case of the provision of the Traffic Warden for the crossing at Templaraine, Arklow, the crossing was half in the County Health District and half in the Urban District, the school at Templaraine being located in the County Health District. It was in these circumstances the Council had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the remuneration of the Traffic Warden at this crossing. The Council noted that they were not empowered to make a contribution towards the cost of employing Traffic Wardens in Bray.

(3) Traffic Problems — Proposed Meeting.

The following letter from Bray Urban District Council was submitted:—

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Secretary, Town Hall, Bray
Wicklow County Council, 29th January, 1969.
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Re: Traffic Problems.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held during the past week to discuss traffic problems in Bray. As the discussion on the Bray problems developed, the Members reached the conclusion

that there was little good debating them and attempting to solve them in isolation, and that the policies of adjoining Local Authorities, in the matter of traffic, had an important bearing on Bray difficulties. Some Members also voiced the view that there seemed to be a tendency to concentrate on road making Northwards and Westwards of Dublin City, to the detriment of the areas South of the City.

Eventually, it was decided to endeavour to convene a meeting of representatives of Dublin County Council, Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council. It was also decided that Coras Iompair Eireann would be asked to send representatives to such a meeting. The purpose of the meeting would be to endeavour to co-ordinate policy for the region embraced by the above Local Authorities.

I am, therefore, to ask if your Authority would be prepared to send, say, two Members and an Official to such a meeting. If all the Authorities are agreeable, I would notify you at a later date of a venue and time for the meeting.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY,
Town Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he understood that An Foras Forbartha was setting up a Northern Regional Transport Technical Committee to deal with Dublin and its precincts including North Wicklow and he did not think much purpose would be served by convening a meeting of the representatives of Dublin County Council, Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council, at this stage. He suggested that when the findings of the Technical Committee were available a discussion could then take place with the public representatives.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 29th January, 1969, from Bray Urban District Council we approve of this Council being represented at the proposed meeting of representatives of Dublin Co. Council, Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council for the purpose of co-ordinating policy in regard to traffic problems for the region embraced by these authorities. We hereby appoint Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and S. Costello together with the County Engineer to represent the Council at the proposed meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Letter from County Council's General Council regarding Resolutions from Wicklow County Council considered at December Meeting of General Council

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was submitted:—

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin 1
17 January, 1969.

A Chara,

At the December meeting of the County Councils' General Council the following resolutions from your Council came before the meeting and were dealt with as follows:—

1. Criminal Justice Bill.

"That we condemn the Anti Democratic Provisions of the Pro-

posed Criminal Justice Bill."

A very lengthy discussion ensued, eventually the motion was put put to the meeting and lost.

2. Housing Grants.

"That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses. We recommend the Grant be increased to £550."

The above was passed unanimously and has been forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

3. Civil Rights in Derry:

There were two resolutions on the Agenda dealing with above. After a discussion it was agreed to defer them until the Enquiry by the Commission set up by the Northern Government issue their findings.

Mise, le meas,

Councillor Costello stated that the Resolution in relation to the Criminal Justice Bill had in fact been passed by the General Council.

Item No. 11—Proposed Improvement Works at Greystones along Shoreline—Grant from Bord Failte.

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte had indicated that they were prepared to contribute a Grant of 50% of the cost towards improvement works at Greystones along the shoreline which had been estimated to cost in all £1,302. The works included painting walls and bollards, removing old railings and building up walls, replacing timber seats where necessary and painting, repair and replacing existing broken drain, levelling a grass surface and providing new turf where necessary, and constructing 200 lineal yards approximately of footpath along the foreshore at the edge of the railway embankment on the South Beach. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for carrying out improvement works at Greystones along the shoreline as indicated in Report of County Engineer of 9th January, 1969, at an estimated cost of £1,302 towards which a Grant of 50% will be made available by Bord Failte and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the Council's share of these works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—

"That a house be built for Thos. Donovan, Cornaan, Rathdangan."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas Donovan was single but had submitted evidence from his parish Priest of his intention to marry. He had applied to have the house erected on his father's land and the County Engineer had been asked to inspect the proposed site and report on its suitability. The County Medical Officer had also been asked for a report as to Mr. Donovan's need for housing. The Council approved of the provision of a house for Mr. Thomas Donovan.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thos. J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council purchase land at Avoca and Aughrim, and build houses which are so badly needed by so many people."

The County Secretary stated that the Council is still awaiting confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order made for the acquisition of lands at Avoca. A letter had been addressed to the owner of lands at Aughrim inquiring if he was agreeable to sell to the Council the site

which had been approved by the Council but no reply had yet been received. Councillor Keenan stated that Mr. Dunne, who owned the lands in question, was not agreeable to sell the land which had been shown on the map submitted to the Council but was prepared to make land available at Killacloran and he asked if the Architect would call on him on his next visit to Arklow and he would indicate the site. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that a report as to the position regarding the acquisition of land from Mr. Leslie Sharpe at Avoca be submitted to the next Meeting.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."

In the absence of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple the Council deferred consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the Council extend the Public Sewerage facilities from Miss H. Dunne's Cottage at Killacloran to serve the 15 houses at Killacloran, Aughrim, where a Group Water Scheme has been successfully completed."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it would be possible to lay a sewer main from the houses at Killacloran to the manhole at Miss H. Dunne's which is connected to the sewage disposal works. It would not be possible, however, to give a price until a survey was made and this could not be done until staff became available. The Council agreed that a Consultant be engaged to carry out the survey.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:— "That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders."

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne the Council decided to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and William Cleary:— "That the Secretary give a Report on the progress being made in providing houses for the following:— John Dillon, Monument Lane, Arklow; Peter Monaghan, Kilcarra, Arklow; Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had not yet completed the acquisition of the site for the cottage for Mr. John Dillon. The vendor had not yet been satisfied with the manner in which the site had been marked out originally and a revised map had been prepared and furnished to his Solicitor. The Solicitor, however, stated that as soon as the Title was in order he would forward draft Contract of Sale. In the case of the site for a cottage for Mr. Peter Monaghan the County Secretary stated that the owner of the site, Mr. M. Bracken, had indicated that he required £200 for the half acre site. The County Engineer had reported that this figure was considered altogether excessive since the site was unserviced and in an out of the way place, and an offer of £100 had been made to the Solicitor for Mr. Bracken but no reply had so far been received. The Council agreed that Mr. Bracken be asked to state what was the minimum figure he would accept for the site and indicated that an offer of up to £150 could be made if agreement could be reached.

In regard to the site for the cottage for Mr. Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow, it had been indicated that Mr. Werder had now obtained suitable housing accommodation and it would no longer be necessary

for the Council to provide a cottage for him. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas Keenan and John Sweeney:— "That the Council provide a house for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, on a site provided at Coolfancy."

The County Secretary stated that the site proposed for the house for Mr. O'Rourke was on Mr. Hatton's land at Loggan, Tinahely, and adjoined two existing Council cottages. The Health Inspector had reported that the site was not marked off but provided it was at least a half acre in size he saw no objection to it. The County Engineer had reported, however, that the site was less than a half acre in extent. He considered the site otherwise suitable. He estimated the value of site at £100 per acre. The Council considered that the site should be accepted and it was agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked if he would agree that in the circumstances the site might be approved. It was indicated by Members that it would not be possible to increase the size of the site in view of its location.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— (a) "That the Council carry out Repairs to Mrs. Susan Murphy's, Cottage Ballnacor, Kilbride, No. 71/7;"

The County Secretary stated that repairs to this cottage had now been completed.

(b) "That the Council relay Sewer Pipes at the back of Mr. Doran's and the Rep. of Mr. Thompson's Cottages."

Councillor Hynes stated that the river backed up through the sewer pipes and that the pipes needed to be raised. Mr. Doran was prepared to lift the pipes on his site and Councillor Hynes asked if the Council would lift the pipes on their property. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into the matter.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That Supplementary Water Grants due more than six months to Members of Killacoran Group Water Scheme be paid without further delay."

The County Secretary stated that these Grants had been paid.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Godfrey Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:— "That Cottage occupied by P. O'Connell, Brittas, Knockenarrigan, be vested in him."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. O'Connell was the son of the former tenant the late Mrs. Kate O'Connell and had applied to have the cottage transferred to his name. Mr. O'Connell was single, aged 45 years, and lived alone in the cottage. The Council agreed to the transfer of tenancy.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That Matthew Colly be made Tenant of the Cottage he lives his lifetime in at Humphreystown."

The County Secretary stated that Matthew Colly had applied to have the tenancy of the cottage transferred from his deceased brother's name, Christopher Colly, to his own in June, 1968. Mr. Matthew Colly was 66 years of age and was single and lived alone in the cottage and there were no other members of the family living who would have an interest in the cottage. The County Manager stated that from reports received it appeared that Mr. Colly would not be in a position to look after himself and would not be able to maintain the cottage if it were vested in him. He would not be disturbed in his tenancy of the cottage during his lifetime. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor Miley pressed that Matthew Colly be made the tenant of the cottage it was agreed to defer a decision on the matter

for one month for further examination.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John J. Bourke:— "That this Council should purchase without delay land at Newtownmountkennedy for further housing needs in the area."

The County Secretary stated that it was intended to acquire about 5 acres at the rear of the Main Street in Newtownmountkennedy and while the former owner had not been agreeable to sell to the Council the new owner had indicated that he would be willing to sell the site provided a satisfactory price could be agreed. The Council noted that negotiations were in progress for the acquisition of the site.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That a proper Water Supply be given to the eight Council Cottages at Fassaroe."

The County Secretary stated that there were eight Council cottages with a total of 36 persons residing therein and some years ago a Group Water Supply Scheme had been organised to take a water supply from a well. This source, however, had not been found satisfactory. A Dublin Corporation watermain was laid on the land to the rear of the cottages and the Group had applied to the Council to make representations to the Corporation to ascertain if the water supply would be made available. It appeared that the Dublin Corporation had on a previous occasion indicated that a supply could be granted. A difficulty arose in regard to a wayleave for a connection to the watermain as the previous owner was not prepared to allow a wayleave. Mr. Brendan Mitchell, who was acting on behalf of the group, had been written to in May, 1968, and asked to contact the present owner of the land, Mr. Kiernan, with a view to obtaining permission for a wayleave. No reply had been received. The Council asked that arrangements be made to obtain the wayleave and to arrange to take a water supply from Corporation main.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "In future when the Council build a number of cottages the County Medical Officer recommend the tenants for these cottages two months before the cottages are handed over to the Council."

Councillor Hynes in proposing the Notice in his name stated that if the County Medical Officer's Reports in regard to the housing conditions of applicants were available two months before the cottages were handed over to the Council it would give sufficient time for the necessary steps to be taken to deal with unfit dwellings, and avoid the situation which had occurred in Greystones a short time ago. The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer in reporting on housing conditions of applicants indicated whether in his opinion a house occupied by an applicant was unfit and required repairs or whether in his view it should be demolished. Before any action could be taken, however, it was necessary for the Council to have a report from an Engineer as to the structural condition of the house and as to what works were necessary to render it fit or alternatively whether the house was incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost. In the case of certain houses in Greystones recently there had been an undue delay in obtaining reports from the Engineering staff as these reports had been sought in July but had not been received until October. If the reports had been received in reasonable time the difficulties which had been experienced in regard to certain of the lettings in Greystones would not have arisen. The County Manager stated that there was no delay in the submission of the reports of the County Medical Officer. The Council agreed that in future the reports of the County Medical Officer and reports of Engineering staff in regard to unfit houses be obtained in adequate time prior to new houses becoming available for occupation so as to ensure that all necessary steps could be taken to secure that unfit houses did not become re-occupied.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—
 "That the Council be given a Report on the following points:— (a) The total number of houses in County Council area without running water installed; (b) the total number of houses without Sewerage facilities."

Councillor Costello stated that if the information sought in his Notice of Motion were obtained it would enable the Council to determine priorities in regard to the provision of water supplies and sewerage facilities and he pointed out that details of the location of the houses not possessing these facilities would be needed. The County Manager stated that statistics as regards the total number of houses without running water or without sewerage facilities were available from the 1961 Census but there could be difficulty in obtaining up to date details and in particular the locations of houses where these facilities were not available. He pointed out that it would take some while to obtain these statistics as the Council had not staff available who would be in a position to obtain this information readily. It was agreed that the statistics sought be obtained.

Item No. 27—Cottages repaired during Month of January, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during the Month of February, 1969.

The Council noted the list circulated of cottages repaired during January and of those to be repaired during February, 1969.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan and Roger Miley:— "That the Council extend the Water Supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill)."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.
 8th November, 1968.

Secretary,
 Sanitary Services Section.

Re: Water Supply Extension to Serve Houses at Lugduff

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 22nd ultimo (PH/AD).

The houses are situated at too high a level to be provided with gravity by the existing system. The supply would have to be boosted. The distance from the nearest main, which is on the main road at the "Diamond" is 700 lin. yards. The pressure in the hydrant at this point is 30 p.s.i. and the 3" dia. main has a maximum flow of 60 g.p.m. The nearest houses in Lugduff would be at an elevation of 93 ft.

The estimate cost of laying a 2" dia. main and boosting the supply directly including the cost of pump, pumphouse, watermain and water laid on to sink in each house is £1,100. It is recommended that the work be carried out.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the existing supply to the town becomes rather scarce during dry periods and has to be shut off at night time. The quantity of water, however, that would be used on this extension would not greatly affect the demand on the supply.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
 County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That the Council extend the water supply to the houses at Lugduff (known as Long Hill).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—
 "That this Council will take over Ballymaconey Lane on which £600 Rural Improvement Grant was carried out two years ago."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of widening, repairing, grading, and shaping, including surface dressing of the road, was £800 and the annual cost of when reconstructed would be £50.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Ballymaconey Lane be widened and surfaced and the cost defrayed from the Local Improvements Grant for the current year. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—
 "That the Council will extend Lighting facilities to serve 9 Cottages on the New Line, Carnew."

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with at the previous Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 31—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering:— "That the Council provide a Water and Sewerage Scheme in Village of Rathdangan."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary.

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow
 8th November, 1969.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th ultimo.

An examination of this area shows that some of the houses have their own well and pump supply and intend putting in separate tanks. There are only about six houses in Rathdangan itself but quite a number within a one mile radius of the various roads, mainly County Council cottages, who are interested in getting in a water supply. There has not been sufficient time to investigate the possible source of the supply. It would take some time to investigate gaugings which would have to be taken if a supply was located, to see if it was adequate to meet the demands.

It would seem, therefore, that the most expeditious way to deal with the matter would be for the local residents to organise a Group Water Supply Scheme with the Department of Local Government.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
 County Engineer.

In reply to enquiries from Members, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy Co. Engineer, stated that he had been in touch with the Department of Local Government regarding the formation of a Group Scheme and the Council agreed that a special report in regard to the possibility of having a group scheme put in hands at an early date be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That the Section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted"

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That the section dealing with distance from a University in the Council's Scheme governing Higher Education Grants be deleted. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and G. Timmins, T.D.:—“That in view of the recent heavy flooding a survey of all bridges in the County be carried out.”

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she had put forward this Notice of Motion following becoming aware of the collapse of a bridge in an adjoining County. The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that a survey of Main Road Bridges had been carried out and that a survey of County Road Bridges had been in progress for some time. The County Engineer stated that when the survey was completed a report and estimate would be submitted and that he felt the Council should include some money each year for the repair of these bridges to ensure that they are kept in a proper state of repair. The Council noted the position in regard to the survey.

Item No. 34—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—“That a dangerous bend be removed at ‘Rockingham,’ Rosbawn, Tinahely, and that road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thomas King’s Cottage, Rosbawn, be repaired.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the dangerous bend referred to was on Road No. 205 at Rosbawn and that the estimated cost of widening the bend including removal of the shelter belt of high trees was £800. Arrangements had been made to have the road surface and water table opposite Mr. Thos. King’s cottage repaired. Miss Walsh stated that she was glad to note that the latter work had been carried out. The Council decided that the matter of the dangerous bend be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 35—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O’Neill:—“That the watermain be extended to the Council’s houses at Deerpark.”

The County Secretary stated that the existing watermain was only 900 lineal yards from the further houses and that there were only three cottages in the townland of Deerpark, all three of which were vested. The tenants had not yet been asked as to whether in the event of the watermain being extended they would be prepared to instal the water supply facilities themselves. The County Engineer reported that the cost of laying a 2” diameter Class B P.V.C. main together with connections to stopcocks at each house was estimated to cost £590. On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O’Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council agreed that the main be extended. It was stated by Members of the Council that the tenants would be agreeable to connect to the main.

Item No. 36—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
(a) “That a dangerous shore at the entrance to Mr. Peter Murphy’s holding at Tigroney, Avoca, be reconstructed.”

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the bridge referred to was a gullet along the roadside across the entrance to Mr. Murphy’s premises and was for the sole use and benefit of Mr. Murphy and that it was not the responsibility of the Council to keep it in repair. In a further Report he stated that the Council had obliged Mr. Murphy by repairing the gullet using old flagstones on a previous occasion and that when constructing the road gullets were constructed on other parts of the road as it was necessary to do so when making considerable alterations. He pointed out that the Council did not interfere with Mr. Murphy’s gullet and that limestone lorries broke it when going into Mr. Murphy’s yard and it was his business to keep it in repair. The Council noted that the repair of this gullet was not the responsibility of the Council.

(b) “That the Road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately 2 miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at

Shortts, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson’s, Woodenbridge, be removed”
The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer’s Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
20th November, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: NOTICES OF MOTION

A Chara.

With reference to yours of the 14th instant, regarding Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Miss Walsh, as follows:—

“That the road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue (approximately 2 miles) be resurfaced and that dangerous bends at Shortt’s, Ballycoogue, and at Clarkson’s, Woodenbridge, be removed.”

1. The road from Ballycoogue Chapel through Ballinasillogue will be included in the estimates for re-surfacing next year.
2. The dangerous bend at Shortt’s will cost £40. Actually this bend is nearer Ballycoogue Church than Shortt’s. It can be included in next year’s estimates.
3. This bend at Clarkson’s, Woodenbridge, is the junction of County Road No. 195 with the main Road 186 at Woodenbridge and there is no proposal to do any extensive work here. The hedges and bushes at Mr. Clarkson’s will be cut down to provide a better view.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN

County Engineer.

The Council noted that the resurfacing of the road and the removal of the dangerous bend at Shortt’s would be included in the Estimates for the coming financial year and that the hedges and bushes at the corner of Clarkson’s, Woodenbridge, would be cut down to provide a better view.

Item No. 37—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“That the Council take over Ardnaboy Lane which has recently been done under the Rural Improvements Scheme.

The Council noted that this work would be considered in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 38—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:—“That this Council put a path at Cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from ‘Bus stops.”

In the absence of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple the Council deferred this Notice of Motion for consideration at the next Meeting.

Item No. 39—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—
“That we offer whatever Salary we consider necessary in order to recruit Professional Staff.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we offer whatever salary we consider necessary in order to recruit professional staff.

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

In Favour: Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—Six.

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O’Neill, B. Phelan, James Whelan—Eight.

Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Miss Nancy O’Neill did not vote. The Motion was declared lost by eight votes against to six in favour.

Councillor Costello also raised the matter of the payment of revised salary scales which had been approved by the Council for Engineering Staff and urged that these salaries be paid in accordance with the terms agreed. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not pay any salary in excess of such amount as was sanctioned by the Minister. The Minister had not yet conveyed sanction to the proposed revised salary scales for Engineering and other staff and had indicated that it was intended to defer a decision on the proposed salaries pending the Report of a special review body which had been set up to advise on remuneration in the upper ranges in the public sector. The Council passed a Resolution approving of the payment of the salaries.

WATER SUPPLY AT COOLMONEY.

The County Secretary stated that the authorisation of the Council was required to the borrowing of a sum of £1,700 from the Council's Treasurers repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of Scheme for the provision of water supply at Coolmoney subject to the sanction of the Minister. The Scheme itself had been approved by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,700 from the Council's Treasurers, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the Scheme for provision of Water Supply at Coolmoney, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

The remaining Items on the Agenda were adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That permission be granted to Mr. William Molyneux, Verdella, Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldier's Cottage (British) to acquire the necessary land being portions of gardens of their properties."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That Patrick Harte be given a new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will provide a new burial ground at Carnew."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a house be built on a site at Phelan's, Ballinaclesh, for Richard Kenny."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmanth Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 24th February, 1969.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The Council decided to examine the Estimates in detail commencing with the Estimates for Roads. In reference to the Estimates for Roads, the County Manager stated that the Estimates as submitted would require a Rate of 19/3-39d. in the £ for the coming financial year which represented an increase of 3/5-30d. over the Rate for Roads for the present financial year. He pointed out that the additional Rate required under this heading was due almost entirely to the increases in rates of wages and salaries which had occurred during the past year and stated that these increases in remuneration had followed those which had been allowed in industry and other employments.

Having examined the details given in the Estimates for Roads Services the Council decided to defer taking any decision on the Estimates for Roads pending examination of the Estimates for the other Services.

HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council considered the letter of 12th February, 1969, from the Department of Health in regard to the incidence of the cost of the Health Services in the year 1969/70 and the copy of the reply sent by the County Manager and agreed that it could not be expected that the Council would be able to make any substantial reductions in the Estimate for Health Services in view of the fact that the increased cost of the Services was largely due to the rises in salaries and wages which had occurred during the past year; these rises in rates of remuneration also affected the charges for maintenance of patients in extern hospitals which were being increased by 20 per cent as from the 1st April, 1969. In reply to Councillor Phelan, the County Manager stated that about 35 per cent. of the population of the County were in the lower income group and were entitled to free medical services, while about 50 per cent. were in the middle income group, most of whom would receive treatment in Hospital without charge. Only about 15 per cent. of the population were in the higher income group and even persons in this group could also receive help under the Health Services in cases of hardship. Certain kinds of illnesses, however, were treated under the Health Services without charge such as Tuberculosis or other Infectious Diseases. Councillor S. Costello, referring to the Minister's letter, agreed that the Council could not expect to make any substantial reduction in the Estimates for Health Services as submitted to the Council. He felt that it was time that local authorities took a stand on the matter of the incidence of the charge for Health Services on local Rates and that the Council should demand that all Health Services be charged on central funds.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello.

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we decline to adopt an Estimate for Health Services for the coming financial year, and that we urge all other local authorities to join in a request to the Government to receive a deputation with a view to having the costs of Health Services met from National taxation.

In seconding the proposal Councillor Temple stated he was doing so provided there was an assurance from the County Manager that there would be no interruption in the provision of Health Services pending a reply from the Minister. Councillor J. Whelan pointed out that two Health Bills had been submitted to the Dáil recently and that these Bills would bring changes and improvements in the Health Services, and he felt it was unreasonable to hold up the present Health Estimates since it was obvious that it would be some while before any proposed changes could be brought into operation. Councillor Phelan pointed out that if the full costs of the Health Services were to be met from central funds, this would result in a substantial increase in Taxation which would still have to be met by the general public. A decision on the proposal was deferred until the end of the meeting to allow a detailed examination of part of the Estimates for Health Services, and the Council proceeded to consider the Estimates for the General Medical Services and Institutional Services. Having examined part of the Estimates for Health Services, the Council decided that the terms of the Motion proposed by Councillor Costello and seconded by Councillor Temple be conveyed to the Minister for Health with an indication that the Council felt that no substantial economies could be made in the Estimates as submitted for the coming financial year, and a request for a reply for consideration by the Council at their adjourned Estimates Meeting to be held on the 3rd March, 1969.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that the Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council, had asked if the County Council would receive a Deputation from the Wicklow Urban District Council and from Industrialists in Wicklow at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd March, 1969, with a view to a Deputation being sent to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to urge the carrying out of a Coast Protection Scheme in Wicklow as a matter of urgency. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the next Meeting on the 3rd March, 1969.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic County Roads 39 and 41 in the Altadore/Ballinastoe area from the junction between the main Roundwood/Bray Road at Ballinastoe, and the junctions from Trunk Road T.7 at Willow Grove, Delgany, and Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, between the hours of 2.15 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 1st March, 1969, for the purpose of holding the Hewison Trophy Irish Championship Car Driving Manœuvrability Tests. Passed unanimously.

The Meeting then terminated.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 3rd March, 1969.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimates for Health Services. The following letter which had been addressed to the Department of Health, following the Meeting of the Council held on the 24th February, 1969, was submitted:—

Secretary,
Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin, 1.

25th February, 1969.

re: Cost of Health Services.

A Chara,

I am to refer to your letter of the 12th February, 1969, addressed to the County Manager in regard to the incidence of the cost of the Health Services in the year 1969/'70 and to say that the Council at the Estimates Meeting on 24th inst., considered the terms of the letter in the course of their examination of the Estimates for Health Services for the coming financial year. The Council agreed that it was not possible to achieve substantial reductions in the projected expenditure without detriment to the efficiency or availability of the present services.

The Council considered the following motion:—

"That we decline to adopt an estimate for Health Services for the coming financial year and that we urge all other local authorities to join in a request to the Government to receive a deputation with a view to having the costs of Health Services met from national taxation."

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that your Department be informed of the views of the Members that no substantial reductions could be made in the Health Services Estimates for the coming financial year and that ratepayers could not be expected to meet an increase of 5/7.29d. in the £ for Health Services in the coming financial year, and that urgent consideration should be given to having the costs of Health Services met from national taxation and not from local Rates.

I am to request that the views of the Council on the financing of the costs of Health Services be conveyed to the Minister with a request that the Council be favoured with a reply for consideration at the adjourned Estimates Meeting to be held on Monday next, the 3rd March, 1969.

Mise, le meas,

County Secretary.

The following letter from the Department of Health was also submitted:—

Department of Health,
Teach an Chustaim
Baile Atha Cliath 1.
28 Feabhra, 1969.

H.S.G.32/69.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of the 25th instant regarding the estimated cost of the Authority's health services for the year 1969-70 and to state that it is not possible at this stage to indicate precisely what rate of Exchequer recoupment will apply. The health authority should proceed, for the present, on the assumption that the recoupment rate will not be less than that which applies in the current financial year. The Minister will communicate with the health authority again in this regard as soon as possible.

With regard to the health authority's view that the cost of these services should be transferred in full to the Exchequer, the Minister does not think it realistic to envisage health authorities being relieved entirely of meeting their share of the cost. He agrees that it is necessary to consider other methods of finance in order to reduce the impact of health charges on the ratepayers and taxpayers and, in this connection, a detailed examination has been undertaken of the feasibility of introducing an insurance or contributory scheme to finance at least part of the cost of the services available to the middle-income group. This examination is now nearly completed.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. CONDON.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Members of the Council expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the letter and pointed out that it contained no indication that any of the additional cost of the Health Services in the coming financial year would be met by way of increased Health Grant. Councillor J. Whelan pointed out that the greater part of the increase in the Estimate was due to the revised rates of remuneration and expressed the view that the Council should be prepared to meet the cost involved having agreed to the revisions of wages and salaries. The County Manager stated that the increases in remuneration generally had been of the order of 28 per cent. to 30 per cent., and it was inevitable that increases of this level were bound to have a substantial effect on the cost of the services. Councillor Hynes referred to the cost of maintenance of patients in Newcastle Hospital and the limited number of patients being maintained there, and suggested that patients at Newcastle Hospital should be returned to the Dublin Health Authority thereby effecting a saving in the cost of maintenance and treatment and the costs of the operation of the Hospital while continuing the provision of the Clinic services. He felt that a substantial saving could be made in this manner. Councillor Costello urged that his proposal be put to the Council, and following a discussion on procedure the Chairman ruled that Councillor Costello's Motion must be regarded as an amendment to the decision which had been taken by the Council to examine the Estimates in detail. The amendment in the following

terms was submitted to the Council:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we decline to adopt an Estimate for Health Services for the coming financial year, and that we urge all other local authorities to join in a request to the Government to receive a deputation with a view to having the costs of Health Services met from national taxation.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors John Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering—FOUR.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—FIFTEEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by fifteen votes against to four votes in favour.

The Council then proceeded to examine the Estimates for Health Services in detail.

General Medical Services—Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder.

The Council noted that over £7,000 of the increase in the Estimate represented provision for revised salaries of District Medical Officers which had not yet been determined and decided to reduce the provision under this heading by £4,000.

Medicines.

The Council noted there was an increase of £15,830 under this heading as compared with the provision in the current year, and having heard the views of the County Manager on the rising trend of costs the Council decided to reduce the provision under this heading by £8,000. Councillor Temple dissented.

The Council approved of the remaining items under the heading of General Medical Services. The Council approved of the provisions made in the Estimates for Institutional Services at the District Hospital, Wicklow, District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's, Rathdrum. In regard to St. Colman's, Rathdrum, Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she had received excellent reports from patients in regard to the treatment they had received in St. Colman's Hospital.

Extern Institutions:

The County Manager stated that the increase under the heading of General Hospitals was £53,200 of which £44,000 represented the increase in charges which would operate from the 1st April, 1969, and £9,200 represented provision for a possible increase in the numbers of patients to receive treatment. The Council decided to reduce the provision made under this heading by £4,500. The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates in respect of Maternity Hospitals, but agreed to a reduction of £1,000 in the provision for Tuberculosis Hospitals. The Council decided to reduce the provision for Fever Hospitals by £2,000.

Mental Hospitals.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates under the heading Mental Hospitals.

Maternity and Child Health Services.

Having considered in detail the provisions made under this heading the Council approved of the amounts provided in the Estimates as submitted.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the remaining items in the Estimates to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 10th March, 1969.

Scheme of Works at Harbour and North Beach Area, Greystones.

In reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that a scheme had been prepared by the Greystones Civic Association and submitted to Bórd Fáilte Eireann for improvements at the Harbour and North Beach area of Greystones at a total estimated cost of £4,222 12s. 0d. The County Engineer had reported that the proposal was a good one and consisted of converting a derelict site, which was an eyesore at the North Beach, Greystones, to a desirable amenity and that he saw no objection to the carrying out of the proposals as outlined by the Greystones Civic Association. The Association asked if the Council would approve of their proceeding with the Scheme on the understanding that the full cost of the work would be met by a Grant from Bórd Fáilte and by the Association and no contribution was expected from the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the Greystones Civic Association proceeding with the Scheme for improvements of the Harbour and North Beach area at Greystones at a total estimated cost of £4,222 12s. 0d. provided that the full cost of the work is met by Grant from Bórd Fáilte and by the Association.

Passed unanimously.

Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the last Meeting had agreed to receive a Deputation from Wicklow Urban District Council and Industrialists in Wicklow to ask that a Deputation from the County Council with representatives from the Urban District Council and of the Industrialists be sent to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to stress the urgency of proceeding as soon as possible with the Coast Protection Scheme for The Murrough, Wicklow. Subsequent to the last Meeting of the County Council a letter had been received from the Office of Public Works indicating that the Minister for Finance had sanctioned the preparation of a Scheme for the area and that the Scheme would be sent to the Council shortly for consideration. With the agreement of the Chairman the information received from the Office of Public Works had been conveyed to the Urban District Council, and at a Meeting held during the week which was attended by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area it had been agreed to proceed with the request for the reception of the Deputation. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had agreed to receive the Deputation at Dáil Eireann at 4.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th March, 1969, and the approval of the Council was requested to the appointment of Members of the Council to act on the Deputation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Members of the Council to represent the County Council together with representatives of the Wicklow Urban District Council and of Industrialists in Wicklow on the Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to the Coast Protection Scheme for Wicklow: Members for Wicklow Electoral Area.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the names of Councillors James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Breen, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th March, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Wm. Cleary, Thos. J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant, Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff Officer, Health Services, and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services, were present.

The Council proceeded with the detailed examination of the Estimates for Health Services commencing with the heading Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases. The Council approved of the provision in the Estimates under this heading. Following consideration of the Estimates under the heading Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services and having discussed the question as to the date on which an additional Dentist was likely to take up duty, the Council agreed to a reduction of £1,000 in the provision for salaries and travelling expenses. The Council approved of the Estimates under this heading otherwise. The Council having examined the details approved of the amounts provided under the remaining headings of the Estimates for Health Services, the Chairman stated that at this stage the revisions made by the Council in the Estimates amounted to the equivalent of approximately 7½d. in the £. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the provision for Health Services as submitted be reduced by 1/- in the £ and that the County Manager be asked to make appropriate reductions in the amounts provided to allow for this reduction. The proposal was seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill. The Chairman pointed out that to give effect to this proposal it would be necessary for the Council to indicate the particular headings of the Estimate in which the reductions should be made. Councillor S. Costello stated that as he had anticipated, the Council had found it impossible to effect any worthwhile reductions in the Estimates as submitted and, accordingly, asked that the Motion which he had proposed at the previous Meeting be again considered.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That we decline to adopt an Estimate for Health Services for the coming financial year, and that we urge all other local authorities to join in a request to the Government to receive a deputation with a view to having the costs of Health Services met from national taxation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we provide the same amount from Rates for Health Services as provided in the current financial year 1968/69.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Timmins, T.D., pointed out that the major part of the increase in the Estimates for Health Services over that of the previous year was due to increases in rates of remuneration and that the Government would consequently derive a substantial increase in receipts from taxation as a result. He felt that it was not unreasonable to expect a substantially increased Grant from

the State towards the cost of Health Services in the coming financial year. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that the Council should seek confirmation from the Minister that the Health Grant for the coming financial year would be increased to a figure which would allow the Council to adopt an Estimate for Health Services which would not involve any increase in the Rate for this Service over that levied in the present year. Councillor S. Costello stated that he was prepared to withdraw his proposal in favour of the suggestion made by the Chairman, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That the Rate for Health Services for 1969/'70 be the same as that struck for the year 1968/'69 subject to the Health Grant being increased so as to allow for this.

The Resolution was passed unanimously and the Council agreed that a letter be sent immediately to the Department of Health to inform the Department of the Council's decision.

Assistance Services.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates under this heading.

The County Manager reminded the Council that the Estimates Meeting had commenced on the 24th February, 1969, and that it was required that the Estimates be adopted within 21 days from that date. Accordingly it would be necessary for the Council to adopt the Estimates before the end of that week. The Council decided to continue the Estimates Meeting on Saturday, 15th March, 1969, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Coolmoney Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the Meeting held on 17th February, 1969, had approved of the borrowing of £1,700 from the Council's Treasurer repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of the Scheme for the provision of water supply at Coolmoney. The sanction of the Minister to the borrowing of £1,625 for the purposes of the Scheme had been received, but it had been indicated by the Treasurers that the Loan could be advanced only if it were repayable over a period of five years. It would be necessary for the Council to pass a further Resolution in substitution for that passed at the Meeting on the 17th February, 1969, to cover the shorter period of repayment.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £1,625 from the Council's Treasurers, The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, repayable over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of the Scheme for the provision of water supply at Coolmoney, subject to the sanction of the Minister. This Resolution is in substitution for Resolution passed at Meeting of the County Council held on the 17th February, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was resumed at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 15th March, 1969, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger, Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor E. E. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, and County Engineer attended.

HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Secretary stated that following the Meeting of the Council held on the 10th March, 1969, the following letter had been sent to the Department of Health:—

Secretary,
Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin, 1.

10th March, 1969.

re: Estimates for Health Services for Year 1969/70

A Chara,

At the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held to-day the Council having examined the Estimates for Health Services in detail and having found that only some minor adjustments could reasonably be made in the costs of the Services, passed a Resolution in the following terms:—

"That the Rate for Health Services for 1969/70 be the same as that struck for the year 1968/69, subject to the Health Grant being increased so as to allow for this."

The Council remained of the opinion as expressed in the Council's letter of 25th February, 1969, that the ratepayers could not be expected to meet an increase of 5/7-29d. in the £ for Health Services in the coming financial year and considered that the Health Grant for the coming year should be increased to a figure which would allow of the Rate in the £ for 1969/70 being the same as that which applied in the current financial year.

I am to say that the Council have indicated that, pending an indication from the Minister that the necessary increase in the Grant would be available, they were not prepared to determine finally the estimate for Health Services.

As the original Estimates Meeting of the Council was held on the 24th February, 1969, it will be necessary for the Council in order to comply with the provisions of the City and County Management Act, 1955, to adopt the Estimates the Council has decided to hold a further meeting on Saturday next, the 15th March, 1969, at 2.30 p.m., to continue the consideration of the Estimates. A reply from your Department is requested as a matter of urgency.

Mise, le meas,

County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Department had also been

telephoned on the matter the following day, but no reply had been received to date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That we refuse to adopt an estimate for Health Services for the year 1969/70.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—SEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—TEN.

Councillor M. Deering did not vote.

The Resolution was declared defeated by ten votes against to seven votes in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we adopt the Estimate for Health Services as amended by the reductions approved by the Council.

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to seven votes against.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The Council proceeded to examine the Estimate for Sanitary Services in detail. In regard to Domestic Scavenging, the need for provision of a service for Glenealy and Ashford was urged by Members and the Council agreed to increase the provision under this heading by £1,500. In reference to statements that there was a need for better maintenance of dumping grounds, the County Manager pointed out that if a very high standard of maintenance was sought additional provision would be required to meet the extra cost involved. He pointed out that Domestic Scavenging Services were in many cases being used to deal with trade waste which was not the purpose for which the services had been provided. In reference to the suggestion that a higher standard of public lighting had been provided in other Counties by providing new bulbs giving more light at lesser cost, the County Engineer stated that he had asked the E.S.B. for quotations for improving the standard of lighting but had not yet received these. He was of opinion, however, that while the running cost of the new type bulbs was less there was a greater capital cost in providing them. In regard to Loan Charges for sewerage and public sanitary conveniences and water supplies, the County Manager stated that provision had been made for new sewerage schemes and details of the schemes provided for were given to the Council. The Council approved of the remaining items in the Estimates for Sanitary Services.

HOUSING SERVICES.

In connection with the provision made in the Estimates for Loan Charges for the construction of Council houses, Councillor Costello inquired as to the number of houses which it was expected would be built in the coming financial year in the Greystones and Kilcoole area and the County Manager supplied the required information.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Council build 100 houses in Greystones and Kilcoole area of which at least 80 be for renting, and that 20 houses for renting be built at Kilmacanogue, and that we approve of the compulsory acquisition of the necessary lands for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that it would take some while to complete the acquisition of sites by compulsory purchase and the number of houses which could be built in the area would, of course, depend on the necessary lands being available.

Resignation of Architect.

The County manager informed the Council that Mr. P. J. Birmingham, Architect, had submitted his resignation and would be leaving the service of the Council within a few weeks. He had obtained a post with the National Building Agency. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the Architect's reason for leaving was to an extent due to his wish to have an independent status and he had found difficulties in working conditions with the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill, the Council approved of the payment of such increase in salary and the provision of improvement in working conditions as might be necessary to induce the Architect to remain in the service of the Council.

In regard to the provision for Repairs to Council Houses, the County Secretary stated that the sum provided in the Estimates as submitted for the current financial year was £15,000, but only £10,000 had been provided. The expenditure under this heading would be exceeded by about £4,000 in the current financial year. The Council approved of the provision of £15,000 as submitted in the Estimates. The Council approved of the remaining items in the Estimate for Housing Services.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

A proposal by Councillor Costello to omit provision for the services "Conveyance of Prisoners" and "Reformatories and Industrial Schools" was not seconded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That we omit provisions for "Courthouses—Repairs and Renewals and Rents and Expenses."

In proposing the Motion Councillor Costello pointed out that the Council at the special Meeting held to consider the priority of services in relation to the Estimates had agreed that no provision be made for these services. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council had the right to refuse to make provision for the services referred to but the question arose as to the result of the Council's so doing. The Council's Solicitor was of opinion that the Minister would have power to dissolve the Council and he pointed out that this had been done in respect of Kerry County Council some years previously. The Council's Solicitor had advised that before giving effect to a Resolution to omit provision for the services, that the Council be informed of the likely results if the Reso-

A vote having been called for, it was found that the Members

present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Edward Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—NINE.

AGAINST: Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—NINE.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Motion and the Resolution was declared passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

Councillor Costello asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the provisions made in the Estimate for "Reformatories and Industrial Schools," "Conveyance of Prisoners," and "Civil Defence." In regard to Civil Defence he stated that he appreciated the services rendered by the Civil Defence Volunteers, but felt that the cost of the service should be met in full by the Department of Defence.

The Council approved of the remaining items under General Purposes.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The Council noted that as a result of additional Decrees received in respect of Malicious Injury Claims the amount to be provided was £6,385 and approved of the provision of this sum. The Council approved also of the other provisions in the Estimates under the heading Separate Charges.

Roadworkers' Wages.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a request from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the matter of the wages of Roadworkers and had expressed the view that the sum of 35/- per week granted by the Council under the 11th Round was less than the general level of increases in remuneration granted under that Round. In a further letter of 13th March, 1969, the Union stated that it had been their intention if a conference had been arranged for the purpose of discussing wages to put forward a case for a substantial wage increase. They added that they would be prepared to recommend acceptance of an increase of 15/- per week from the 1st April, 1969, without commitment to the future. The cost of granting an increase to Roadworkers of 15/- per week would amount to approximately £12,500. The Union had also urged that a system of weekly pay for Roadworkers be introduced with effect from 1st April, 1969, the cost involved allowing for the purchase of office machines would be over £8,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of increase of wages of 15/- per week to Roadworkers from 1st April, 1969, and that the matter of weekly wages be discussed with the Union.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we refer the application by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase in remuneration of Roadworkers for a full examination of the claim.

A vote having been called for on the amendment it was found

that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—TEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh—EIGHT.

The amendment was declared carried by ten votes in favour to eight votes against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Adoption of Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses (as amended) the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table 'C' and Column 15 of Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1970:—

ROADS	..	..	..	..	19/3-39
HEALTH	..	..	..	..	28/5-72
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	..	..	..	..	1/11-48
SANITARY	..	..	..	..	5/11-14
HOUSING	..	..	..	..	7/4-29
GENERAL PURPOSES	..	..	..	..	11/3-98
TOTAL:					74/4

SEPARATE CHARGES:

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	..	..	2/9-04
RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD	..	..	1-00
CRIMINAL INJURIES	..	..	4-22

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1970, as follows:—

	ARKLOW	BRAY	WICKLOW
	£	£	£
ROADS	3,609	14,403	2,597
HEALTH	20,509	81,584	14,759
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	1,410	5,625	1,014
GENERAL PURPOSES	1,645	6,565	1,184

SEPARATE CHARGES:

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1,982	—	1,426
CRIMINAL INJURIES	271	1,083	195

It was

Proposed by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the estimate of expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1970 as amended and as set out in Tables A, B and C.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

The following Statement of the County Manager in relation to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members and attached also is a Table Explanatory of the Estimates giving details of the amounts estimated and adopted by the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill

Wicklow.

14th February, 1969.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1969/'70

A Dhuine Uasail,

In the attached Tables details are given, under the principal Service headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1970.

For the coming year the total Expenditure is estimated at £2,080,411. This total does not include the outlay under the headings of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses shown at the end of the Table for General Purposes as expenses are offset by corresponding Receipts. As explained in submitting Estimates previously the items under the heading of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses are merely a *pro forma* accounting detail necessary in order to conform to statutory requirements. In fact, the charges for Plant and for Road Materials appear, in the ordinary way, in the Outlay on Roads. The total Receipts are shown at £984,652, so that the net Outlay which would have to be met from Rates is £1,095,759.

The net Expenditure as now shown would require a Rate in the coming year of 74/10d. in the £. The separate Rates for the various Services and the variations from last year are shown below:—

ROADS	..	..	19/3-39d.	Increase of 3/53d.
HEALTH	..	..	29/0-14d.	Increase of 5/7-29d.
ASSISTANCE	..	..	1/11-48d.	Increase of 3-55d.
SANITARY SERVICES	..	..	5/9-73d.	Increase of 11-37d.
HOUSING	..	..	7/4-29d.	Increase of 1/2-74d.
GENERAL PURPOSES	..	..	11/4-79d.	Increase of 11-75d.

In addition to the provision for the normal requirements of the coming year it is necessary to allow for Debit Balances against two of the Services, the amount involved being £22,583, chargeable as follows: Roads £15,000; and General Expenses £7,583. The debit against Roads is due to the increases in wages. In the case of General Purposes there was additional outlay arising from the provision of new offices for Engineering Staff and the revision of remuneration for Fire Brigade staff.

In the coming year the cost of Roads will show a sharp rise over that in the current year due to the 11th Round "phased increase" which will be fully effective from 1st April next. With "Service Pay," which most workers will receive in full, the new level of wages will represent an increase of almost thirty per cent. Health Services likewise are affected by increases in remuneration and these account mainly for the addition of 5/7d. to the current rate.

ROADS

Once again the Estimate for Roads exceeds the provision made for the current year. Subsequent to the adoption of the Estimates last year a substantial increase in the wages of Roadworkers was agreed to as a result of lengthy negotiations with the Unions. It involved excess expenditure in the present year and the full effect of the increase will be felt in the coming year. In addition, there have been rises in the costs of materials and plant.

The total outlay on Roads for 1969/70 is estimated at £460,911 of which £188,693 will come from the Road Fund. The proportion of the cost of Roads to be met from Rates, consequently, is 55 per cent. The Rate which would be required would be 19/339d. which would be 3/53d. higher than in the present year when the Rate adopted by the Council was 15/10-09d. The Rate approved for the present year, however, has turned out to be short of requirements because of the effect of the wage increases.

The agreement with the Unions provided for a phased increase of 35/- to apply as follows: From 1st April, 1968, £1; from 1st October, 1968, an additional 7/6d.; from 1st April, 1969, a further 7/6d. In addition, the agreement provided for Service Pay by way of 1/- for each year of service up to a maximum of £1 for twenty years' service or more. As, however, many of the Council workers had service in excess of twenty years, the total increase for the coming year in most instances would be £2.15.0 per week.

Main Roads:

For maintenance and reconstruction of Main Roads the provision included is £132,803 which is over £20,000 higher than the outlay in the current year. The increase is attributable in the main to the cost of wages, but the cost of materials in general is also up by about 10 per cent., whilst the running costs of plant and machinery also would be higher due to higher prices of petrol, oil, etc. Of this outlay on Main Roads one half would be met from the Road Fund. Provision is again made for Winter Employment Schemes on Main Roads to the extent of £3,600 and £2,000 is included for Snow Clearance. It is expected that these latter two items also would be recouped to the extent of one half from the Road Fund.

Special Grant Works:

For improvements to the Arterial Road, T.7 (the Main Road from Bray to Arklow), provision has again been made. This will be met in full by a special Grant from the Road Fund. The total outlay on Grant Works on the Arterial Road and on other Main Roads is estimated at £85,400—most of which will be spent on the improvements to the Arterial Road between Bray and Kilmacanogue. The total cost of the works at this place is estimated eventually to reach over £300,000 and the work includes the rebuilding of the bridge at St. Valerie. Part of the cost of the rebuilding of the bridge will have to be met by the Council through a special Loan, but only a limited sum (£300) is being included in the coming year by way of a Loan Charge, as it is not expected that the work of constructing the bridge will get under way until the second half of the coming financial year.

County Roads:

The rise in costs will materially affect the rate levied for County Roads as the entire cost of their maintenance has to be met from

local Rates. For the coming year the cost is estimated at £137,871 which is over £30,000 higher than that for 1968/69. Two years ago the provision being made at that time for County Roads was £85,713. It will be seen that in a period of two years there is an increase in cost of roughly 60 per cent.

The County Engineer has pointed out that if the volume of employment is to be maintained the provision for County Roads must be increased in view of the elements affecting costs which already have been mentioned.

There were suggestions during the course of the year that further additions be made to the County Road mileage by taking over for public maintenance rural roads which at present are not in the charge of the Council. In addition, improvements to existing County Roads were also sought. At the present time about 80 per cent. of the County Roads for which the Council is responsible have tarred surfaces; this is a higher part of the total mileage than obtains in most other Counties in this country. The proposals for reconstruction and tarring County Roads (these are mainly in the West and South part of the County) would, according to the County Engineer, cost £63,240. In addition, it was asked that new roads be taken over for maintenance and be reconstructed and the estimated cost here comes to £23,147. Representations also have been received regarding the service roads for some of the Council Housing Schemes (houses erected over thirty years ago) and the provision required for this purpose would be £2,405. It will be evident that to include the cost of the proposals for reconstructing some existing County Roads and taking over further new lengths of rural roads coming in all to £86,387 would require a very large increase in the Rate for Roads and, consequently, provision for these proposals has not been included in the Estimates now submitted. However, as the Council last year agreed that the service roads to Council houses should be improved, a somewhat similar amount to that allowed last year (£2,405) has again been included. The Rate required for County Roads in the coming year would be 13/1½d., but if the proposals for the reconstruction and taking over of roads were also to be included it would come to almost 20/- in the £ if defrayed in one year.

If, however, special provision for further improvements to rural roads is not made from local rates it seems unlikely that the programmes which had been mentioned can be carried out in the near future as it is unlikely that the central authority will agree to the Road Fund being used for this purpose; at present such part of Motor Taxation as goes to the Road Fund is used in the improvement and maintenance of Main Roads and only to a limited extent in continuing the programme of improvements to County Roads. In the Estimates for the present year the allocation from the Road Fund for improvements to County Roads was £21,250, whereas in the Estimates £33,757 had been included. For the coming year the Estimate under this heading is £34,092, but there is some doubt, however, if a Grant of this magnitude will be forthcoming from the Road Fund.

HEALTH SERVICES

As in other years it will be necessary again to provide for a much greater expenditure on the Health Services. The total outlay for the coming year is estimated at £1,094,631. It is expected that there will be Receipts from the Health Grant of £569,250. This leaves a net outlay of £525,381 to be met from Rates; the proportion of the outlay which will be defrayed by way of State Grant represents roughly 52 per cent. This is another Service the cost of which has risen very

sharply in recent times; in the past four years the outlay has gone up by more than 50 per cent.

The Rate required for Health in the coming year would be 29/0-14d. On the basis of the attached Estimates the Receipts from the Health Grant, including two small sums in respect of Diabetes Scheme and Community Services for Old Persons, would represent 52 per cent. of the total outlay on Health; the balance of 48 per cent. has to be met from Rates. The costs, especially under the heading of Hospital Treatment, continue to rise at a rapid rate. The main element affecting Hospital Treatment costs is, of course, the additional provision which has to be made each year for increases in staff remuneration.

General Medical Services:

For the coming year the costs of the General Medical Services are estimated at £108,750. The increase here is substantial, the outlay being £32,455 greater than the estimate for the present year—£76,295. Under this heading comes the cost of the Dispensary and Domiciliary Services which are given through the District Medical Officers and the District Nurses. The cost of salaries is up from £39,220 to £54,045. This is due in addition to the effect of the 11th Round increase which became effective from 1st June, 1968. Moreover, provision is being made for expected alterations in the basic salary scales of the District Medical Officers and the District Public Health Nurses. Claims from the organisations representing these Officers are at present the subject of negotiations and it would appear to be prudent to make provision for the increase which it is expected will result.

The cost of Medicines has again risen sharply. The outlay for the coming year, which is based on experience in the present one, is estimated at £44,880. The provision made for 1968/69 was £29,050. This further cost of over £15,000 is due to a number of causes. There is ever increasing resort to the use of new drugs and medical preparations which it seems give satisfactory results in treatment but can be very costly. A greater number of persons each year is availing of the special arrangement under which drugs are supplied free of charge by the Council in "hardship cases"; at the present time almost 100 persons are availing of these services. Each year a greater number of patients are resorting to the special scheme for the supply of requirements to diabetic cases. At the present time about 130 persons are being so supplied. The cost of medical and surgical appliances at £2,800 is over £600 higher than in the present year.

County Institutions:

The Council's own Institutions show a substantial rise in cost. The requirement for the District Hospital, Wicklow, is estimated at £27,900 (£22,865 provided in the present year); for the District Hospital, Baltinglass, it is estimated that the outlay will be £42,870 compared with £36,291 in the current year. Again, for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, the expenditure is estimated at £65,885. The amount allowed for this year was £53,736. Here it should be mentioned that in considering the Estimates last year the Council decided to omit special provision for the expected 11th Round increase in salaries and wages. The effect of this Round is shown in the Estimates now submitted, but in addition some provision is being made for other alterations in the present levels of remuneration as these at present are the subject of special claims. New salary scales are being sought by Hospital Nurses. Since last year the non-nursing personnel (domestic staff, etc.) have been awarded a number of increases as a result of lengthy negotiations. Not only was there an 11th Round increase on a phased basis but there was also a "levelling up," as the Unions claimed that rates paid

in this County were somewhat lower than those allowed in adjoining areas. Provision also has to be made for Service Pay allowances to non-nursing personnel. As the Council is aware Service Pay allowances were introduced in the past twelve months for most types of employment. In addition, in the case of St. Colman's Hospital provision is being made for additional nursing staff. It has been claimed that as the greater number of persons maintained there are confined to bed at most times more nursing care is required. Consequently, the Estimates include provision for two additional Nurses in this Institution. The costs of treatment in all Institutions is also affected by greater outlay on heating and lighting. The average number of patients at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, shows a tendency to rise. Whereas in previous years the number was about 170 to 180, of late it has been in excess of 190. It is felt, having regard to the increasing number of persons in the older age groups in the population nowadays, this number might have even been greater but for the existence of the District Nursing Service. The average number of patients in the District Hospital, Wicklow, nowadays is 24 and at the District Hospital, Baltinglass, 27.

Extern Institutions:

It will again be necessary in the coming year to make additional provision for the cost of treatment in General Hospitals outside the County; the estimate is £374,000 compared with £220,800 for 1968/69—this is an increase of £153,200. Information has been received to the effect that there will be an increase of 20 per cent. in capitation rates with effect from 1st April, 1969, and provision has to be made for this in the Estimates. The present charge for General Hospitals in the Dublin area is £22 per week, and this will be increased to £26 as from 1st April, 1969. It was to be expected, of course, that these Hospitals would be affected, as in the case of the Council's own Institutions, by recent revisions of salary and wage rates and alterations in and improved conditions of employment for their staffs. The provision included for Maternity Hospitals is £42,200 which is almost £10,000 higher than the present year. Treatment for the maintenance of patients in Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc., is expected to cost £31,500 as compared with £27,750 for the current year. At present there are 79 patients being maintained in these latter homes and the average cost per patient runs from £6 to £12 per week. Below are given details of in-patient days for the four years up to 31st March, 1968:—

YEAR	NO. OF ADMISSIONS	NO. OF IN-PATIENT DAYS
1964/65	£3,789	66,805
1965/66	3,489	70,713
1966/67	3,895	76,245
1967/68	4,234	77,865

It will be noted that the number of admissions continues to rise and likewise the number of in-patient days. Maternity Hospitals will require an additional provision of £9,700 because of (a) the increase in capitation rates, and (b) a rise in the number of admissions.

Mental Hospitals:

The cost of treatment in Mental Hospitals is shown separately under two headings in the Estimates: (a) the Council's own Psychiatric Hospital at Newcastle; (b) the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The total gross cost for the coming year is estimated at £244,493 which is £23,944 greater than the provision made for the current year. In the case of Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital the gross

provision made is £119,226 which is over £16,000 higher than the amount allowed for 1968/69. Here, however, it should be mentioned that no allowance was made in the Estimates adopted last year for the effect of the expected 11th Round increase in salaries and wages and other adjustments in remuneration. The gross estimate for the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals is £125,267. Here the cost is higher by £8,000 than in the present year but would have been substantially greater if it were not for the reduction in the number of patients being maintained in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. At the present time the number of patients in the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals is 155; a year ago it was 180. As mentioned at recent Meetings of the Council, there has been quite a dramatic reduction in the number of mental cases requiring institutional care and treatment. Whereas in 1964 the number was 338 (all in Dublin Health Authority Hospitals) at the present time the total number in Mental Hospitals is 228. The number of Mental Hospital patients per 1,000 of population in this County is nowadays 3.7 which, apart from Dublin City and County, is much lower than that which obtains in other parts of the country. It will be evident that in the case of Dublin City and County hospital figures would be affected by population movements; the metropolitan area has a lower proportion of population in the Lower Income Group for health classification purposes and generally health statistics are affected by the population structure which is very different to that of the rest of Ireland.

The staff employed in the Psychiatric Hospital at Newcastle are much occupied in the provision of domiciliary services and in attendance at Clinics throughout the County. The existence of these services has materially affected the number of cases requiring institutional care and treatment.

Maternity and Child Health Services:

The cost of the services provided under this heading come in all to £42,325 which is £3,000 over the provision made in the Estimates for the current year. Under this heading comes the provision of fees to Medical Practitioners who provide medical care for mothers and infants; midwifery and nursing services provided through District Nurses; Obstetrical requisites, Maternity Cash Grants, the Child Welfare Service and the School Health Service.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

The estimate under this heading is £12,540 and does not show much variation from that for the present year.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

Here the requirement is £16,400, being £6,400 more than was allowed for 1968/69. The increased provision is required mainly because of the provision being made for one additional full-time Dentist and for two Dental Attendants. Out-patient services, i.e., in Dublin Dental Hospitals, and the requirements by way of equipment would also entail additional outlay.

Specialist Services:

The amount included is £14,000 being the same as that allowed last year. Here provision is being made for Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays and the Analysis of Specimens.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

As the number of persons in receipt of Disability Allowances continues to rise and as the weekly payments have been revised, the

provision for the coming year is £55,030 as compared with £41,000 in the present year. The number of persons at present in receipt of Disability Allowances is 327.

Ambulance Services:

The cost is estimated at £27,390 being over £5,000 more than was approved last year (£22,100). Recently a new wage structure and improved conditions of employment were introduced for Ambulance Drivers. The running costs of the vehicles continues to rise, and in addition provision is being made for a new Ambulance.

Supervision of Food and Drink:

Under this heading comes the cost of the Health Inspectorate Service. The estimate is £5,200 which is £1,020 greater than in the present year. At present the Council employs three Health Inspectors.

General Administration:

Due mainly to the effect of the 11th Round increase in remuneration the cost is estimated at £22,990; the amount allowed for the present year was £19,250. Provision also has to be made for about £800 additional outlay due to a rise in the cost of stationery, postage and telephones, heating, lighting and insurance.

Retiring Allowances and Gratuities:

Last year it was necessary to provide £17,000; due to the retirement of a number of persons employed in the Health Services; in the coming year the requirement is £4,500 less, being £12,500.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The net requirement for Public Assistance is £33,171, which shows an increase of £5,216 over that for 1968/69 which was £27,955.

Consequent on the increase in Social Welfare Allowances which occurred in August, 1968, the allowances by way of Home Assistance were also revised. In the coming year they will cost £3,500 extra. In addition the 11th Round of increases in remuneration results in an additional requirement of £715 for Salaries. It should be mentioned that nowadays the Assistance Officers' time is occupied to a large extent in connection with the Health Services.

The rate required for Public Assistance would be 1/11.48d. as compared with 1/7.93d. in the present year.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £92,684 and, deducting Receipts of £18,085, the net requirement is £74,599 which is £12,608 higher than last year when the approved estimate was £61,991. The rate required would be 5/9.73d; for the present year it is 4/10.36d.

Water Supplies and Sewerage:

A detailed Report submitted recently on Water Supply and Sewerage projects showed that the capital outlay involved would reach about £1.2 millions. However, it must be expected that this programme could only be undertaken over a period of years. In the Estimates now submitted, however, provision has been included in the Loan Charges for a number of new capital works.

The maintenance of Sewerage Services and Public Sanitary Conveniences will cost £10,000 and this is £2,000 above the present

year's Estimate. The rise in cost is almost completely due to wages revision. For the same reason the Maintenance of Water Supplies at £17,000 will cost £2,000 more than allowed last year, and, in addition, provision must be made for Caretakers for the new Laragh/Annamoe and Blessington Water Supplies.

The Loan Charges for Water Supplies will be up by £4,700 (£27,200 as compared with £22,500). The greater part of this increase is due to the provision which has to be made for a full year's Loan Charges on the Laragh/Annamoe and Blessington Schemes. These were two costly Schemes, the capital outlay on the former is £57,000 and on the other £45,000. In addition, Loan Charges will arise in part of the year on the following schemes which already are in hands or which it is being arranged to start in the coming year: Whitshed Road, Greystones—Mains relaying; Enniskerry-Carrigoona Extension; Ballymerrigan, Bahana Water Supply; Monaline and Ballynahinch watermain extension; Rathnew-Cronakeary watermain extension; Merrymeeting and Knockrobin watermain extension; Black-ditch watermain extension; Windgates improvements; Coolmoney improvements; Killiskey extension; Knockieran extension; North-East (Bray Environs) Regional Scheme; Extensions of the Cronroe (Wicklow) Supply; Tinahely-Carnew Regional Scheme. The increase in Loan Charges will be offset to an extent by State Subsidy which will meet one-half of the new cost.

The Loan Charges also include some provision (£1,070) for new Sewerage, viz., Bray Urban District and Environs Joint Sewerage Scheme; Ashford Sewerage; Kilcoole Sewerage; Greystones Sewerage Improvements; Shillelagh Sewerage.

Domestic Scavenging:

The provision included is £6,000 which is £1,400 more than in the present year. At present Refuse Collection Services are being provided for Greystones-Delgany; Rathnew; Blessington; Avoca; Baltinglass; Newtownmountkennedy; Enniskerry; Kilcoole; Rathdrum; Carnew; Tinahely; Avondale Park (Bray); Ballywaltrim (Bray); Boghall (Bray); Dargle Valley (Bray).

For Dumping Grounds the cost is again estimated at £1,500. There is increasing difficulty in finding sites for dumps and this may become worse as the volume of refuse continues to rise.

Public Lighting:

The estimate is £4,750 which is £200 more than allowed last year. Many extensions to existing lighting systems have been arranged in the present year.

Engineering Staff:

There is an increase under this heading of £3,567. Apart from the provision to be made for salary increases, it was agreed some time ago that an additional Engineer would be recruited for water supplies and sewerage in the north-eastern area.

HOUSING

The amount required from Rates for Housing would be £94,450 which is £16,322 more than in the present year. The gross outlay on Housing is estimated at £197,297 and Receipts from State Subsidies, Rents and Repayments of Loans come to £102,847, leaving the net requirement, as already mentioned, at £94,450.

The additional outlay for the coming year is attributable mainly to: Loan Charges resulting from Grants for new houses and for

improvements to existing houses £6,432; and the additional provision included for Repairs £5,000.

Repairs:

The amount allowed for Repairs in the present year was £10,000, but this has proved to be inadequate and will be exceeded by about £3,000. The Council is obliged to put into a state of repair any houses the tenants of which seek to avail of the Purchase Scheme. Because of rising costs the outlay on such repairs also tends to rise; the cost of repairing an individual house nowadays so as to comply with Purchase Scheme requirements may very often range from £50 to £150, especially if the house is a fairly old one. In view of the trend in costs and the number of houses for which applications for vesting are still being received it was felt advisable to include £15,000 for Repairs in the coming year.

Up to the present date the total number of houses erected by the Council comes to 3,402, and of these 2,610 are now owned by the occupiers as a result of the operation of the Purchase Scheme. The number now vested represents 77 per cent. of all the houses erected, and is evidence that the transfer of ownership has been proceeding satisfactorily, seeing that scarcely any cottages had been vested up to about 1952.

Erection of New Houses for Letting:

In the present financial year up to £100,000 is being spent on the building of new houses. During the year 36 houses have been completed, these being at: Ballywaltrim, Bray—3; Baltinglass—5; Grattan Park, Greystones—11; Newtownmountkennedy—12; Rural cottages on various sites—5. Houses to the number of 48 are being built in various parts of the County at present, these being: Blessington—11; Baltinglass—6; Rathnew—9; Enniskerry—10; Dunlavin—4; Kilcoole—5; Laragh—2; Tober, Dunlavin—1.

It is expected that the building of houses will commence in the near future at: Blessington—21; Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry—19; Greystones—20.

Land has been acquired for new building at Ashford, Tinahely, Rathdrum, Kilcoole and Rathnew. Negotiations for the purchase of additional land in the following areas are in progress: Carnew, Avoca, Greystones, Roundwood, Dunlavin, Newtownmountkennedy, Aughrim and Baltinglass. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been made for the acquisition of land in the Bray area and is awaiting Confirmation at present.

Erection of Private Houses—Purchase Schemes:

The National Building Agency has assisted in the Council's housing programme by arranging for the building of 24 houses for sale on land acquired by the Council at Kilcoole. In acquiring ownership of the houses the purchasers will be assisted by loans and grants from the Council. Arrangements have been made for the building for sale of 18 houses at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, and again the selected owners will be assisted by loans and grants. A lay-out for private houses has been prepared for a site at Blessington, and it is expected that in the coming year the erection at Greystones of a number of houses for sale will be commenced.

Supplementary Grants for Private Dwellings:

For a number of years past the Council has been assisting by making grants for new dwellings of amounts equivalent to the State Grants. The grants are available to persons with limited incomes.

In addition, the Council has been making special grants towards the cost of reconstructing, repairing and improving existing houses and towards the cost of installing water and sewerage in dwellings which lacked sanitation. The extent of the Council's aid in these matters may be seen from the figures for the period to the end of 1968. Up to the end of 1968 the Council had made 118 grants towards the cost of building new private houses and had paid grants towards the repair and improvement of 1,346 houses. In addition, the Council had made grants to help meet the cost of installing water supplies and sewerage in 889 dwellings.

The grants schemes are financed through loans and the loan charges in respect of them for the coming year are estimated to come to £26,532 which is £6,432 more than in the present year.

House Purchase Loans:

The loan charges on capital sums borrowed by the Council to make advances to persons building their own houses will reach £16,800 in the coming year, but this does not involve any charge to the rates as the outlay will be met completely by the repayments made by borrowers.

So far the Council has borrowed £161,000 for this purpose and the number of loans made is 157.

Remuneration of Staff:

Increases have to be provided for under this heading, due mainly to the operation of the 11th Round. The provision for Engineering Staff salaries is up by £1,599, and for Rent Collectors' poundage by £893. In addition salaries for office staff will cost £5,087 as compared with £3,872 and this includes provision for an additional clerical officer and temporary staff officer approved some time ago—these additions were found to be necessary having regard to the present wide range complex and varied activities in relation to housing.

Loan Charges—Erection of Council Houses:

The heavy capital outlay in each year on the building of new houses for letting also involves the Council in additional loan charges, which in the coming year will reach £89,146, an increase of £9,955 over the present year. The additional charges for the coming year will, however, be offset to a great extent by income from the rents from new houses and additional State subsidies. Likewise, the increase shown in the item Rates on Council Houses will be offset by receipts from Rents as rates are collected with rents.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Under the heading of General Urban Purposes a large number of items appear, such as Scholarships, Public Library, the Demand of the Committee of Agriculture, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatories and Industrial Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals, and Courthouses. The net charge, after deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-large (i.e., including Urban Districts): £40,115; Chargeable to County Health District: £108,557. The corresponding charges for the present year are £35,057 and £99,790.

The Estimates shown for General Purposes would require a Rate of 11/4-97d. which would be 11-75d. higher than in the present year for which it is 10/5-22d. Additional moneys have to be found for the Committee of Agriculture, the Fire Brigades, Sheep Dipping, and also for Salaries and the cost of Rate Collection.

Committee of Agriculture:

which is £3,237 more than the amount sought for the present year.

The Committee have submitted an estimate of £19,475 for 1969/'70. An examination of the Accounts of the Committee as set out in the Report of the Local Government Auditor shows that in the past few years the Committee has had substantial Credit Balances in its favour—Balances which represent about 35 per cent. of the current year's expenditure. It would seem anomalous for the County Council to have to support the maintenance of such a Credit Balance, seeing that the Council itself nowadays has such heavy Debit Balances throughout the year and is so dependent on temporary accommodation by way of bank overdraft. It is understood that the Committee is making provision for the costs of office accommodation in the Estimate now submitted, but it is suggested that the Council might agree that this should be met in the first instance by using the substantial Credits which the Committee has available to it.

Scholarships:

The expenditure on Secondary and University Scholarships in the coming year will reach £15,545 which is almost £4,000 higher than the outlay in the present year, but this will not affect the rate levied as the additional cost will be met by the State grant.

Public Libraries:

The amount required at £11,580 is £1,329 higher than last year and this is due to the effect of the 11th Round increase in remuneration.

Salaries and Travelling Expenses:

There are increases here both under the heading of those to which Urban areas contribute and those from which Urban areas are exempt. In all the increased amount sought is £2,988 and is due almost altogether to the effect of the 11th Round.

Cost of Rate Collection:

This is another instance in which the effect of the 11th Round Increase arises and at £19,374 the cost is higher by £2,554 than last year.

Postage, Telephones and Printing, etc.:

There are increases under these headings due to rising charges for postage, telephones, etc., and the full amount sought is £2,500.

Fire Brigades:

The rates of remuneration for members of the Fire Brigades maintained by the Council were again revised some time ago. As the Council is aware the rates of pay are related to those which apply to Fitters. The additional cost of the service in the coming year will be £2,274 and the total outlay on the service will be £22,638. During 1968 the Brigades attended 384 fires.

Sheep Dipping:

The Council have the responsibility for making arrangements for Sheep Dipping and a special Committee which examined the matter recommended that repairs to baths be carried out in various parts of the County. Consequently, the service will cost £2,180 more in the coming year; the total cost of the service will be £7,480. There is no recoupment from State funds towards the cost of this service.

Civil Defence:

For the coming year the cost of Civil Defence is estimated at £8,748 which is about £200 more than in the present year. Of the

outlay 70 per cent. will be met from State funds; it will be found that credit is taken for a receipt from this source of £5,384 so that the net cost will be £1,364. This is a service which always can be relied on in the event of an emergency, and the contribution in the past in this way has been quite notable as, for example, when severe flooding occurred some years ago.

The amount included for Civil Defence does not include provision for a special Control Centre which the County Engineer and officials of the Department of Defence consider could be constructed as an addition at the rear of the existing Motor Taxation Offices. The cost would be £6,000 of which 70 per cent. would be met by State Grant, leaving a balance of £1,800 to be met by the Council. As the Council had not yet had an opportunity of taking a decision on the erection of this structure no part of the cost has been included in the attached Estimates.

Overdraft Interest:

Once again it was necessary to make special provision for Overdraft Interest and the same amount as was allowed last year, £12,000, is included in the Estimates. This amount is required because of the dependence nowadays of the Council on Bank Overdraft; during the course of the year the accommodation at times runs to £300,000.

SEPARATE CHARGES

Vocational Education Committee:

The cost of Vocational Education is met by means of a Separate Charge on the County (exclusive of Bray Urban District which operates its own service). The gross cost for the coming year of Vocational Education will be £47,515 which compares with £47,992 in the present year. The Receipts are estimated at £9,405 (£9,856 in 1968/9) and this leaves the net charge on Rates £38,110. The rate to be levied is, however, affected by a Debit Balance and the rate for next year will be 2/9-04d. which is 1-15d. over that in the current year.

Malicious Injuries:

The amount to be levied for Criminal Injuries has risen from £1,985 to £5,896, an increase of £3,911 and will require a rate of 4-17d. A big number of claims continue to come before the Courts.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

The charge for maintaining the cemetery at Merrymount, near Wicklow, is levied on the Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District. The amount required from the County Council in the coming year is £489 which is £130 greater than in the present year when it was £359.

Elements Affecting Rate Level:

The rate required by the Estimates now submitted for consideration shows a steep increase over that levied in the present year, but this is not unexpected as it has been pointed out on a number of occasions that the increase in wages and salaries which have become so frequent of late would be bound to have a marked effect on the rate for the coming year. If higher incomes be sought and obtained the level of costs will inevitably rise. The granting of increases to medical, nursing and domestic staffs in hospitals must lead to higher costs for maintenance and treatment. The shortening of working hours will entail additions to staff where services are of a personal type which cannot be assisted by reliance on mechanical aids. The results are reflected in the cost of the Council's own institutions which will be higher by

about £24,000, in the cost of treatment in hospitals outside the County which shows a rise of over £67,000, and in the outlay on mental hospitals for which an extra £24,000 will be required. In all the Health Services are estimated to cost about £1,000,000 in the coming year, and almost one-half of this has to be found from rates.

In the coming year the cost of Roads will show a sharp rise over that in the current year due to the 11th Round "phased increase" which will be fully effective from 1st April next. With "Service Pay," which most workers will receive in full, the new level of wages will represent an increase of almost thirty per cent. Health Services likewise are affected by increases in remuneration and these account mainly for the addition of 5/7d. to the current rate.

The rate for Health has doubled in a comparatively short period: it was 12/1d. in 1960/61, is 23/4d. in the present year and the estimate for next year is 29/0d. In the same period Roads have gone from 9/10d. in 1960/61 to 15/10d. in the present year and the estimate for next year is 19/3d. These two services, Health and Roads, illustrate clearly the effect on costs of the aim to obtain higher incomes. But other services also are affected. Houses are costing much more to build and this puts a greater charge on the person endeavouring to meet the higher capital outlay with a loan from the local authority. They are also costing much more to repair and the requirements for repairs would be much higher if it were not for the fact that so many of the houses have been vested in the tenants as owners in the past fifteen years. The costs of capital works other than housing, such as water supplies and sewerage, are also rising rapidly. A difficulty which may confront local authorities in this connection may be that of meeting their needs in the matter of long-term borrowing. There is complete reliance on the Local Loans Fund nowadays for capital requirements which are repaid over any lengthy period, and the scale of capital outlay is such that to raise so much may pose some difficulty in the immediate future.

It is quite clear that the rapid upward trend in the cost of public services cannot be arrested at a time when salaries and wages are rising at what seems to be an accelerating pace. Of late the pattern has changed from that of an immediate rise to what has become known as "the phased increase" spread over a comparatively short period. Those with a responsibility for negotiating on claims find that when an apparent settlement has been reached for one group a new claim invariably arises out of the interpretation of the terms of settlement, and further new claims can be expected to follow from other groups based on what is submitted to be "an alteration in relativities." It also is the experience that the setting up at the request of the Government of a Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for the staffs of local authorities has led to a veritable avalanche of claims for increases in remuneration. The handling of such a multitude of claims is a matter of much concern and causes grave difficulty seeing that local authorities, notwithstanding that the numbers in their employment runs into thousands spread over a wide variety of grades and classes, have none of the resources available to industry and semi-State bodies in the matter of personnel trained in industrial relations. Another feature of these claims is that they very frequently follow from decisions taken in relation to employment in industry and State-sponsored organisations. It is claimed that rates of remuneration in the local service must be brought to a corresponding level with that for comparable employment in industry and the bodies already mentioned. In fact, the local authorities are not "trend-setters" in the matter of remuneration, but they will be bound to be expected to follow what happens elsewhere.

At times indeed it is found that information cannot be obtained as to the levels of remuneration in other employments; it seems that there is a reluctance to disclose it.

The demand for public services through the local authorities is an insistent one. Some time ago the Council specially examined the matter of determining priorities. It was felt that housing should be given special priority, followed by sanitation, and that there might be less emphasis on road improvements. This is not, however, a simple matter. The Council is endeavouring to make as much progress as possible with housing and details of what is being done already have been given. But delay can arise in acquiring land, especially if there has to be resort to compulsory purchase procedure. The negotiations for land acquisition always tend to be prolonged. The number of contractors available for local authority house building nowadays is limited. This is probably due to the variety of other types of building open not only to contractors but to operatives. This County can be much affected in this way because of the proximity to the metropolis where so much office and other building is taking place. In viewing the commitments for roads regard must be had to the measure of of employment which is afforded through road works.

It was also recently decided by the Council that having regard to their obligations in meeting what were regarded as local needs, it was unreasonable to expect them to meet the costs of items which they considered should be borne from the national exchequer, such as courthouses, industrial schools and conveyance of prisoners. The Council of late had been asked to carry out special improvements and repairs to local courthouses and they felt that this should be accepted as a reasonable liability of the State which, after all, is responsible for the administration of justice. A measure of responsibility for the administration of a system of justice—such as it was—attached up to 1898 to the former Grand Jury, a body which also maintained the public roads. But with the separation of Court work from local affairs it seemed to the Council an anomaly that courthouses should still be their responsibility. It was also noted by the Council that whilst representations were being made by the Department of Justice about conditions in local courthouses, the headquarters staff of the Department had recently moved into a new office block in Dublin. The costs of the items mentioned, however, are shown in the Estimates, as the Council's Law Agent has advised that there is a statutory obligation under the existing law to include them when submitting the Estimates for consideration by the members.

The manner in which the services provided by the Council are being availed of will be evident from some of the details given earlier in this statement. For example, the number of admissions to hospitals continues to rise each year, a greater number of persons are being afforded help through the provision of medicines and special disability allowances. The number of persons in mental hospitals has shown a marked decline, but the number being seen in their own homes and at clinics by the Council's medical and nursing staff engaged in the psychiatric service is considerable. A Domestic Refuse Collection service is nowadays being provided not only for towns and villages but for a number of areas outside them. Sanitation is being gradually extended also to many dwellings in the rural part of the county, and much help has been given through grants and loans to new house building and to improving existing dwellings. Public lighting is being extended every year to new areas.

As mentioned in previous years, local rates nowadays have not the same impact for all ratepayers. Householders and the owners of

business and industrial premises will have to meet fully any increases in rates, but the Agricultural Grant affects the liability of those living on the land. In the present year the Council will receive £330,608 13s. 7d. towards the relief of rates on agricultural land. At present farmers with a valuation under £20 pay no rates. The valuations beyond this, however, will be affected by the upward trend in rates but not to the extent which obtains with householders and other persons. Some examples of the incidence of rates on farm holdings in recent years are given below:—

Valuation of Holding	Year	Gross Rates	Agricultural Grant	Net Rates
£25 0 0 (with one employee)	1955-'56 1968-'69	£39 19 1 £81 7 9	£27 3 1 £81 7 9	£12 16 0 Nil
£33 0 0 (with one employee)	1955-'56 1968-'69	£52 14 9 £107 3 7	£36 3 3 £81 19 10	£16 11 6 £25 8 9
£53 10 0 (with one employee)	1955-'56 1968-'69	£85 10 0 £174 3 4	£36 3 3 £101 13 0	£49 6 9 £72 10 4

All the accounting details required for these Estimates have been carefully compiled by the Council's Staff. It is felt that in particular the application and attention given to these matters by Mr. Brangan, County Secretary, Mr. Gavin, County Accountant, and Mr. Duggan and Mr. Heraty, Staff Officers, are deserving of special mention. The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 24th February, 1969, and any further information required in relation to them can then readily be supplied.

In presenting these Estimates the opportunity is taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance and guidance throughout the year in administering the Council's many services.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1970.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and Reconstruction	£ 132,803	£ 132,803	£ 137,871	£ 137,871
do. Winter Employment Schemes	3,600	3,600	4,000	4,000
Snow Clearance	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
County Roads—Special Programme for Improvements			2,405	2,406
Loan Charges	3,028	3,028	1,826	1,826
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	85,400	85,400	34,092	34,092
Other Purposes:				
Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	6,870	6,870	9,027	9,027
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	1,270	1,270	2,830	2,830
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			5,287	5,287
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	1,456	1,456
do. Servants	7,449	7,449	7,259	7,259
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	1,000	1,000
Postage and Telephone	370	370	350	350
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£245,308	£245,308	£215,603	£215,603

Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
ROADS:				
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	£ 68,201	£ 68,201		
do. Snow Clearance	1,000	1,000		
do. Special Grant	85,400	85,400	34,092	34,092
Other Receipts:				
Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	3,435	3,435	4,512	4,512
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	1,800	1,800	2,500	2,500
	£160,376	£160,376	£47,404	£47,404

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1970.****HEALTH**

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder	£ 54,045	£ 54,045
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	44,880	36,880
Medical and surgical appliances	2,800	2,800
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	4,950	4,950
Insurances, etc.	875	875
Loan Charges	1,100 (£108,750)	1,100 (£96,750)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	27,900	27,900
District Hospital, Baltinglass	42,870	42,870
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	65,885 (£136,655)	65,885 (£136,655)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	274,000	269,500
Maternity Hospitals	42,200	42,200
Tuberculosis	11,500	10,500
Fever Hospitals	12,500	10,500
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	31,500	31,500
Homes for other persons	6,000 (£2377,700)	6,000 (£2370,200)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	119,226	119,226
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	125,267 (£244,493)	125,267 (£244,493)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	11,500	11,500
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Midwifery and nursing services	10,500	10,500
Obstetrical requisites	1,800	1,800
Milk for Mothers and children	3,825	3,825
Maternity Cash Grants	2,650	2,650
Child Welfare Service	6,550	6,550
School Health Service	5,400 (£42,325)	5,400 (£42,325)
C/fwd.	£909,923	£890,423

To which Urban Areas Contribute**HEALTH—Contd.****Purpose of Expenditure:**

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
B/fwd.	£ 909,923	£ 890,423
TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	4,450	4,450
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	300	300
Mass Radiography Service	2,165	2,165
B.C.G. Service	1,700	1,700
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	300	300
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of clothing & bedding (inc. Polio-myelitis Vaccination)	1,000	1,000
Notification and prevention of disease	100	100
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,475 (£12,540)	1,475 (£12,540)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	9,250	8,250
Fees for professional services	2,800	2,800
Dental, optical and aural appliances	2,200	2,200
Extern Institutions—Out-Patients' Services	1,000	1,000
Furniture and equipment	1,000	1,000
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	150 (£16,400)	150 (£15,400)
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens	14,000 (£14,000)	14,000 (£14,000)
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	55,030 (£55,030)	55,030 (£55,030)
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	7,050	7,050
Approved Schools	3,575 (£10,625)	3,575 (£10,625)
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS	27,390 (£27,390)	27,390 (£27,390)
C/fwd.	£1,045,908	£1,025,408

HEALTH—Contd. Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	1,045,908	£1,025,408
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	5,220 (£5,220)	5,220 (£5,220)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000 (£1,000)	1,000 (£1,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCS. (Dist. Nursing Associations)	1,000	1,000
Community Services for the Aged	1,500	1,500
Irish Heart Foundation	294 (£2,794)	294 (£2,794)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	8,380	8,380
do. General Office Staff	8,110	8,110
Travelling Expenses	950	950
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,650	1,650
Postage & Telephone Charges	2,650	2,650
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	1,050	1,050
Insurances	200 (£22,990)	200 (£22,990)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	12,500 (£12,500)	12,500 (£12,500)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act		
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,804	2,804
LOAN CHARGES	1,385 (£4,189)	1,385 (£4,189)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£1,094,631	£1,074,131

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	567,000	555,567
„ Diabetes Scheme	750	750
„ Services for the Aged	1,500	1,500
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services, etc.		
Council Institutions	11,815	11,815
Extern Institutions	1,650	1,650
Mental Hospital	10,000	10,000
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	650	650
Sale of Farm Produce	1,200	1,200
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Ins. refunds, etc.	400	400
Officers' emoluments	3,650	3,650
Contribs. to Superannuation	3,730	3,730
Miscellaneous	500	500
TOTAL:	£602,895	£591,462

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	18,500	18,500
Footwear Scheme	1,700	1,700
Cost of Burials	675	675
Registration Expenses	775	775
Salaries	9,865	9,865
Retiring Allowances	1,250	1,250
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	2,000	2,000
TOTAL:	£34,765	£34,765

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	850	850
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	300	300
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	134	134
TOTAL:	£1,594	£1,594

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Re- pairs and Maintenance	10,000	10,000
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	17,000	17,000
Domestic Scavenging	6,000	7,500
Dumping Grounds	1,500	1,500
Burial Grounds	5,100	5,100
Public Lighting	4,750	4,750
Maintenance of Open Spaces	1,000	1,000
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	550	550
Salaries—Office Staff	2,959	2,959
Engineering Staff—Proportion of salaries & travelling expenses	9,461	9,461
Analyst—Proportion of salary	125	125
Superannuation	459	459
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	4,030	4,030
Water Supplies	27,200	27,200
Swimming Pool, Blessington	1,000	1,000
Flood Prevention at Bray	900	900
TOTAL:	£92,684	£94,184

SANITARY:**Nature of Income:**

	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	12,485	12,485
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,900	3,900
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	400	400
Contributions to Super- annuation	200	200
TOTAL:	£18,085	£18,085

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	5,087	5,087
Retiring Allowances	1,008	1,008
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	8,384	8,384
Rent Collectors' Poundage	7,225	7,225
Repairs to Council Houses	15,000	15,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	89,146	89,146
Insurances	2,000	2,000
Rates on Council Houses	24,515	24,515
Other Council Housing Ex- penses	1,000	1,000
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising, etc.	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	16,800	16,800
Housing Grants for Improve- ment and Erection of Private Dwellings	26,532	26,532
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£197,297	£197,297

HOUSING:**Nature of Income:**

	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	49,982	49,982
Housing Subsidy—State	35,740	35,740
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	16,800	16,800
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	250	250
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£102,847	£102,847

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ending 31st March, 1970.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Committee of Agriculture			19,475	19,475
Public Libraries			11,580	11,580
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			9,185	9,185
Tourist Development	1,000	1,000		
Scholarships and Higher Education Grants: Secondary:	5,280	5,280		
University	10,265	10,265		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	8,150	8,150	16,867	16,867
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			19,374	19,374
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			1,784	1,784
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,500	1,500
Tramway Employees' Pensions			300	300
Pensions: Late Union Officers	260	260		
Co. Officers and Servants	980	980	5,280	5,280
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,340	3,340		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	750	750		
Postage and Telephones	900	900	1,600	1,600
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	100	100	1,500	1,500
Elections				
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	675	675		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	580	580		
C/fwd.	£32,455	£32,455	£88,645	£88,645

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GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£	£	£
B/fwd.	£32,455	£32,455	88,645	88,645
Fire Brigades			22,638	22,638
Drainage of Land	650	650		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	2,080	2,080		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	635	635		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	50	50		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			930	930
Road Fund Expenses	7,243	7,243		
Blind Persons Acts	1,250	1,250		
Civil Defence	8,748	8,748		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,180	1,180		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	7,480	7,480		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	600	Nil	900	900
Rents and Expenses	800	Nil	1,500	1,500
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	280	280	1,400	1,400
Loan Charges	344	344	1,338	1,338
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	2,500	2,500		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	750	750	1,000	1,000
	68,897	67,497	131,226	131,226
Materials Expenses	45,000	45,000		
Machinery Expenses	100,000	100,000		
TOTAL:	£213,897	£212,497	£131,226	£131,226

GENERAL PURPOSES-- Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
State Grant—Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968	10,804	10,804		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	15	15	190	190
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	10	10		
Public Libraries			240	240
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	50	50		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	1,830	1,830		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,540	5,540		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban Dist. Councils			5,900	5,900
Do. Other Receipts			200	200
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Motor Registration Recoupment	7,243	7,243		
Valuation Certificates			5	5
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	250	250		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			13,560	13,560
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Miscellaneous	100	100	600	600
	28,782	28,782	22,669	22,669
Materials Expenses	45,000	45,000		
Machinery Expenses	100,000	100,000		
TOTAL:	£173,782	£173,782	£22,669	£22,669

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SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Vocational Education Committee: Demand	30,340	30,340		
Repayment of Loans	11,791	11,791		
Retiring Allowances	5,384	5,384		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board				
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	5,896	6,385	489	489
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£53,411	53,900	£489	£489

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	5,895	5,895		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	2,692	2,692		
Superannuation contributions	818	818		
TOTAL:	9,405	9,405		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) IN FAVOUR OF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE OFF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(3b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	245,308	215,603	160,376	47,404	84,932	168,199	3,609	14,403	2,597	232,522		15,000	247,522	19/3-39
HEALTH ..	1,074,131		591,462		482,669		20,509	81,854	14,759	365,547			365,547	28/5-72
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	34,765		1,594		33,171		1,410	5,625	1,014	25,122			25,122	1/11-48
SANITARY ..		94,184		18,085		76,099				76,099			76,099	5/11-14
HOUSING ..		197,297		192,847		94,450				94,450			94,450	7/4-29
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	212,497	131,226	173,782	22,669	38,715	108,557	1,645	6,565	1,184	137,878		7,583	145,461	11/3-98
	£1,566,701	£638,310	£927,214	£191,005	£639,487	£447,305	£27,173	£108,447	£19,554	£931,618		£22,583	£954,201	74/4

Total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £256,736. 13. 6.

9. Land for Housing at Avoca — Proposal to acquire land compulsorily.

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ending Financial Year		Estimated income of the County in respect of each Service for the ending Financial Year other than those included in this Rate Account	
(1)	Change- able to the WHOLE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	(2)	Change- able to the WHOLE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	(3)
PURPOSES ..	181,225	173,787	173,787	173,787
GENERAL ..	181,225	173,787	173,787	173,787
HOUSING ..	197,707	197,707	197,707	197,707
SANITARY ..	84,104	84,104	84,104	84,104
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ..	34,755	34,755	34,755	34,755
HEALTH ..	1,674,181	1,674,181	1,674,181	1,674,181
ROADS ..	240,203	240,203	240,203	240,203
..	215,602	215,602	215,602	215,602
..	251,453	251,453	251,453	251,453
..	1,584	1,584	1,584	1,584
..	173,787	173,787	173,787	173,787
..	18,085	18,085	18,085	18,085
..	107,847	107,847	107,847	107,847
..	27,602	27,602	27,602	27,602
..	2,180,024	2,180,024	2,180,024	2,180,024
..	2,027,214	2,027,214	2,027,214	2,027,214
..	2,528,310	2,528,310	2,528,310	2,528,310

10. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwellinghouses.
11. Applications for Loans for erection of dwellinghouses.
12. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
13. Rents of Local Authority Dwellings — Letter dated 20th February, 1969, from Department of Local Government (Copy circulated to Members).
14. Capital Cost of Local Authority Housing — Letter of 14th February, 1969, from Department of Local Government.
15. Erection of Houses at Fairgreen, Dunlavin — Letters from Tynte Estate.
16. Letter from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association.
17. Proposal to dispose of land for Housing Site at Baltinglass.
18. Letter from Bray Urban District Council re Provision of Camping Site or Halting Place for Itinerants in area near Bray.
19. Application for reception of Deputation from Residents of Hollywood re piped water supply for district.
20. Letter from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Arklow, requesting meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:— "That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That Matthew Colly be made tenant of cottage he lives his lifetime in at Humphreystown."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from 'bus stops.'"
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view to buying a part of his land to use as a dump."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James J. McCrea and F. Hynes:— "That the Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."

30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— (a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Blessington." (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
34. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— (a) "That public lighting be extended to the Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass." (b) "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That where Planning Notices are inserted in the press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That this Council calls for the release of Mr. Denis Dennehy from Mountjoy Prison."
38. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That an up to date report be furnished on the progress of the Council's Housing Programme."
39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a house be built on a site at Phelans, Ballinaclash, for Richard Kenny."
40. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council extend a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
41. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
43. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That Patrick Harte be given new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."
44. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."

45. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land being portion of garden of their property."
46. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."
47. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That permission be granted to Mr. Wm. Molyneux, 'Verdella,' Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."
48. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."
49. Cottages repaired during month of February, 1969, and cottage to be repaired during month of March, 1969."
50. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and H. J. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Mrs. M. Grogan, Glenfern, Cabin-teely, for the erection of a Motel on a site 5 acres south of Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that a Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant permission to Mrs. M. Grogan for the erection of a Motel on the site at Kilpedder had been considered previously by the Council and had been deferred for discussions between the applicants and the Council's officials with a view to seeing if the difficulties in regard to the proposal could be overcome. As the Meeting of the Council which had been arranged for the 3rd February had been adjourned consequent on the death of Councillor J. J. McCrea it had been necessary to determine the previous application which had been refused. A new application had been submitted which was similar to that previously before the Council and the County Engineer had reported that the same objections applied to the proposal. The primary objection in this case was the matter of traffic hazard as the Motel would be located adjoining the Arterial Road just South of Kilpedder and there was also a question as to whether adequate sewerage facilities could be provided. Objections which had been received from Mr. Bostock and Mr. Johnston were read to the Meeting.

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

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, J. Whelan—Seven.

Against: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, P. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—Twelve.

The motion was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven in favour.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter ended 30th June, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum for the Quarter to 30th June, 1969, shall not exceed £300,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads:— (a) From Glenmacnass to Glencree and from Donard via Knockaderry Crossroads and Spinans Crossroads to Kilshabeg on 5th April, 1969, for purposes of Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 5th April, 1969, for the periods indicated and approve of the holding of the Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1969, on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Old Military Road northwards from Waterfall at Glenmacnass to road junction at Aurora (County Roads Nos. 58, 57 and Main Road L.94); Road eastwards from junction at Aurora to Bahana then northwards to Annacrivey to Glencree (County Roads Nos. 13, 16, 17, 15 and 11) between the hours of 3.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m.

County Road 322 from three roads southwards from Donard via Kilbreffey, Bushfields, Rustyduff to Knockaderry Crossroads (County Roads Nos. 323, 324 and 264); thence Ballyhubbock to Spinans Crossroads (County Roads Nos. 297, 293/4/5); from Spinans Crossroads through Killybeg to three roads at Kilshabeg (County Road 267) from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

It is noted that the Royal Irish Automobile Club will ensure that the Organisers in conjunction with the Garda Síochána will make the necessary marshalling arrangements, will facilitate the general public as far as possible, and will erect the necessary warning and diversion signs and that a Public Liability Policy of Insurance is held by the organisers covering them and the Council against any claim arising from incidents on these sections.

Passed unanimously.

(b) Main Road from Enniskerry National School to Junction with County Road at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 19th April, 1969, for purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 19th April, 1969, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6. p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Authorisation of Expenditure in excess of amounts provided in current year's Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates under the following headings:—

Health Services:	General Medical Services	£3,300	
	Ambulance Service and		
	Transport of Patients	£1,700	£5,000

Public Assistance:	Home Assistance	£400
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Housing Services:	Repairs to Council Houses	£4,000
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Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for 1969/'70.

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme as submitted was in similar terms to that adopted in previous years except that the Interest rate chargeable would be 8 per cent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilisers under the provisions of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting being in similar terms to the Scheme adopted by the Council for the year 1968, subject to the revision of the rate of interest chargeable to 8 per cent.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Higher Education (Grants) Scheme for 1969/'70.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to adopt a Scheme for the year 1969/'70 embodying amendments which had been indicated by the Department of Education. The amendments related to the grades to be obtained by candidates to qualify for Grants, the age limit, tenure of Grants, acceptance and continuance of Grants, value of Grants and assessment of means and payment of Grant. Provision was made in the Scheme to allow of the payment of the full Grant of £300 per annum to any candidate whose normal family residence was within the County of Wicklow. In reply to Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Education on the proposal that the value of a full Grant in 1968/'69 be £300 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1969, as proposed, in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968, and similar to the 1968 Scheme as approved subject to following revisions and amendments:—

Clause 2: Eligibility of Candidates.

(b) (ii) A candidate must obtain Grade D or a higher Grade at the Leaving Certificate Examination in the number of subjects necessary to qualify for the award of the Leaving Certificate. He must also obtain Grade C or a higher grade in four or more matriculation subjects in Honours papers, or alternatively, Grade C or a higher grade in Honours

Mathematics and in two other Matriculation subjects at Honours level at that Examination.

(c) Age.

To be eligible under this scheme, a candidate shall normally be not less than 17 years of age on the first day of January, 1970.

Clause 4: Tenure of Grants.

(a) Grants shall be tenable at a University or at a University College or at any other institution of higher education in Ireland in so far as it provides courses leading to a qualification equivalent to a University degree.

Clause 5: Acceptance and Continuance of Grants.

(b) Every grant holder shall become a registered student of the approved institution of higher education selected by him at the commencement of the academic year immediately following the award of the grant. In certain cases, at the discretion of the Local Authority and with the approval of the Minister, a candidate who has qualified for a grant may defer availing himself of the grant for a reasonable period.

1. That a person may not be in receipt of a scholarship and a grant simultaneously.
2. That where a student is following a course of studies which could be approved of under the scheme and where such student had not qualified for the award of a grant, solely on the grounds of means, a grant may be awarded with effect from the beginning of the first academic year following the end of the year in respect of which evidence has been produced to show that the means requirements of the scheme have been fulfilled in his case.

Clause 3: Value of Grants and Assessment of Means.

(a) The value of a full grant under this scheme shall be £175 per annum in the case of a candidate whose normal family residence is adjacent to a university, university college or other approved institution of higher education. In other cases, the value of a full grant shall be £300 per annum.

Clause 7: Payment of Grant.

The approved course fees will be paid by the Council on receipt of an Account furnished by the university or school authorities. The balance of the amount of the grant after payment of the fees will be paid to the grant holder by the Council through the university or school authorities in three equal instalments.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Area—To authorise raising of Loan to defray Council's share of cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the all in cost of the Scheme as approved by the Department based on the accepted Tender was £210,000 and Bray Urban District Council had approved of the raising of a Loan of £105,000 to meet what the Urban District Council consider was the appropriate cost of the Scheme to be met by that Council. The Town Engineer, Bray, in reporting to the Urban District Council had recommended that the equitable apportionment of the cost was 50% by the Urban District Council and 50% by the County Council. The County Engineer had examined the details of the Scheme and in his Report of 19th March, 1969, estimated that the County Council's share of the cost of the work should be 17%. The County Secretary stated that pending agreement being reached on the manner in which the cost of the Scheme should be shared between the Urban District Coun-

cil and the County Council that the County Council might approve of the borrowing as an interim measure of the sum of £36,000, representing approximately 17% of the total cost of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £36,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of fifty years towards defraying the County Council's share of the cost of the Bray/Wicklow Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Revision of Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

The County Secretary stated that following representations received from the Irish Local Government Union and discussions with representatives at the Union it was proposed subject to the agreement of the Council to grant an increase of £51 per annum in remuneration of Rate Collectors with effect from 1st April, 1967. The increase arose from a revision of the salary scale for Clerical Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of an increase of £51 per annum to the Rate Collectors employed by the Council with effect from 1st April, 1967, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Land for Housing at Avoca — Proposal to acquire land compulsorily.

The County Secretary stated that following a Report of the Council's Architect on an examination of sites at Avoca for housing purposes it had been recommended that the Council acquire an area of 12.64 acres approximately from Miss Helena Galvin. Miss Galvin had indicated that she was not willing to dispose of the land to the Council and that it was required by her in connection with her business. It was recommended that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made for the acquisition of the land. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that a decision on the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order be deferred for further examination by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 10—Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwelling-houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Kenneth G. McVitty, Putland Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at The Downs, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to William Joseph Brady, Ashtown, Roundwood, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ashtown.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £350 to Denis Byrne, Raheen, Roundwood, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Raheen.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to William Sutton, 18, Blacklion, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.

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

Item No. 12—Applications for consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Martin Byrne of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 157/8 at Kilqueeney, Avoca, to Denis McCarthy, Avoca, for the sum of £300, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £100, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was resolved that we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. B. Kavanagh of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 71/11 at Milltown North, Rathnew, to Eamonn Manley, Rossanagh, Rathnew, for the sum of £66, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £200, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

In the case of the proposed sale of Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, Arklow, it was noted that the proposed purchaser was a Civil Servant residing in Dublin who would not normally be considered as an eligible person. The County Secretary stated, however, that the cottage was situated in a very isolated area and it was unlikely that anyone else would wish to live there. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting for further examination.

Proposed Sale of Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the Meeting held on the 10th February, 1969, but had been deferred for the purpose of ascertaining whether the representative of the tenant/purchaser would be prepared to sell the cottage to a Mr. John Lawless. The Solicitors acting for the representative of the tenant/purchaser had pointed out that a contract for sale of the premises to Mr. Edward Byrne, Bolinass, Ashford, has been entered into subject to the consent of the Council and that Mrs. Maguire, who was the Administratrix of the Estate of the deceased tenant/purchaser,

could not deal with any other party until the Council had made a decision on the proposal to sell the cottage to Mr. Edward Byrne. The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the May Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 13—Rents of Local Authority dwellings—Letter dated 20th February, 1969, from Department of Local Government (Copy circulated to Members).

The Council noted the letter from the Department of Local Government in relation to the rents of Local Authority dwellings which had been circulated to the Members and agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the respective electoral areas.

Item No. 14—Capital Cost of Local Authority Housing—Letter of 14th February, 1969, from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that it was indicated in the Circular that the Minister was seriously concerned at the continued rapid rise in the capital cost of Local Authority housing and that action was needed to curb the rise to conserve available capital resources. It was indicated that all new schemes should be designed in accordance with the minimum standards of accommodation determined by the Department and it was stated that the Minister was satisfied from experience gained on various schemes that substantial economies could be achieved by a careful screening of plans and specifications to eliminate unnecessary and unduly costly items and that this could be done without significantly affecting the appearance, living environment, house quality, comfort and general amenities of schemes. The Council was asked to review their present practices in relation to housing design and construction under a number of headings. The Council's Architect had reported on the points made in the Department's Circular Letter and had pointed out that in the design and carrying out of schemes the Council complied with the minimum standards and had particular regard to effecting economies where this was possible. The Council's Architect was of the opinion that as the Council had complied with all the recommendations indicated in the Department's letter further economies could not be anticipated. He had submitted a statement of the capital cost of housing schemes completed or under construction from which it could be seen that the cost of a three bedroomed Council house inclusive of all site development varied between £1,850 and £2,380, the average being £2,124. He suggested that this was a very economical figure as most schemes had underground services, group T.V. reception and Radbourne type layouts. He pointed out, however, that the same type of single storey house erected on isolated rural sites cost between £2,500 and £2,600 including a figure of £300 for well boring. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and the Report of the Council's Architect and agreed it did not appear possible to achieve any further economies in Council housing.

Item No. 15—Erection of houses at Fairgreen, Dunlavin—Letters from Tynte Estate.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a letter from the Agents for the Tynte Estate, owners of the Fairgreen, Dunlavin, protesting against the Council's action in constructing a new road on the Fairgreen in Connection with the erection of Council

houses without having obtained the agreement of the Estate. The Co. Secretary stated that the proposals had been discussed in advance with the Dunlavin Development Association and with the late Mr. Cunningham, who was the tenant of the Fairgreen, and who it was understood by the Council was the local representative of the Estate and had authority to act on their behalf. Agreement had been reached on the details of the Scheme which involved the erection of houses to fill a vacant site adjoining the Green and included the provision of a new access road to serve these houses. It was considered that the works carried out by the Council had restored the unity of the terrace fronting on to the Fairgreen and had improved the amenity of the whole of the terrace by the provision of the new access road, footpath and car parking. A letter had been addressed to the Agents for the Tynte Estate explaining the matter and expressing regret that the Estate had not been consulted directly on the matter prior to the work. The Council recommended that the Dunlavin Development Association be asked to get in touch with the representative of the Estate in relation to their protest to the Council.

Item No. 16—Letter from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association.

The following letter from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association was submitted:—

Laurel Lodge,
Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.
15th February, '69.

Secretay,
Wicklow County Council.

Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association

Dear Sir,

The above Association asks that the following points be discussed by the Councillors at the next meeting of the Council.

1. That a Housing Emergency be declared for the Greystones area.
2. That expenditure on roads be kept to a minimum and that money thus saved be put to housing.
3. That the Council would negotiate with the Department of Local Government that the building of arterial roads be curtailed and the money allocated to housing.
4. That the Council take immediate steps to start work on development and construction of rented houses in the Grattan Park area and notify this Association when work is to commence.
5. That the Council reduce the number of purchase being built.
6. That a permanent housing list be set up and that the Council advertise forthwith for people requiring houses to register immediately.

I look forward to having your confirmation at your earliest convenience that these matters have been attended to by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

SONIA SCHORMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

Councillor Costello stated that he was satisfied that there was a housing emergency in the County particularly in the Northern area and proposed that the Council declare a housing emergency for the County at large. He stated that this would indicate to the public that the Members of the Council were conscious of the position and were making an effort to solve the housing problem. Councillor Costello also proposed that the Council write to the Department of Local Government pointing out that the Council considered that they should have a say in how monies provided from the Road Fund should be spent and if they consider that housing should be given priority that this be taken into account in allocating Grants. Councillor Costello's proposal that a housing emergency be declared was seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. Following a discussion on the matter in which Members suggested that "housing shortage" or "housing urgency" should be used instead of the term "housing emergency" the Resolution in the name of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill, was declared passed. A vote having been called for on the proposal that a letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government conveying the Council's view that the Council should have some say in expenditure of Road Grants and be allowed to transfer portion thereof to Housing or other urgent purposes it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Temple—Five

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—Fourteen.

The Motion was declared defeated by fourteen votes against to five in favour.

In regard to the development and construction of rented houses in the Grattan Park area the County Secretary stated that plans for the invitation of tenders for the erection of these houses were still awaited from the County Engineer. In relation to the suggestion in the letter that the Council reduce the number of purchase houses being built it was agreed that a certain number of houses for purchase were needed but that the Council would have regard to the appropriate relationship between houses for renting and those for purchase. The Council also considered the suggestion that a permanent housing list be set up and that the Council advertise forthwith for persons requiring houses to register immediately and recommended that advertisements be inserted in the public press inviting applications from all persons in need of housing in the County.

Item No. 17—Proposal to dispose of land for housing site at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed in principle to dispose of a portion of land which had been acquired in connection with a road improvement scheme which had been completed to a Mr. M. Lee as a site for a dwellinghouse subject to Planning permission being granted for the use of the site for this purpose. The Council's Solicitor had advised that if the Council proposed to dispose of the land it should be done by way of a Lease and not by way of sale. A draft Lease had been submitted to the Council's Solicitor by the Solicitor for Mr. Lee which contained a Clause which provided for the erection on the site of a petrol filling station as well as a house. The

application for Planning permission submitted by Mr. Lee had been refused. The County Secretary suggested that consideration might be given by the Council instead to the use of the land for public purposes or if it were decided to dispose of the land that offers for the land be invited Councillor J. Miley urged that the Council proceed with the disposal of the land to Mr. Lee and indicated that he would hand in a Notice of Intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct that the land be disposed of to Mr. Lee. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that Mr. Lee did not intend to proceed with the erection of a petrol filling station on the site and suggested that a suitable condition covering this point could be included in the Lease. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting for a report as to whether the site could be utilised for housing.

Item No. 18—Letter from Bray Urban District Council re provision of Camping site or halting place for Itinerants in area near Bray.

The following Letter from Bray Urban District Council was submitted:—

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall, Bray,
13th March, 1969.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.
Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

Re: Itinerant Settlement.

A Chara,

Bray U.D.C. at a Meeting held during the week discussed the above matter with a Local Committee and agreed to acquire land within the Urban Area of Bray for the settlement of twelve itinerant families.

The number of itinerants in the town of Bray varies from three families to about twelve but many more wander in the rural areas adjoining the town and my Council feel, therefore, that Wicklow County Council and Dublin County Council should, at least, provide halts, within a radius of fifteen miles of Bray, for itinerants.

I was asked by the Council to bring this, their request, to your Council, for their attention.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. MCCARTHY,

Town Clerk.

At the suggestion of Councillor Costello the Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to report and recommend on suitable sites for the provision of a halting place within a ten miles radius of Bray.

Item No. 19—Application for reception of Deputation from Residents of Hollywood re Piped Water Supply for District.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation representing the residents of Hollywood and district at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 20. Letter from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Arklow, requesting Meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The Co. Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, San Jose, Harbour Road, Arklow, who was a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, asking that a meeting of the Committee be convened. The County Secretary stated that a meeting of the Committee was called only when the Council wished to obtain advice on the matter of a national monument. He stated that he understood that Mr. Kavanagh was interested in the former Barracks at Glenmalur. In 1959 the Council, following receipt of representations that the former Barracks be preserved, had inquired from the Office of Public Works in the matter and had been informed by the Commissioners of Public Works that they were of opinion that the old Barracks had not sufficient interest to warrant being taken into charge for preservation as a national monument. The Council had noted the views expressed by the Commissioners of Public Works. Councillor Miss Walsh proposed that a meeting of the Committee be conveyed and stated that she understood that the building and a plot of 3 acres had been offered for preservation. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded the proposal that the meeting be convened.

County Development Plan.

The County Secretary stated that the time for completion of the County Development Plan had been extended to the 30th April, 1969. As the Council had been engaged on the Estimates during previous four weeks and as the ordinary Council Meetings during month of April would be held on the 14th and 21st April it seemed desirable to seek a further extension to allow reasonable time for consideration of objections to the Draft Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That in order to allow reasonable time for consideration of objections made to the Draft County Development Plan we request the Minister for Local Government to allow a further period to 30th June, 1969, for the making of a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Abstract of Accounts for Year to 31st March, 1968.

The County Secretary stated that the Abstract of Accounts was submitted for approval for submission to Audit.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1968, and approve of their submission for Audit.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Sites

Councillor Hynes suggested that land should be purchased by the Council for the purpose of making available sites for persons wishing to build their own houses. He referred in particular to the need for

providing such sites at Ashford. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Hynes, it was agreed that land be purchased for this purpose in all areas where persons wishing to build their own houses have found difficulty in obtaining sites.

Easing of Corner at Knockroe.

Councillor Costello asked that a report be available at the next Meeting as to when the work of improving the corner at Knockroe could be commenced.

Housing Progress.

The Council asked that reports on the position regarding the completion of letting of houses at Kilgarron and Dunlavin be submitted for the next Meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, James Gregory, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan:—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site approx. 5 acres"

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:— "That we direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Lee, Baltinglass, to erect new house and private garage on land approved by this Council to be leased to him."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council make a survey of all the families in this County in urgent need of housing and where those families cannot be housed at a reasonable period of time that this Council provide those families with caravans or prefab buildings as temporary accommodation."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That this Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington for Council houses."

In the name of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:— "That this Council make arrangements to build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, whose present house is a danger to the health of the family."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a Supplementary Grant for new houses be paid to Jos. W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh"

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That this Council provide a sewerage scheme to the eighteen County Council cottages at Ballynerrin by means of an extension to the Urban Council scheme and that permission be requested from the Wicklow U.D.C. for a connection to their sewer."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:—

(a) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients." (b) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waiting room in

Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:—
(a) "That the banks of soil on both sides of the street in Carnew known as Mill Lane be removed so as to improve the entrance to the town," and (b) "also remove the unsightly bank on the road at School Height on the road to Gorey."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:—"That the County Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th April, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell and Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officer, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site of approximately 5 acres."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—
"Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Lee, Baltinglass, to erect new house and private garage on land approved by this Council to be leased to him."
2. Hollywood Water Supply—To receive Deputation from Residents of Hollywood District in regard to provision of piped water scheme for the village and surrounding district.
3. To authorise raising a Loan to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants in respect of new houses and repair and improvement of existing houses.
4. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwellinghouses.
5. Applications for Loans for erection of dwellinghouses.
6. Application for consent to sub-division of vested cottage plot at Ballywaltrim, Bray.
7. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Report in regard to completing of houses at Kilgarron and Dunlavin.
9. Application from Newtownmountkennedy Civic Development Association for acquisition of site suitable for development as recreational centre.
10. Report on Tenders received for erection of houses at Coolbeg, Glenealy, and Kilbride, Arklow.
11. Report on Tenders received for Repairs to Cottages.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"That this Council discuss the question and cir-

- cumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:- "That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders."
 14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That Matthew Colly be made tenant of cottage he lived his lifetime in at Humphreystown."
 15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That an up to date report be furnished on the progress of the Council's Housing Programme."
 16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a house be built on a site at Phelan's, Ballinacash, for Richard Kenny."
 17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That Patrick Harte be given new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."
 18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That permission be granted to Mr. William Molyneux, 'Verdella,' Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."
 19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."
 20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."
 21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:- "That the Council make arrangements to build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, whose present house is a danger to the health of his family."
 22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That this Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington for Council houses."
 23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council make a survey of all the small families in this County in urgent need of housing and where those families cannot be housed at a reasonable period of time that this Council provide those families with caravans or prefab buildings as temporary accommodation."
 24. Cottages repaired during month of March, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of April, 1969.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Silke, Mount

Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site of approximately 5 acres."

The County Secretary stated that no application for Planning permission had been received from Mr. Silke and consequently the proposal could not be dealt with at that Meeting. The Council agreed that the proposal be deferred to the next Meeting.

- (b) In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:- "Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Lee, Balinglass, to erect new house and private garage on land approved by this Council to be leased to him."

The County Secretary stated that no new application had been received from Mr. Lee and that the former application which had been refused was at present the subject of an Appeal to the Minister. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 2 — Hollywood Water Supply — To receive Deputation from residents of Hollywood district in regard to provision of piped water scheme for the village and surrounding district.

The Council received a Deputation from residents of Hollywood district regarding the provision of a piped water scheme for the village and surrounding district. The Deputation consisted of Very Rev. Monsignor M. Brown, P.P., Rev. C. Scanlon, C.C., Messrs. John Doyle and Michael O Ceallaigh. The County Secretary submitted Reports of the County Engineer in regard to the provision of a piped water supply for Hollywood in which it was indicated that it was expected that plans for a scheme to supply Hollywood would be available about the end of May, 1969. Fr. Scanlon on behalf of the Deputation quoted a Report received from a Consulting Engineer in regard to the present private supply at Hollywood which was inadequate to enable a supply to be given to any additional houses. He asked for an assurance that the scheme to be provided by the Council would include the school and Presbytery. Mr. O Ceallaigh urged that the scheme be designed so as to be capable of extension to serve houses at Cryhelp and in other parts of the area around Hollywood and suggested that the site of the tank for the scheme should be at 800 feet and that it should be the objective to secure the largest possible amount of water from the highest possible level. The County Engineer pointed out that the Scheme had been designed to serve Hollywood but it was possible that there would be sufficient water available to extend a service to Cryhelp. He noted that what is now being sought would appear to be a regional scheme which had not been included in his terms of reference. He pointed out that it would be uneconomical to spread the scheme over a scattered area but stated that in addition to the springs which were being used as the source a stream could be harnessed if necessary. If the stream were used, however, it would be necessary to treat the water whereas the water from the springs would require no treatment. M. O Ceallaigh handed in a list of householders in the area around Hollywood who were anxious to obtain a supply of water. It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Balinglass Electoral Area with the members of the Deputation meet the County Engineer in Hollywood with a view to determining the area to be served from the scheme at present in course of preparation and as to how a water supply could be made available for other areas in the

neighbourhood of Hollywood. The County Engineer pointed out that there was not an unlimited supply of water available.

Item No. 3—To authorise raising of Loan to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants in respect of new houses and repair and improvement of existing houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £45,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of new houses and repair and improvement of existing houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwellings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mrs. John McGarr in respect of the erection of new dwellinghouse at Oldcourt, Manor, Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Patrick Finn, Brockna, Kiltegan, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Brockna.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Loans for erection of dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Brendan Kenny, Newcastle Hospital, Greystones, who had been allocated one of the purchase houses at Kilcoole and for whom a Loan in respect of same had been approved, proposed to withdraw his application for the Kilcoole house if consent were given to his purchase of a Vested Cottage at Blackditch, Newcastle, and if a Loan of £400 were made available to him towards the cost of the purchase of the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £400 to Mr. Brendan Kenny, Newcastle Hospital, Newcastle, in respect of the purchase of Vested Cottage No. 153/6 at Blackditch, Newcastle, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Application for Consent to Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plot at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Cranley, Tenant-Purchaser of the cottage and plot at Ballywaltrim, No. 302/4, sought approval to the sub-division of the plot for the purpose of erecting two houses, one being for his son-in-law, Mr. Graham Brierton, and the other for a Mr. Clancy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the sub-division of the plot attached to Vested Cottage No. 302/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray, and for the disposal of part of the plot containing approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre by Mr. James Cranley, Tenant Purchaser, to Mr. Graham Brierton, 5, Ledwidge Crescent, Bray, for the purpose of erecting two dwelling-houses on the plot, subject to the payment to the Council by Mr. James Cranley of the sum of £145 in respect of the redemption of the annuity on the portion of the plot being disposed of.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Council considered again the application of Mr. James Hefferan for consent to the sale of Vested Cottage at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, 68, Merrion Square, Dublin, 2. Councillor Whelan having stated that he understood that a small farmer in the area had made an offer for the cottage when it had been put up for auction the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether any person in the area was interested in purchasing the cottage.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Patrick Vickers for consent to the sale of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 53/6 at Blackditch, Newcastle, to Mr. Brendan Kenny of Newcastle Hospital. The Council noted that agreement to this proposal would mean that a purchase house at Kilcoole would be made available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Patrick Vickers of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 53/6 at Blackditch, Newcastle, to Mr. Brendan Kenny, Newcastle Hospital, Newcastle, for the sum of £650 subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £216 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions other than that condition requiring the occupation of the cottage by a qualified person to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the statutory condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, relating to the occupation of the cottage by qualified persons for the period during which the cottage is occupied by Mr. Brendan Kenny.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Report in regard to completing of houses at Kilgarron and Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the ten houses for letting at present under construction at Kilgarron were expected to be ready about June and that the twelve houses being built for purchase at Kilgarron were expected to be available about November. Councillor Costello asked for details as to the date when the Contract was signed and the Scheme started and as to what penalty clause was embodied in the Contract. He contended that there had been undue delay in completing the houses and suggested that the builder had not given the necessary priority to the Council's Scheme in relation to private houses on which he had been engaged. Councillor Costello asked also

for a report in regard to the quality of the materials used in the houses particularly the timber. Councillor Costello asked that reports on these matters be available for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

In regard to the houses at Dunlavin the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was expected that the houses would be completed and ready for handing over on the 30th April, 1969. The County Engineer had pointed out, however, that the Contract would not be completed as the question of the land for the road had yet to be resolved and the date of completion could not be fixed until all work had been carried out in connection with the Conditions of Contract. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 9—Application from Newtownmountkennedy Civic Development Association for Acquisition of Site suitable for development as Recreational Centre.

The following letter from Newtownmountkennedy Civic Development Association was submitted:-

Newtownmountkennedy Civic Development Association,
Mr. Brangan, M.C.C., Secretary, "Cnoc Mhuire,"
County Council Offices, Newtownmountkennedy,
Kilmantin Hill, Co. Wicklow.
Wicklow. 28th February, 1969.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been instructed on behalf of the Newtownmountkennedy Civil Development Association to request the Wicklow County Council to acquire a site near the village suitable for development as a recreational centre, to facilitate the people of Newtownmountkennedy.

It is the feeling of this association that the time is now ripe to take positive steps towards providing this facility. We would be pleased to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
Nora Harrington,
Hon. Secretary.

Chairman, Mr. George Hipwell.
Secretary, Miss Nora Harrington.
Treasurer, Miss Catherine O'Byrne.
P.R.O., Mr. George Mooney.
Committee Members—Messrs. Vincent Synnott and Matthew Kelly.

The County Secretary stated that the Association had been asked for information as to the type of recreational centre that was sought and the following letter had been received:-

Newtownmountkennedy Civic Development Association
"Cnoc Mhuire,"
Newtownmountkennedy,
Co. Wicklow.

To:

Mr. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council Offices,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

9th March, 1969.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We thank you for your letter of the 28th ult. With reference to

your request for information regarding "type of recreational centre required," we visualise a Public Park with an estimated acreage of four to five acres, which would be available for the facilitation of the following:

1. Small children's play corner;
2. Full-size football pitch with club house.
3. Tennis Court;
4. Pitch and Putt Course;
5. Swimming Pool;
6. Surrounding walks, shrubbery and lawns.

We will be happy to furnish you with further information if required.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
Nora Harrington,
Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported on the matter of the provision of playing fields and recreation areas generally and had stated that all housing lay-outs in recent years had contained provision for small children's play spaces immediately adjoining the houses. These play spaces, however, were intended to serve the needs of small children between the ages of 4 and 11. He had recommended that larger areas to suit the playing of ball games by older children might be provided at some distance from the houses. The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Association as to whether any suitable site was available in the vicinity of Newtownmountkennedy.

Item No. 10—Report on Tenders received for Erection of Houses at Coolbeg, Glenealy and Kilbride, Arklow.

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer recommending that the lowest Tender received, being that of Mr. John O'Toole, Kiltimon, in sum of £5,231 be accepted for the erection of two cottages at Coolbeg, Glenealy. The County Engineer pointed out that the price was considered reasonable since a well had to be bored for water supply, a septic tank constructed and a considerable amount of fencing was required. He pointed out also that only one septic tank served the two houses and that the views of the County Medical Officer should be obtained on this point. The Council did not favour communal septic tanks for private development. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that one septic tank for the two houses was not acceptable and it would seem desirable that an additional septic tank be provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we note the Reports of the County Engineer of 8th April, 1969, and approve of the acceptance of the Tender of John O'Toole, Kiltimon, in the sum of £5,231 for the erection of two cottages at Coolbeg, Glenealy, and approve of the provision of separate septic tanks for these cottages, the additional septic tank to be provided as an extra onto the Contract.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that the County Engineer had reported that the lowest Tender received from Mr. Thomas Keenan, Aughrim, in the sum of £3,414 for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Kilbride, Arklow,

was regarded as excessive and could not be accepted. The Council agreed that Tenders be invited again by public advertisement for the erection of this house.

Item No. 11—Report on Tenders Received for Repairs to Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that only one Tender had been received for repairs to cottages, this being in relation to the Aughrim area. The Council noted that the Tender was being examined by the County Engineer and deferred consideration of the matter.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:—“That this Council discuss the question and circumstances of Mrs. Helen Turpin, Westgate, Delgany, regarding her application for Reconstruction Grants from this Council.”

At the request of Councillor Edward Byrne the County Secretary stated that Mrs. Turpin had been paid a State Grant of £140 and a Supplementary Grant of the same amount in respect of the repair and improvement of her house. Subsequently Mrs. Turpin proposed to convert the house into flats and to seek Grants on the basis of the three dwellings being provided. The Department of Local Government had pointed out that the original Grant of £140 and the Supplementary Grant of the same amount would have to be refunded before her application for Grants in relation to the provision of flats could be dealt with and these Grants had accordingly been refunded. It had been pointed out to Mrs. Turpin, however, that the Council's Scheme of Supplementary Grants was related to the repair and improvement of houses but did not apply where a house was converted into flats. Councillor Edward Byrne stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion that the Council's Scheme be amended to allow of the making of Supplementary Grants where a house was converted into flats.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:—“That Wicklow County Council consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council wishes to consider the desirability of seeking the establishment of a National Building Registration Council to set up a Register of Builders.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that in England an arrangement operated under which Builders who reached a satisfactory standard in regard to workmanship and competence could be registered with the National Building Registration Council and that persons having houses built for them were protected against unsatisfactory workmanship if they engaged a builder who was included on the Register. He suggested that a similar system would be desirable in Ireland. Councillor Costello spoke in support of the proposal but other Members expressed the view that the establishment of a system of registration would tend to eliminate the small builder, many of whom carried out very satisfactory work. The County Engineer on being asked for his views said that he felt that the establishment of a Register of Builders would lead to monopolies and elimination of the small builder who performed a very useful service in the building of isolated houses and small rural schemes. He thought that higher costs would result to allow for

the maintenance service. It was his opinion that in the long run such an arrangement would give rise to inflated prices arranged by combines. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that since there appeared to be a difference of opinion in regard to the proposal he would not pursue it.

Councillor Costello, supported by Councillor Temple, urged that an applicant for a purchase type house being built by the Council should be notified that he might appoint an Architect to inspect the house being built for him during the course of its erection. The County Engineer pointed out that under the terms of the Contract the Council was responsible for supervising the erection of the houses and for certification of payments to the Contractor and that it would not be feasible to have an arrangement under which another Architect would have the right of entry on the site and inspection of houses in course of construction.

Fatal Accident at Glenmacnass.

Councillor R. Miley stated that a fatal accident had occurred at the Waterfall at Glenmacnass on the previous Sunday and that he was aware of at least two accidents having occurred at this place previously. He urged that a warning notice or a protective fence be provided so as to ensure that persons did not approach too close to the Waterfall. Councillor Miss Walsh urged that notices be erected at all dangerous places in the County. The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked for a report in regard to the position at Glenmacnass and in regard to the proposal that warning notices be erected at all dangerous places within the County.

Employment on E.S.B. Scheme at Turlough Hill.

Councillor Costello queried the extent of local employment being made available at the E.S.B. Scheme at Turlough Hill and proposed that a letter be addressed to the Electricity Supply Board indicating that the Council was anxious that as much local employment be provided as possible in connection with the Scheme. Councillor Timmins, T.D., having seconded the proposal, it was agreed that a letter as suggested be addressed to the Electricity Supply Board.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mrs. Grogan for the erection of a Motel at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted.”

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission for the erection of a house at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Brian Thornberry as per plans submitted.”

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, Mary Ledwidge, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to

grant planning permission to Patrick O'Donovan, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, to erect a house on his land at Ballynerrin."

In the names of Councillors Basil S.C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley: "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne:- "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1969, on the subject of road workers' wages."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "That we, the undersigned, propose that Supplementary grants be given where houses have been converted to flats, as are given by the State, and that existing regulations be amended accordingly."

In the name of Councillor Mary Walsh:- "That repairs to the following cottages for which estimates have been approved some months ago be carried out immediately:- (a) Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum; (b) John Dunbar, Ballygriffin, Arklow; (c) John Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Agenda of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th April, 1969.

The following Members attended:-

Chairman: H. J. Byrne, Chairman

Councillors: William Clary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne.

Councillors: C.D. Edwards, John Temple, John Sweeney, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne.

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In the names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne: "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1968, on the subject of road workers' wages."

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st April, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and James Gregory.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-

(a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:-

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(e) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site of approximately five acres."

(f) In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:-

"Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Lee, Baltinglass, to erect new house and private garage on land approved by this Council to be leased to him."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th December, 1968, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January and 3rd February, 1969.
3. To declare vacancy on Council caused by death of Councillor J. J. McCrea.
4. Appointment of representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
5. Road Fund Grants for 1969/70 — Letter from Department of Local Government.
6. Application for closing of road at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on Saturday, 17th May, 1969, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
7. Arrangements for discharge of Architectural Services.
8. Blind Welfare Scheme — Letter from Department of Social Welfare re increase in capitation grant to Board for Employment of the Blind and requesting corresponding increase in Council's grant.
9. Nursing establishment at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum — Proposed addition of two nurses.
10. Disposal by way of Lease of plot of land at Clinic, Killarney
11. Greystones Harbour: Letter from Bord Fáilte re proposed additional work and maintenance of works.
12. Easing of corner at Knockroe — Report of County Engineer.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from bus stops."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view to buying a part of his land to use as a dump."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
16. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:- "That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:- "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations

and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."

20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- (a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Blessington." (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- (a) "That public lighting be extended to the Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass." (b) "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That where Planning Notices are inserted in the press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That this Council calls for the release of Mr. Denis Dennehy from Mountjoy Prison."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land being portion of garden of their property."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
34. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- (a) "That the banks of soil on both sides

- of the street in Carnew known as Mill Lane be removed so as to improve the entrance to the town." (b) "That the unsightly bank on the road at School Height on the road to Gorey be removed."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That in view of recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
36. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:- (a) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waiting room in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the Council provide a Sewerage Scheme for the 18 County Council cottages at Ballynerrin by means of an extension to the Urban Council Scheme and that permission be requested from the Wicklow Urban District Council for a connection to their sewer."
38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne: "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1969, on the subject of road workers' wages."
39. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Mrs. Grogan for the erection of a Motel at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that the application for Planning Permission in respect of the Motel at Kilpedder for Mrs. Grogan had been received on the 14th April, the application in respect of the house at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue, for Mr. Brian Thornberry also on the 14th April, the application in respect of Mr. O'Donovan, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, for a house at Ballynerrin on the 17th April, the application in respect of the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on the lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne at Ballyflanagan on the 17th April and the application on behalf of Mr. Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for four houses on his land at Ballymachara on the 21st April, the day of the Meeting. The County Engineer pointed out that he had not had sufficient time to examine and report on these applications and as no reports were available for submission to the Meeting the County Secretary suggested that the proposals be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council on the 5th May. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the application in respect of the Motel at Kilpedder for Mrs. Grogan had been considered by the Council on previous occasions and he felt that there was adequate information available from the previous Reports in order to deal with the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we proceed to deal with the proposals under Item 1 on the Agenda.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That this proposal be deferred for a report from the County Engineer on the revised application.

The County Secretary having pointed out that before the Council could consider the proposals to direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission in these cases the Council would be required to have available all necessary reports of their Officers and to consider these reports. The Council agreed that consideration of the Notices of Intention to move the Resolutions be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 5th May, 1969.

In regard to the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution directing the County Manager to grant permission to Mr. William Lee, Baltinglass, for the erection of a new house and private garage the County Secretary stated that this application was at present the subject of an Appeal to the Minister and it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter also.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th December, 1968, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January and 3rd February, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Posts of District Medical Officers at Tinahely and Blessington.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh the Council agreed that a further request be made to the Minister for Health to receive a Deputation from the Council in regard to the permanent filling of the posts of District Medical Officer at Tinahely and Blessington.

Dispensary At Bray.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the Dispensary at Bray had been broken into and some drugs had been taken. Arrangements had been made for providing greater protection for the drugs in the Dispensary but unfortunately these arrangements had not been completed at the time the Dispensary was broken into. The County Medical Officer would be submitting a report in regard to this matter of safe custody of certain drugs. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 3—To Declare Vacancy Caused by Death of Councillor J. J. McCrea.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby declare the office of Councillor vacant consequent on the death of Councillor James J. McCrea and decide that the vacancy be filled at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th May, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that following the next Annual Meeting of the Council he intended to resign from the Council on health grounds and because of medical advice recently tendered

to him. Members of the Council asked the Chairman to reconsider the matter but in any event expressed their best wishes for his return to a satisfactory state of health. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated however that in view of the medical advice he had received he did not feel that he could continue as a Councillor after the Annual Meeting.

Item No. 38—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne:— "That standing orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1969, on the subject of Road Workers' Wages."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Council deal with Item No. 38 on the Agenda.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That the Council adhere to the order on the Agenda.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan — Twelve.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh — Eight.

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

Item No. 4—Appointment of Representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. had indicated that the Council was entitled to appoint one of its Members or Officers or any other person authorised in that behalf by it to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company and exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership. An extract from the Local Authorities Mutual (Assurance) Act, 1926, and from the Articles of Association of the Company governing the appointment of nominees by members was submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor John Temple as the Council's Nominee to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to the Council's membership of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Road Fund Grants for 1969/70 — Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated the Department of Local Government in letter of 3rd April, 1969, had informed the Council that the Road Fund Grant allocations to each County Council for the year 1969/70 would be continued at the same level as in 1968/69 in respect of the County Road and Main Road Improvement Grants and Main Road Upkeep Grant. Consequently the County Road Improvement Grant for the current financial year remained at £21,250 as in 1968/69 and the Main Road Improvement Grant remained at £45,400 as in the previous year. The Main Road Upkeep Grant continued to be at the rate of 50 per cent. of approved expenditure. It was indicated in the letter that a further letter would issue shortly regarding the Arterial Road Improvement Grant for 1969/70. Members of the Council expressed disappointment that the Road Fund Grants and in particular the County Road Improvement Grant had not been increased and asked that the Department of Local Government be requested to increase the amount of the County Road Improvement Grant for the County for the present year. It was pointed out by Members of the Council that consequent on the damage to roads and bridges caused by the floods in November, 1965, the Council had had to devote the County Road Improvement Grant for two years to work on the restoration of the damage and had received no special grant towards the cost of restoring these roads or replacing the bridges. There still remained a number of bridges to be replaced and it was felt that special grants should be made available to meet the cost of this work. Members of the Council also pointed out that County Roads in Wicklow carried very substantial tourist traffic and that the County should receive special grants for the improvement of tourist roads as had been given by the Department in previous years. It was agreed that the views of the Members with the request for increased grants be conveyed to the Department.

Item No. 6 — Application of Road at Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on Saturday, 17th May, 1969, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 17th May, 1969, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of one mile to a point near Calary Filling Station.

The consent to the closing of the road is subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Motor Car Hill Climb.
2. That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or that the Council be recouped the cost of such repairs.
3. That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing of the road and the necessary diversions of traffic to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulation, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Arrangements For Discharge of Architectural Services.

The County Manager stated that Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, had been offered a post with the National Building Agency Ltd. which he wished to accept and that the National Building Agency Ltd. had asked the County Manager to arrange for the secondment of Mr.

Birmingham to their service pending the introduction by the Agency of a Superannuation Scheme on similar terms to that applicable to Officers of Local Authorities. The matter had been discussed with the Department of Local Government who had approved of the arrangement for the secondment of Mr. Birmingham and had approved also of the engagement of the service of the National Building Agency on a consultancy basis to provide supervision of Housing Schemes at present in progress. Under this arrangement Mr. Birmingham's services would be made available to complete Schemes at present in progress. The County Engineer having been asked for his views stated that he would not favour the proposal to engage the services of the National Building Agency in the manner suggested and expressed the view that this would lead to difficulties in supervision of the Housing Schemes and settlement of final accounts. The County Engineer recommended that Consultant Architects be engaged to prepare plans for new Housing Schemes and that Schemes at present in progress as well as Schemes which would be prepared by Consultants be supervised by the County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the engagement of Consultant Architects to prepare plans for new Housing Schemes.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That Consultant Architects be engaged only for design of housing schemes and that the construction of the houses be supervised by the Council's Engineering Staff.

Passed unanimously.

Grattan Park Housing Scheme.

The County Manager stated that he had been concerned at delay which had occurred in relation to the scheme for erecting 20 houses at Grattan Park, Greystones. Plans prepared by the Council's Architect had been approved by the Department of Local Government and documents for inviting tenders had been prepared, but the County Engineer disagreed with the proposed access road, and the invitation of tenders had been delayed for several months. The County Engineer stated that he had asked that the road access be omitted but this had not been done. He stated that the Department later agreed that the road be omitted.

Blessington Housing Scheme.

Councillor J. Miley raised the matter of the outstanding account in respect of the Blessington Housing Scheme which he stated had not yet been settled. He stated that the Contractor claimed that a considerable sum of money was still due to him but that the County Engineer was not prepared to certify the final payment. Councillor Miley asked that a report on the matter be available for the next Housing Meeting of the Council and that the Consultant Architect and the Contractor be requested to attend at the Meeting. The Council agreed that the report requested be obtained and that the Consultant and the Contractor be asked to attend.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Whelan as to what was the position in regard to Schemes for which plans had been partly designed the County Engineer stated that he would submit recommendations on this matter.

Item No. 8 — Blind Welfare Scheme — Letter from Department of Social Welfare Re Increase in Capitation Grant to Board for

Employment of the Blind and Requesting Corresponding Increase in Council's Grant.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Social Welfare in their letter of 19th March, 1969, in relation to the capitation grants payable to the Board for the Employment of the Blind in respect of blind workers employed in the Board's workshops had referred to the increase in the basic wages of the workers granted during the year 1968/'69 and stated that in order to provide the Board with additional finance towards meeting the increased wages costs in the year 1968 it was proposed to increase the State capitation grants to the Board from £100 to £135 as from 1st April, 1968. It was further proposed that in order to meet the increased wages costs for the years 1969 onwards the State capitation grant would continue at the rate of £135 from the 1st January, 1969, and that the local authority grant should also be increased to that figure from 1st January, 1969. The Department sought the agreement of the Council to this increase in the Council's Grant. The County Secretary stated that at present no blind worker from Wicklow was employed in the workshops operated by the Board for the employment of the blind.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 19th March, 1969, ref.: AD38/68, Circular HA.3/69, from Department of Social Welfare we approve of the Council's capitation grant in respect of workers employed in the workshops of the Board for the Employment of the Blind being increased from £100 to £135 per annum with effect from 1st January, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Nursing Establishment at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum — Proposed Addition of Two Nurses.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended that the nursing establishment at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, be increased in view of the fact that the type of patient being maintained in St. Colman's in recent years required a higher standard of nursing care than obtained previously. It was proposed to create two additional posts of Staff Nurses and the Council's approval was requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of two additional posts of Staff Nurses for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Disposal By Way of Lease of Plot of Land at Clinic, Killarney Road, Bray. (Notice Circulated to Members).

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, the following particulars of the proposed disposal of land held by the Council at Killarney Road, Bray, had been circulated.

1. The Land: Leasehold interest in area approximately one thousand square feet, situated in grounds of Clinic, Killarney Road, Bray, and located immediately north of, and in line with present clinic buildings.
2. Name of person from whom the land was acquired:- Mrs. Prittie Perry, Killarney Road, Bray.
3. Person to whom the land is to be disposed to:- Trustees of Bray Old Folks Association.
4. Consideration proposed in respect of the disposal:- Nominal

rent of one shilling per annum.

5. Any covenants, conditions or agreements to have effect in connection with the disposal:- Lease to be terminable by six months notification on either side.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal by way of Lease of the plot of ground in the grounds of the Clinic, Killarney Road, Bray, to the Trustees of Bray Old Folks' Association upon the terms as set out in the notice given to each Member of the Council on 9th April, 1969, in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946. Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple referred to his previous suggestion that the site at the Clinic might be used for civic buildings and he mentioned the number of local branches of Government Departments at present housed in various buildings in Bray which he suggested might be centralised in buildings on the site of the clinic. The County Manager stated that it seemed desirable to retain the lands around the clinic to allow accommodation for any further expansion of the Health Services.

Notices of Motion.

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

- In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council employ a Consultant Architect to draw up plans for the building of Council cottages in Ashford and to lay out sites for people who want to build private houses on the Council's site in Ashford."
- In the names of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council take the necessary steps to provide a water and sewage system for its cottages at Ballynerrin."
- In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council lay a water and sewerage main for the people in Ballynerrin and Marlton Road, Wicklow."
- In the names of Councillors Mary Walsh and John Sweeney:- "That where a student qualified for a University Grant and wishes to attend a College of Technology to take a technical course that they be paid the University Grant."
- In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That a report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme fund and the balance for the year 1968/'69 and the allocation for 1969/'70. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year 1969/'70?"
- In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That Tomnafinogue Lane be done under the Local Improvements Scheme."
- In the names of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford Salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purposes of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south-eastern road of Ireland."
- In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a footpath be provided along school road in front of National School at Tinakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Kilaveney Road for safety of school children."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held in the County Council Chamber, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st April, 1969.

The Following Members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman
Councillors William Cleary, J. Keenan, John Sweeney, J. J. Walsh, James Whelan, J. Gregory, John Sweeney, J. J. Walsh, G. Thurnell, T. O. Ryan, J. S. Carlin, Mrs. Mary Costello, Mrs. Nancy O'Neill, John Sweeney, John J. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. O. Ryan and J. Sweeney.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA

- (a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Keenan, John Sweeney, J. J. Walsh and John Temple:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on the Council by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1968, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Gregory for the erection of a house at Kilveney, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."
- (b) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Keenan, John Sweeney, J. J. Walsh and John Temple:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on the Council by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1968, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Gregory for the erection of a house at Kilveney, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted."
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"By virtue of the powers conferred on the Council by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1968, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Ryan, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of 18 dwellings as per plans submitted."
- (d) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Keenan, John Sweeney, J. J. Walsh and John Temple:-
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region of one dwelling per annum.

Any covenants, conditions or agreements to have effect in connection with the disposal of land to be terminable by six months' notification on either side.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello:

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved: That we approve of the disposal by way of Lease of the plot of ground in the grounds of the Clinic, Kilmartin Road, Bray, to the Trustees of Bray Old Folks' Association upon the terms as set out in the notice given to each Member of the Council on 24th April, 1969 in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1940.

Councillor J. Temple referred to his previous suggestion that the site of the Clinic might be used for civic buildings and he mentioned the number of local branches of Government Departments at present housed in various buildings in Bray which he suggested might be centralized in buildings on the site of the clinic. The County Manager stated that it seemed desirable to retain the lands around the Clinic to allow accommodation for any further expansion of the Health Service.

Notice of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted:

by Chairman:

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: "That the Council employ a Consultant Architect to draw up plans for the building of Council cottages in Ashford and to lay out the site for people who want to build private houses on the Council estate at Ashford."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan: "That the Council take the necessary steps to provide a water supply for the cottages at Ballynerrin."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: "That the Council lay a water and sewerage main to the property at Ballynerrin and Ballynerrin Road, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors Mary Walsh and John Temple: "That where a student qualified for a University Grant, that student should be sent to a College of Technology to take a technical course that they be paid the University Grant."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan: "That a report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme fund and the balance for the year 1968/69 and the allocation for 1969. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year."

In the names of Councillors John Temple and Thomas Keenan: "That Tomatinogue Lane be under the Local Improvements Scheme."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan: "That land presently occupied by a ditch be used opposite the Ashford Ballygarry and Ballynerrin Road, Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of a parking place which is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the south-eastern road of Ireland."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan: "That a footpath be provided along school road in front of a National School at Tinkilly from the Aughrim Road to the Kilmartin Road for safety of school children."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th May, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1965, as follows:
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"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."
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"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the

- erection of 4 houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site of approximately 5 acres."
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new Dwellinghouses.
 3. Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.
 4. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
 5. Applications for Vesting—Declarations under Section 97 of Housing Act, 1966.
 6. Blessington Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer in regard to final payment to Contractor and completion of Scheme.
 7. Report of County Engineer in regard to Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.
 8. Reports of County Engineer on Tender received for repairs to Cottages.
 9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That Matthew Colly be made tenant of cottage he lives his lifetime in Humphreyreystown."
 10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That an up-to-date report be furnished on the progress of the Council's Housing Programme."
 11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a house be built on a site at Phelan's, Ballinacash, for Richard Kenny."
 12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.: "That Patrick Harte be given new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."
 13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That permission be granted to Mr. Wm. Molyneux, 'Verdella,' Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."
 14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."
 15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."
 16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:—"That the Council make arrangements to build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, whose present house is a danger to the health of his family."
 17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington for Council houses."
 18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council make a survey of all the small families in this County in urgent need of housing, and where those families cannot be housed at a reasonable period of time that this Council provide those families with caravans or prefab buildings as temporary accommodation."
 19. Notice of Motion in names of Cllrs. Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"That Supplementary Grants be given where houses have been converted into flats as are given by the State and that existing regulations be amended accordingly."

20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That repairs to the following houses for which estimates have been approved some months ago be carried out immediately:—(a) Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum; (b) John Dunbar, Ballygriffin, Arklow; (c) John Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council employ a Consultant Architect to draw up plans for the building of Council cottages in Ashford and to lay out sites for people who want to build private houses on the Council's site in Ashford."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council take the necessary steps to provide a water and sewerage system for its cottages at Ballynerrin."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:—"That this Council lay a water and sewerage main for the people in Ballynerrin and Marlton Road, Wicklow."
24. Cottages repaired during month of April, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of May, 1969."

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(a) In the Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:—"By virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Grogan for the Erection of a Motel at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per Plans Submitted.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer on the proposal in which he recommended that permission be refused on similar grounds to those he had indicated in his Report on the previous submission. The County Engineer considered that a traffic hazard would arise from the location of the proposed motel adjoining the Arterial Road. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had indicated that he would require to be satisfied that an adequate water supply could be made available to serve the motel and that since the final effluent was to be discharged into the small stream at the rear, that two filtration beds should be provided as well as the floor sewage treatment as proposed by the applicant's Architect in his letter of 13th April, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mrs. Grogan for the erection of a Motel at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow, as per plans submitted.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—FIFTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan—FOUR.

The motion was declared passed by fifteen votes in favour to four votes against.

- (b) In the Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for the Erection of a House at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Brian Thornberry as per Plans Submitted."

Members of the Council having stated that permission had been granted for a house at Carrigoona for a Mr. O'Brien adjoining the house which is the subject of the present proposal, the Council agreed that consideration of the matter be deferred to the meeting of the Council to be held on the following Monday so that particulars regarding the grant of permission for the house for Mr. O'Brien could be made available.

- (c) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, Mary Ledwidge, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Patrick O'Donovan, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, to Erect a House on His Land at Ballynerrin."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. O'Donovan for permission to erect a house on this site had been refused and that in the case of the present application the County Medical Officer had recommended refusal as the site was not considered of sufficient size to enable the provision of sewerage by means of a septic tank.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the city and Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Patrick O'Donovan, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, to erect a house on his land at Ballynerrin.

Passed unanimously.

- (d) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:—"That By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the Erection of 12 Dwellinghouses on Her Lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple the Council agreed that this proposal be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the following Monday, 12th May, 1969, to enable the Members of the Council to inspect the site of the proposal. It was agreed that Members of the Council interested would meet at Ballard at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 10th May, with the County Engineer to inspect the site. The Council asked also that particulars of the Reports of the Council's Officers in regard to the proposal be circulated to the Members prior to their visiting the site.

- (e) In the Names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the Erection of Four Houses on His Land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a Site of Approximately 5 Acres."

The Council decided to defer consideration of this proposal also to the meeting to be held on Monday, 12th May, 1969, to enable the members of the Council to inspect the site. It was agreed that the site be inspected on Saturday, 10th May, following the inspection of the site at Ballyflanigan.

Item No. 2—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwelling-houses.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mr. Denis Bohan, Main St., Blessington, for payment of a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour. The Supplementary Grant had been refused as it was considered that the value of the dwelling would exceed the limit in the Council's Scheme which amounted to £4,000. The Contract price of the house was £3,963 11s. 5d. and when the value of the site was taken into account the value of the premises exceeded the limit in the scheme. The Council decided to defer the matter and asked that proposals be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council for an amendment of the Supplementary Grants Scheme by the revision of the limit of cost price or market value of the house in Article 6 of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £350 to Mrs. Marie Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Bawnogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.

The Council considered the application of Mr. James Hughes, Magherabeg, Wicklow, for a Loan of £2,500 towards the cost of erection of a new house at Three Mile Water. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next Housing Meeting for the purpose of obtaining further information regarding the income of the applicant and the maximum amount of Loan which he might require.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Kenneth J. Murphy, 3, Ballywaltrim Cottages, Bray, for a Loan towards the purchase of a Vested Cottage No. 309/4 at 20, Ballywaltrim, Bray. It was noted that the Loan sought was £1,200. The County Secretary stated that since the application related to the purchase of an existing house and not a new house the maximum Loan which could be made available was £900. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to ascertain whether a Loan would meet the needs of the applicant.

Item No. 4—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Frederick Cowan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 309/4 at 2, Ballywaltrim Cottages, Bray, to Mr. Kenneth Murphy, 3, Ballywaltrim Cottages, Bray, for the sum of £1,250, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £333 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered again the application of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire, Administratrix of the Estate of William Williams for consent to the sale of a Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin to Mr. Edward Byrne.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we refuse the application of Mrs. Maguire for consent to the sale of cottage at Tiglin to Mr. Edward Byrne.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Charlotte Maguire, Administratrix of the Estate of the late William Williams, of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford, to Edward Byrne, Bolinass, Ashford, for the sum of £550, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £183 6s. 6d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable—subject to purchaser being married by 3rd June, 1969.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor Phelan it was found the members present voted as follows:

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, J. Whelan—TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—SEVEN.

The amendment was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to seven votes against and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting on 13th January, 1969, the Council had agreed to purchase Cottage No. 190/8 at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, from the representatives of the late Elizabeth Busher for the sum of £650. Subsequently the Solicitor acting for the deceased tenant-purchaser indicated that it was desired to sell the cottage to Mr. James Kearns, 7, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmount-kennedy, for £650. Mr. Kearns was aged 25 and was married and at present occupied a vested cottage at Newtownmount-kennedy for which,

he stated, he was paying a rent of £3 10s. 0d. per week. On the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council approved of consent being given to the sale of the cottage to Mr. Kearns subject to the usual conditions.

Item No. 5—Applications for Vesting—Declaration Under Section 97 of Housing Act, 1966.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from Mr. Martin Craven, Timore, Newcastle, tenant of Cottage no 76/6, and from Mr. Patk. Hackett, Timore, Newcastle, tenant of Cottage No. 75/6, to purchase their cottages. Both tenants were employed by the Council as male nurses in Newcastle Hospital, but would not be regarded as qualified persons under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936. Under the provisions of Section 97 of the Housing Act, 1966, the Council was empowered to declare these applicants to be qualified persons for the purpose of purchasing their cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That in accordance with the powers conferred on us by Section 97 of the Housing Act, 1966, we hereby declare the following persons to be qualified persons for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936:—Mr. Martin Craven, Timore, Newcastle; Mr. Patrick Hackett, Timore, Newcastle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Blessington Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer in Regard to Final Payment to Contractor and Completion of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect, submitting his comments on submissions made by the Contractor and indicating that while he was anxious that the matter be cleared up as rapidly as possible, he regretted it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting on that date. The Report of Mr. O'Brien dated May 2nd, 1969, was read to the Council. The County Engineer informed the Council of the terms of his Reports in regard to the difficulties which had arisen with the Contractor in relation to the Scheme, and pointed out that following a meeting with the Contractor and the Consultant Architect some months previously he had agreed with the Contractor that if the Contractor commenced the work of carrying out the necessary repairs to the houses which were estimated to cost about £300, he would arrange immediately for the issue of a payment of £1,250 to the Contractor and subject to his being satisfied in regard to the claims for increases in costs of wages and materials under the Prices Variation Clause the balance would be paid on the completion of the repairs. He stated he was still agreeable to release this payment once the Contractor indicated a date on which he was ready to start repairs. He had received no communication from the Contractor subsequently to indicate that he was agreeable to commence work on carrying out the repairs. The Contractor who was present at the Meeting, in reply to inquiry from the Chairman, stated that he considered that he should receive a substantial payment from the balance due on the Scheme prior to his carrying out any further work. The Council agreed that the County Engineer having considered the report received from the

Consulting Architect, would arrange a further meeting with the Architect and the Contractor with a view to finalising the matter.

Report on Progress of Council's Housing Schemes.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked that the report in regard to the Council's Housing Programme be circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting on the 12th May and included on the Agenda for the Meeting following which he suggested that the report be considered by the Members for each electoral area. It was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on the 12th May and that copies of the Report be circulated prior to the Meeting.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council make a survey of all houses occupied which are unfit for human habitation and this Council carry out essential repairs under Section 23 of the 1966 Housing Act in order to prolong the life of such houses."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That in future when the tenancy of a cottage is vacated, the Council will immediately carry out the necessary repairs before advertising for re-letting of tenancy."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th May, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

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(b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellings on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

(c) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymacahara, Ashford, on a site of approximately 5 acres."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th December, 1968, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January and 3rd February, 1969.

3. Application for closing of roads at Dunlavin.

4. Application for permit for use of public address equipment.

5. To fill vacancy on Council caused by death of the late Councillor J. J. McCrea.

6. To fill vacancy on Vocational Education Committee caused by death of the late Councillor J. J. McCrea.
7. To fill vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
8. Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow: Scheme prepared by Commissioners of Public Works — To make declaration under Section 8 of Coast Protection Act.
9. Bray and Wicklow Joint Sewerage Scheme — Apportionment of Costs.
10. Housing Progress Report.
11. Office Accommodation for Housing and Sanitary Staff.
12. Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee re Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur.
13. Application for increase in Wages of Roadworkers.
14. Easing of corner at Knockroe — Report of County Engineer.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from 'bus stops.'"
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view to buying a part of his land to use as a dump."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
18. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:— "That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resoution to the contrary."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew," (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— (a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Blessington." (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."

25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— (a) "That public lighting be extended to the Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass." (b) "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That where Planning Notices are inserted in the press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That this Council calls for the realease of Mr. Denis Dennehy from Mountjoy Prison."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land being portion of garden of their property."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
36. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— (a) "That the banks of soil on both sides of the street in Carnew known as Mill Lane be removed so as to improve the entrance to the town." (b) "That the unsightly bank on the road at School Height on the road to Gorey be removed."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That in view of recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
38. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:— (a) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waitingroom in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."

39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the Council provide a Sewerage Scheme for the 18 County Council cottages at Ballynerrin by means of an extension to the Urban Council Scheme and that permission be requested from the Wicklow Urban District Council for a connection to their sewer."
40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne:— "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1969, on the subject of road workers' wages."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and John Sweeney:— "That where a student qualifies for a University Grant and wishes to attend a College of Technology to take a technical course that they be paid the University Grant."
42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."
43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That land presently overgrown by a ditch and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purposes of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:— "That Tomnafinogue Lane be done under the Local Improvements Scheme."
45. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thos. Keenan:— "That report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme Fund and the balance for the year 1968/69 and the allocation for 1969/70. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year 1969/70?"
46. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and John Temple: "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for the Erection of a House at Garrigoona, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Brian Thornberry as per Plans Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that consideration of this proposal had been deferred from the last meeting for the submission of a report in regard to the granting of permission for a house for a Mr. Eoin O'Brien on an adjoining site. The County Secretary stated that on the 2nd April, 1965, the Council had refused permission for the erection of a house by Mr. O'Brien on the site in question and this refusal was appealed to the Minister for Local Government who by Order of 11th

October, 1965, granted outline permission. The grant of outline permission indicated that high standard of design and materials was necessary to avoid injury to scenic amenities and the height and bulk of the house should be such as to minimise obtrusiveness. An application for approval to the plans for the house was made on 7th March, 1966, and permission was granted on 20th June, 1966, as it was considered by the County Engineer that an effort had been made to minimise as far as possible the injury to existing amenities. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the house for Mr. O'Brien and that proposed for Mr. Thornberry were not considered comparable as Mr. O'Brien's site was extensive containing about 6 acres and well conditioned and occupied only approximately 50 feet of road frontage on the scenic road. The site of Mr. Thornberry's proposed house was a long narrow half acre strip of land adjoining the scenic route for a distance of approximately 330 feet. It was considered that the nature of the area in which it was situated was not suitable for a dwelling and that the erection of any structure or planting on it would obtrude on and seriously injure the outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission for the erection of a house at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Brian Thornberry as per plans submitted. Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:— "That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elidabeth Byrne for the Erection of 12 Dwellinghouses on Her Lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from a previous Meeting to enable Members of the Council to inspect the site. Members of the Council stated that they had inspected the site of the proposal on Saturday, 10th May, 1969, in company with the County Engineer. In the course of discussion it was stated by Councillor Costello that the site was very prominent and that houses erected on it would obtrude on the skyline and that he would not be in favour of directing a grant of Outline Permission. Councillor E. Byrne also considered the site unduly prominent and indicated he also would object to the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Costello suggested that consideration of the Resolution

be deferred until the Council had determined the County Development Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That we adjourn the proposal until full information as to lay-out, services and house design are submitted.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the proposal be deferred to the Housing Meeting of the Council in June and that the applicant be asked to submit an amended proposal providing for the use of the site for six houses only.

(c) In the Names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on US by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the Erection of Four Houses on His Land at Ballymachara, Ashford, on a Site of Approximately 5 Acres."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had also been deferred from the previous Meeting to enable Members of the Council to inspect the site and that the inspection had been carried out by Members with the County Engineer on Saturday, 10th May. The County Secretary stated that Outline Permission had been granted for two houses on the lands, subject to a condition that no further houses be erected on field in question. Mr. Silke now sought an additional two houses to make four in all. The County Engineer had reported that the density of the development proposed would be seriously injurious to amenity in an area of scenic importance because of the prominence of the land in views from County Road No. 73 and from the Devil's Glen area and would result in ribbon development in proximity to skyline.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That by virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Patrick Silke, Mount Alto, Ashford, for the erection of four houses on his land at Ballymachara, Ashford, on a site of approximately 5 acres, subject to service road being constructed.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved — That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th December, 1968, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January and 3rd February, 1969.
Passed unanimously.
Green at Kilcoole.

In reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill the County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been made from the Solicitors for the Scott Estate

as to whether the Estate had any interest or knew of any persons having an interest in the Green at Kilcoole but no reply had been received. The Council asked that further letter on the subject be addressed to the Scott Estate.

Vacant Posts of District Medical Officer.

Arising out of an inquiry from Councillor Miss Walsh the Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department of Health regarding the reception of a Deputation by the Minister in relation to the posts of District Medical Officer at Tinahely and Blessington.
Sewerage at Dargle Laundry.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Engineer stated that he hoped to arrange for the carrying out of works as approved by the Council within the next few months.

Item No. 3 — Application for Closing of Roads at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary submitted an application received from the Hon. Secretary, Irish Karting Club Ltd., for permission for a Road Closing Order for roads at Dunlavin on Monday, 2nd June, 1969, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purpose of holding kart races. The County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the proposed closing of the roads subject to the usual conditions. The County Secretary stated that a telegram had been received that morning from the Rev. H. C. Brooks on behalf of Dunlavin Bazaar Committee objecting to the closing of the roads and stating that Dunlavin Bazaar had for years been held on the Bank Holiday Monday.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved — That we hereby close to public traffic the roads around the Fairgreen, Dunlavin, as set out hereunder on Monday, 2nd June, 1969, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic.

Part Main Road 315 between National School and junction of Main Street with Stephen Street — Length 300 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and junction with Stephen Street — Length 100 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School — Length 120 yards.

The closing of the roads shall be subject to the conditions that (1) the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Kart Race, (2) any damage caused to Council property shall be repaid to the satisfaction of the Council or the cost of such repairs recouped to the Council, and (3) adequate warning notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and the necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Application for Permit for Use of Public Address equipment.

The County Secretary submitted an application received from the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, for a permit to use public address equipment from June 1st to August 31st under Article 35 of Road Traffic Act Regulations 1963. It was stated the equipment would be attached to a Volkswagen Van and was used for conducting religious open air meetings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the granting of a permit to the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, for use of public address equipment on Volkswagen Van Registered No. XZ 612 during the period June 1st to August 31st, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15 — To Fill Vacancy on Council Caused by Death of the Late Councillor J. J. McCrea.

The County Secretary stated that he had received letters from two persons indicating that they were prepared to act as Councillor if elected by the Council. On the suggestion of Councillor E. Byrne the Council agreed to defer consideration of the filling of the seat to the next Meeting.

Item No. 6 — To Fill Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee Caused by the death of the Late Councillor J. J. McCrea.

The Council agreed to adjourn this matter to the next meeting.

Item No. 7 — To Fill Vacancy on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee had forwarded a recommendation of the Sub-Committee that Very Rev. Fr. Callan, P.P., Rathdrum, be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Very Rev. Fr. Flynn.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Resolved — That we hereby appoint Very Rev. Fr. Callan, P.P., Rathdrum, to fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of Very Rev. Fr. Flynn, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow: Scheme Prepared by Commissioners of Public Works — To Make Declaration Under Section 8 of Coast Protection Act.

The County Secretary stated that Council had received a copy of the Scheme prepared by Commissioners of Public Works for prevention of encroachment of sea at Murrough, Wicklow, and the Scheme was now submitted to the Council for the making of a Declaration under Section 8 of the Coast Protection Act as to whether Scheme be proceeded with or otherwise. The Scheme had been considered by Wicklow Urban District Council at their meeting on the 6th May and had been approved by the Urban District Council. The Urban District Council had expressed the wish that every effort be made by the County Council to expedite the commencement of the Scheme. The Members of the Council, however, had expressed disappointment that the Grant allocation was only 50 per cent and had asked if the Council would take up the matter of having the amount of the Grant increased

with the Minister. The Members of the County Council also expressed disappointment at the small amount of the Grant being made available by the Minister and expressed the view that Grant of 75 per cent or 80 per cent. should have been made. In view of the urgency of the matter, however, the Council decided to approve of the Scheme and at the same time request the reception by the Minister of a joint Deputation from the County Council and from Wicklow Urban District Council to urge the making available of a greater Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That having considered the Scheme prepared by the Commissioners of Public Works for the prevention of the encroachment of the sea at the Murrough, Wicklow, dated 22nd April, 1969, and the views of Wicklow Urban District Council in relation to the Scheme, we hereby declare that the Scheme as prepared be proceeded with, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this declaration.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Deputation to the Minister would consist of five Members of the County Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area together with three Members from the Urban District Council.

Item No. 9 — Bray and Wicklow Joint Sewerage Scheme — Apportionment of Costs.

The County Secretary stated that no agreement had yet been reached between the Bray Urban District Council and the County Council on the apportionment of the costs of the Bray/Wicklow Combined Sewerage Scheme. The Town Surveyor, Bray, had recommended to the Urban District Council that 50 per cent. of the cost of the Scheme should be met by each authority but the County Engineer in his Report of 19th March, 1969, had indicated his calculation that the appropriate contribution by the County Council should be 17 per cent. and that Bray Urban District Council should meet 83 per cent. of the cost. Details of the County Engineer's recommendation on the matter were submitted. The County Engineer explained that he had apportioned the cost of the main sewer through the Urban area on a flow basis at the full development of the County Council area on the ratio of 26 per cent. to the County Council, which is equivalent to £11,440. Adding to this the estimated cost of the sewers in the County area at £20,000 gave a total cost of £31,440 or approximately 17 per cent. of the total costs of the Scheme. The County Secretary stated that the Town Engineer, Bray, had also given details of his apportionment of the cost of the various sections of the work in which he had taken account of provision made in the Scheme to deal with surface water coming from the County Health District and had arrived at an apportionment on the basis of approximately 50 per cent. to each area. He pointed out that this apportionment would correspond to the estimated increase in population in the Bray Urban District and the increase in population in the portion of the County Health District served by the Scheme which was provided for in the sewerage proposals. Members of the Council representing the Bray area pointed out that it had been originally proposed when the Scheme was considered that the cost would be shared equally between Bray Urban District Council and the County Council and that if Bray Urban District Council had to meet 83 per cent. of the cost of the Scheme it would represent a very heavy burden

on the Urban area. The County Manager stated that in view of the difficulty the Council found themselves in as regards the matter of apportionment of costs he would suggest that another method of approach might be considered. He suggested that an equitable basis of apportionment would be to calculate what would be the cost to the County Council of providing an independent Scheme to serve the area in the County Health District which would be served by the present Scheme. Recently the Council had obtained estimates of costs of providing Sewerage Schemes at Ashford and Kilcoole and these estimates showed that the cost per house would be £269 in Ashford and £247 in Kilcoole. It might be taken, therefore, that a reasonable estimate of the cost of providing a separate sewerage service in the area South of Bray could be calculated on the basis of say £250 per house. The future estimated population of this area was 4,000 from which the number of households might be determined at 889 and at a cost of £250 per household this would give a figure of over £220,000. If looked at from this point of view the Council might consider that the figure of £105,000 which represented 50 per cent. of the cost of the present Scheme was not unreasonable. He agreed that his method of approach might not be regarded as directly applicable to the present case but was put forward with a view to assisting the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the apportionment of the cost of the Bray/Wicklow Combined Sewerage Scheme between Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council on the basis of 50 per cent. of the cost being met by each authority and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £105,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the County Council's contribution in respect of this Scheme, this Loan to be in substitution for the Loan of £36,000 approved by the Council at the Meeting held on 24th March, 1969.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That costs of joint Sewerage Scheme be apportioned on basis of 35 per cent. to County Council and 65 per cent. to Bray Urban District Council.

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

In Favour: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—Eight.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D. Eleven.

The amendment was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 8 votes in favour and the original proposal having been put as a substantive Resolution was declared passed on the same voting.

Proposal to Divert Traffic at Bray—Reception of Deputation.

The Council at the request of the Chairman agreed to receive a Deputation from the Bray Traders Association in regard to the pro-

posed traffic diversion at the Main Street in Bray. The representatives of the Traders Association who attended put forward objections to the proposed provision of one-way traffic on part of the Main Street and the diversion of traffic from the Main Street via Quinsboro Road, Eglington Road and Florence Road. The Association submitted seven objections to the proposal which were as follows:—

1. Unrealistic to divert traffic for almost half a mile down Quinsboro Road, Eglington Road, and up Florence Road to serve a hundred yards. This hundred yards is the widest part of the Main Street and is capable of taking four lanes of traffic.
2. Situated twenty yards from the junction of Florence Road and Main Street is Woolworths' (who recently doubled the size of their shopping area) rear entrance, heavy traffic reversing and unloading up that lane. Opposite is another rear entrance servicing Bray's most popular supermarket and the E.S.B. yard and workshop (they have 5 lorries and vans). Hayes butcher shop (carcasses being unloaded) is also at this point, not to mention the new Power's Supermarket. They have bought the Monument Printing Works a few yards further down.
3. Havoc will be caused on Mass days by hundreds of people emerging from the Church right on that junction. Bray has an excellent safety record, but we consider this corner will be a definite traffic hazard. So instead of speeding up traffic, the contrary will be the case.
4. St. Valery By-Pass will help enormously to divert much of the heavy traffic now using Bray Main Street because of dangerous bends extending from St. Valery Bridge to Jamesons Corner.
5. We welcome the traffic lights for through and cross-town traffic.
6. C.I.E. are not using the Woolworth or McCarthy bus halts as they were intended to be used, using them on many occasions as a terminus instead of stops, their drivers do not pull into the kerbs properly. These are two definite obstructions to free-flowing traffic.
7. This proposal to re-route traffic away from the Main Street will mean a certain loss of business. This is bound to affect seasonal and permanent employment.

Councillor S. Costello stated that this proposed diversion of traffic had been considered by Bray Urban District Council and agreed by the Council but unfortunately at that time no objections had been received from the Bray Traders Association. He pointed out that it would be necessary to have a meeting between the members of the Urban District Council, the members of the County Council for the Bray Electoral Area, the representatives of the Traders Association and of the Gardai to consider the objections. Councillor Temple suggested that since representatives of the Traders Association were meeting members of the Urban District Council at their Urban District Council meeting to be held on following day, Tuesday 13th, May, that they could then arrange for a joint meeting, at which he suggested representatives of Bray Road Safety Committee together with a Head Office representative of C.I.E. could be present, could be arranged possibly for the following Friday. The Council agreed that subject to agreement with the Urban District Council a meeting as suggested be arranged for 8 p.m. on Friday, 17th May. The Council noted that it would be necessary for the County Engineer to attend at the meeting.

Tenders for Houses at Greystones.

Four tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of 20 Council houses for letting and 9 houses for purchase were opened in the presence of members of the Council. The Tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender	Period for Completion
J. O'Toole, Kiltimon.	£81,859 10 0	30 months
William Eager, Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy	£86,347 0 0	Not stated
S. Gavigan, Mountainview, Killiney Road, Killiney.	£92,760 0 0	12 months
S. O'Connor & Sons, 3 Granville Crescent, Johnstown, Dun Laoghaire.	£85,480 0 0	11 months

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum."
 In the name of Councillor Roger Miley:— "That the Council remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
 In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:— "That the watermains be extended to the houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
 In the names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That the Council take over and put in a proper condition the road from Rustigath to Kilcarra."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with matters adjourned from Meeting on 12th May was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 26th May, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne Chairman.
 Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and James Gregory.
 The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. J. Flood, A/Chief Assistant County Engineer and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, attended.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Basil Phelan, James Gregory, Roger Miley and F. Hynes as follows:—
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Kathleen Bradbury for the erection of a bungalow on her site at Ballinalea, Ashford, without any conditions."
2. Letter from Department of Defence re Bridge at Davidstown, Donard.
3. Housing Progress Report.
4. Office Accommodation for Housing and Sanitary Services Staff.
5. Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee re Drummgoth Barracks, Glenmalur.
6. Application for increase in Wages of Roadworkers.
7. Easing of corner at Knockroe—Report of County Engineer.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from bus stops."
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view to buying a bit of his land to use as a dump."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
11. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:— "That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and

- James Whelan:- "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:- "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
 14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolutions to the contrary."
 15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
 16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That this Council lay footpaths along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rahnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
 17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- (a) "That two lights be erected on St. Joseph's Housing Terrace at Blessington." (b) "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
 18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
 19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- (a) "That public lighting be extended to the Council's houses at Shroughawn, Baltinglass." (b) "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughawn, Baltinglass."
 20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That where Planning Notices are inserted in the Press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
 21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
 22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
 23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
 24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
 25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land being portion of garden of their property."
 26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."

27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
28. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- (a) "That the banks of soil on both sides of the street in Carnew known as Mill Lane be removed so as to improve the entrance to the town." (b) "That the unsightly bank on the road at School Height on the Road to Gorey be removed."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That in view of recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
30. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:- (a) That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waitingroom in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the Council provide a Sewerage Scheme for the 18 County Council cottages at Ballynerrin by means of an extension to the Urban Council Scheme and that permission be requested from the Wicklow Urban District Council for a connection to their sewer."
32. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Mary Walsh, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, John Temple, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, Mary Ledwidge, Nancy O'Neill, Basil S. C. Phelan, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne:- "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on 15th March, 1969, on the subject of road workers' wages."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and John Sweeney:- "That where a student qualifies for a University Grant and wishes to attend a College of Technology to take a technical course that they be paid the University Grant."
34. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-operative Society for the purposes of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
36. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Jas. Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That Tomnafinogue Lane be done under the Local Improvements Scheme."
37. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That a report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme Fund and the balance for the year 1968/69 and the allocation for 1969/70. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year 1969/70?"

38. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Housing Contract for the Erection of Houses at Kilgarron.

At the opening of the Meeting the matter of completion of a Contract for the building of houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, was raised. It was stated that the Contractor for the erection of the houses had ceased work and had moved his equipment from the site. It was proposed that a number of persons in attendance at the meeting and who were awaiting the completion of the houses would be heard. The Chairman ruled that the persons present were not in attendance as a deputation. After a discussion the Chairman indicated that he was adjourning the meeting. The meeting, however, subsequently resumed and it was agreed that one of the persons in attendance might address the meeting in relation to the completion of this Contract. Mr. Wogan, on behalf of the persons in attendance, stated that the scheme had been in progress for two years. They had expected that the houses would be completed in July next. The builder had left the site and some of the housepurchasers had sold their caravans and moved into flats so as to have the money available for the deposit on these purchase scheme houses. They were anxious that the houses be completed as soon as possible.

The Contractor, Mr. Eager, who was present, was given permission to address the Council, and stated that he had received monthly payments on the houses up to April last. He stated that since April there was a new Engineer in charge who stated he had been overpaid on the Contract, but he, the Councillor, did not agree with this statement.

The County Engineer stated that he estimated there was an overpayment of £6,900 on this contract and taking into account all building contracted for with this Contractor the Council owed him approximately £51. He stated that the Contractor had asked for a payment of £2,000 before he would resume work. The County Engineer mentioned that he had a long list of defects in workmanship and materials.

In the discussion that followed Members complained about the standard of workmanship and quality of materials used. The Chairman finally proposed that a special meeting be held on Friday, 30th May, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. The Law Agent, Architect, County Engineer and Contractor were asked to attend. This was agreed unanimously.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors Basil Phelan, James Gregory, Roger Miley and F. Hynes as Follows:—“By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on US by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Kathleen (Bradbury) for the Erection of a Bungalow on Her Site at Ballinlea, Ashford, Without Any Conditions.”

The County Manager outlined the position in regard to this application.

Following a discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs.

Kathleen Bradbury for the erection of a bungalow on her site at Ballinlea, Ashford, without conditions regarding the septic tank. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Letter from Department of Defence Re Bridge at Davidstown, Donard.

Letter from Department of Defence re bridge at Davidstown, Donard, was read by County Manager as follows:—

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

PARKGATE, DUBLIN, 8.

8 Bealtaine, 1969

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd April, 1969, and previous correspondence regarding the box girder bridge at Davidstown, Donard, Co. Wicklow, I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that in the light of the information received from the Department of Local Government that—after 3½ years—no proposals for the construction of a new bridge have been submitted by your Council, he is unable to accept that there is any prospect of the bridge being replaced in the foreseeable future.

In order that the military box girder bridge may be available to the Corps of Engineers during the forthcoming training period it is proposed to arrange for its dismantling and removal during the current month and I am to enquire whether the week commencing 26th instant would be suitable for this purpose.

Mise, le meas,

Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.

The County Engineer stated that he could assign an Engineer to design a bridge by transferring him from another job but if this were done other work would suffer as a result. The Members asked if another bridge could be purchased to replace the existing bridge as it would cause great hardship on the people of the area if the box girder bridge was removed. The County Manager outlined the history of the matter and suggested that a Consultant might be employed to design the bridge as was originally put forward by him in December, 1967.

After a discussion

It was

proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council ask the Department of Defence not to remove the box girder bridge at Davidstown, Donard, until an alternative bridge is built and that the Department of Local Government be asked for a grant for its construction. County Engineer to prepare plans.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing Progress Report.

The following Report had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING PROGRAMME

THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 31st MARCH, 1971

At the beginning of 1968 after a number of meetings, including meetings of Local Electoral Area Committees, a Housing Programme

was determined by the Council for the three years, 1968/69, 1969/70 and 1969/71. The Programme was related to housing needs as calculated at that time and was based on applications received together with estimates of future needs. The programme for each of the Electoral Areas as determined in May, 1968, was related to the availability of sites and it was expected that as further land would be acquired it would be possible to increase the number of houses being built in each financial year.

Details of the proposed building programme for each year for each of the districts involved are set out below with information as to the present position in each instance. The information is set forth in respect of each of the four Electoral Areas: Arklow, Baltinglass, Bray and Wicklow.

Arklow Electoral Area:

Avoca Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	12	8	20

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable land for housing in Avoca. The Council eventually had to make a Compulsory Purchase Order for acquiring land in the village on which 12 houses could be erected. The Compulsory Purchase Order was confirmed by the Minister but an Appeal has been lodged with the High Court. The necessity to resort to compulsory purchase and now the Appeal to the High Court have resulted in considerable delay in the obtaining of suitable sites for building.

To meet additional needs in the future it has been recommended that another site be acquired compulsorily—as negotiations had failed. The Council recently asked that the local committee might specially examine this latter proposal.

It will be evident that in this instance the Council's Housing Programme is completely dependent on the acquisition of suitable sites.

Aughrim Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	8	4	12

The housing need in this district has just been reviewed and it is considered that a scheme for six houses would meet the immediate demand. Additional land is required in Aughrim and the inquiries made show that suitable sites could be found. It is necessary, however, that they be surveyed and that negotiations for acquisition be opened with the owners.

Carnew: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	5	—	5

Here there has been difficulty in acquiring the necessary land. A site containing about 3½ acres was considered suitable and negotiations for its purchase have been in progress for some time past, but the price sought by the owner seems to be high. If this land could be acquired at a reasonable price it is considered that the erection on it of 4 or 5 houses would meet the immediate needs in the area.

Ballinaclesh Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	4	—	4

The demand here is limited but the Council's Programme provides for the erection of four houses. It seems that there would be difficulty in finding land for housing unless a proposal for building on

part of existing cottage plots might be considered. Alternatively it is suggested that the need arising in this area might be catered for by new building in Rathdrum.

Coolboy: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	3	3	6

The position here has been carefully reviewed and it is found that at present there is no demand for housing.

Tinahely: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	—	8	—	8

A derelict site in the village of Tinahely has recently been acquired and it is proposed to erect two houses. Arrangements also have been completed for the acquisition of 5 acres of land from Mr. Pierce. It is suggested that plans for four houses on this latter land might also be prepared and if subsequently it is found that there is still an unsatisfied demand the Contract might be extended to provide for the erection of some further houses.

Baltinglass Electoral Area.

Baltinglass: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	5	8	5	18

In the year 1968/69 5 houses, as projected in the Programme, were completed. At present 6 houses are in course of construction at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

It is felt that the present building programme could satisfy the immediate need for housing in this district. If, however, further houses be required then additional land would have to be purchased.

Blessington: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	5	20	4	29

Six houses were completed in Blessington in 1968/69. A further 5 houses are in course of construction.

Plans for a further 21 houses were completed last year and it has been arranged that they would be erected as an extension of the 1968/69 Contract. A new Contract in respect of these 21 houses, it is expected, will be signed shortly.

In addition, the Council acquired portions of existing housing plots in Blessington district and a lay-out plan for the erection of 18 houses, which it is proposed to sell to the occupiers, has been prepared. Applications received from prospective purchasers are at present being examined. House plans for the proposed 18 purchase-type houses have not yet, however, been prepared.

Dunlavin: Programme	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
	4	4	3	11

Last year plans were prepared for four houses and a Contract entered into; it is expected that these four houses will shortly be completed.

Negotiations for the acquisition of cottage plots which would accommodate a further 12 houses have been in progress for some time past and it is expected that they will be completed shortly except in one instance in which some difficulty in relation to Title has arisen. On reviewing the existing needs it is thought that a scheme of 6 to 8 houses would probably satisfy the immediate demand.

Stratford-on-Slaney:

The building of houses in this village was not included in the

Council's Programme but as a result of recent representations the Council are now negotiating for the acquisition of plots on which three houses might be erected. Difficulties in relation to ownership and title are being experienced.

Bray Electoral Area:

Bray Environs:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	3	15	10	28

The only site available to the Council for building in the area adjacent to Bray was at Ballywaltrim. In this instance the Council acquired plots attached to a former Housing Scheme at Ballywaltrim and erected 3 houses in 1968/69. As it was not possible to acquire any further land by negotiation the Council made a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of 23 acres of land between Killarney Road and Boghall Road. This Compulsory Purchase Order has been submitted to the Department of Local Government for confirmation and a Public Inquiry in relation to it is being held at an early date. It is suggested that if this Compulsory Purchase Order be confirmed that part of the land being acquired might be reserved for the erection of a number of purchase-type houses for which there is much demand in this area. It must also be stressed that having regard to the existing and prospective demand in this district it is essential that adequate land be available to the Council for building purposes.

The land which it is proposed to acquire could accommodate all the houses included in the Programme for the period to 31st March, 1971. Building at this place is being associated with Schemes for the provision of new public services. The Council already has arranged for a new water supply to be derived from the Dargle River at Tinnahinch to serve the area adjoining Bray and in addition a Contract for a new sewerage system to serve the area is being arranged.

Fenniskerry:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	10	19	—	29

The Council's Housing Programme provided for the erection of 10 houses during the year 1968/69. Work was started on six last year and it is expected that they will be completed at the end of next month.

House plans have been prepared for the erection of a further 19 houses at Kilgarron Park and the matter of services it seems is at present being examined by the County Engineer. Plans also were prepared last year for 12 purchase-type houses and these already are being built. It is proposed to have the existing Contract for these 12 houses extended so as to arrange for the erection of a further 6 purchase-type houses.

Greystones:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	21	40	20	81

The erection of 11 houses was completed last October. Plans for a further 20 houses for letting and 9 purchase-type houses were completed some months ago and tenders have been invited for their erection. These tenders will be available at the Council Meeting on 12th May.

Delay has been experienced in acquiring further land for housing at Kindlestown. However, it is expected that the negotiations for the acquisition of 3 acres of land can be concluded shortly. As to the

remaining 5 acres involved it has recently been ascertained from the Solicitor for the Executors that the administration of the Estate will shortly be completed and the Council, it is expected, would then be in a position to start negotiations for the acquisition of this land. If the Council could complete the negotiations for the purchase of this 8 acres it would be possible to erect between 68 to 80 houses.

In addition the Council has had before them proposals for the acquisition of cottage plots in this area. Approaches have been made to the tenants and a number of them have indicated that they would not be prepared to sell to the Council. No reply has yet been received from others. If these cottage plots could be acquired suitable sites for a substantial number of further houses would become available.

Kilcoole:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	5	5	—	10

The five houses included in the Programme for 1968/69 will shortly be completed.

The Council owns some more land which could accommodate about 12 houses. It would be desirable to determine, however, how this site might be used as it seems that part of it might be reserved for purchase-type houses. The site, however, has not yet been surveyed or a lay-out prepared for it.

Arrangements were made with the National Building Agency for the erection of 24 purchase-type houses on Council lands and it is expected that these will be ready for occupation shortly.

Kilmacanogue:

The Housing Programme approved last year did not include provision for the erection of houses in Kilmacanogue during the three year period to 31st March, 1971. It has since been found, however, that there is a demand for houses in this district.

It has been recommended that a site containing about 5 acres be acquired for housing purposes and negotiations are at present in progress with the owner.

Wicklow Electoral Area:

Ashford:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	—	12	8	20

Recently the Council have acquired 4 acres at Ashford for housing. It has been indicated, however, that the site would not be suitable for septic tank drainage but it is suggested that this difficulty could be overcome by serving new Council houses as a temporary measure with a septic tank. Later the houses could be connected to the new sewerage system for Ashford. The site, it is considered, could accommodate between 30 and 40 houses. The immediate need, it is considered, could be met by a scheme for 12 houses.

The outline sewerage proposals for Ashford have been approved by the Department of Local Government and the Consultant was recently asked to prepare final plans with a view to seeking tenders.

Glenealy:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	—	4	6	10

Land on which to erect houses is not available and after a survey of the area it was recommended that the Council might acquire 4 acres at Ballyfree but it seems that a problem of disposal of sewage might arise. A review of the position does not indicate that there is any acute demand for houses in this area and it is felt that a

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scheme of about 4 houses would probably meet the immediate needs.

Newtownmount-

kennedy:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	12	20	20	52

The erection of 12 houses provided for in the Programme for 1968/69 was carried out.

On a review of the position it is considered that a further 20 houses would meet the needs of this district. The Council have been negotiating for some time past for the acquisition of a site which is centrally situated and was regarded as very suitable for building. A recent review of the position has shown that there is a demand for about 4 houses in Roundwood but it would be necessary to find suitable land for building. Again there seems to be a demand for about 4 houses at Kilpedder and the possibility of finding a suitable site in the area is being examined.

Rathdrum:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	—	20	15	35

The acquisition of 5 acres of land at Rathdrum for housing was approved by the Council and this has now been completed. A review of the needs would indicate that a scheme of 12 houses would meet immediate requirements. A lay-out and house plans for 12 houses could now be arranged.

In Laragh 2 houses have just been completed and it is considered that 4 further houses might be erected there. Negotiations have been in progress for acquiring land for housing but legal difficulties have been experienced.

Rathnew:	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	Total
Programme	9	10	10	29

The Council's Programme provided for the erection of 9 houses in Rathnew in 1968/69 and these are now approaching completion.

One of the new houses at Rathnew is a proto-type house in which there is a resort to new forms of design and construction.

The Council has now just completed the arrangements for acquiring a further 8 acres of land. The immediate needs of the area will be reviewed and steps can then be taken to have the lay-out and house plans prepared for the number of houses which would be required to meet the prospective demand.

Provision of Isolated Rural Cottages:

The erection of houses on isolated rural sites presents special difficulties. Sites have to be adequate to accommodate a septic tank as the Department's standards now require that provision be made for full services. Difficulty also may be experienced in finding a suitable water supply. The provision of services such as water supply and sewerage adds very considerably to the cost. A few recent tenders received show that the cost would be very much beyond that where houses are built in groups attached to villages or towns. In the year 1968/69 six rural type houses were built.

8th May, 1969.

It was agreed that local area meetings be held to discuss the matter further.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh;

Resolved—That a Progress Report be circulated each month with the Housing Meeting Agenda.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Office Accommodation for Housing and Sanitary Services Staff.

The County Manager informed the Members of the Council that the Staff in the Housing and Sanitary Services Section were working in overcrowded conditions and stated that additional office accommodation was required. After a discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of additional office accommodation for the Housing and Sanitary Services Section of the Council's staff by the provision of an extension to the new offices provided for the Engineering Staff and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the provision of the additional accommodation.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee Re Drumgoff Barracks, Glermalure.

It was unanimously agreed that a deputation attend from the Committee to explain the case.

Item No. 6 — Application for Increase in Wages of Roadworkers.

The County Manager explained that this was an application from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase of 15/- per week from 1st April, 1969. He informed the Members that the phased agreement reached under the 11th Round Wage Adjustment was for an increase of 35/- and had been paid as follows: £1 from 1st April, 1968; 7/6d. from 1st October, 1968, and 7/6d. from 1st April, 1969. He recommended that the application before the Council might be conceded on a phased basis and suggested that since the last payment under the original agreement dated from 1st April last the present claim might be allowed on a phased basis of 7/6d. on 1st October, 1969, and a further 7/6d. from 1st January, 1970.

After a discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of an increase of 15/- per week in the wages of Roadworkers and other employees whose rates are related thereto with effect from 1st April, 1969, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this revision of wages.

Passed unanimously.

Higher Education Grants Scheme.

The matter of the amount of Grants paid to Students living

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within 18 miles of a University was raised. The following letter from the Department of Education was read:-

An Runail,
Comhairle Condáe Chille Mantain,
Ard Chille Mantain,
Cill Mantain.

19 Bealtaine, 1969

Higher Education Grants Scheme

A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated 7th May and previous correspondence regarding the above Scheme, I am to say that while the Minister agreed to the deletion from your Council's schemes of the clause limiting the maximum grant to £175 in the cases of students living within 18 miles of a university or other institution of higher education, it was not his understanding that all students in the county who qualify for grant would be given the higher rate of grant irrespective of their places of residence, but rather that Clause 3 (a) of the scheme should be interpreted reasonably by the Council without the arbitrary limit expressed in miles.

On this understanding, I am to confirm that all expenditure properly incurred by your Council under the terms of the schemes as approved will reckon for purposes of recoupment by the Department.

Mise, le meas,

Liam S. Daibhis.

After a discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the Council pay all Higher Education Grants in full, the Department of Education to be requested to recoup the increased cost in full, and that the Council agree to the increased expenditure necessary to give effect to the Resolution.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:-
"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full planning approval for the retention of access from one private house to the public road at Drummin West, Glen O' Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty."

In the names of Councillor F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council pay Mr. Ellis his due increase in wages as put before the County Manager by the Trade Union."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

As arranged at Meeting of Wicklow County Council on the 26th May, 1969, a Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the position in regard to Council's Housing Schemes at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Friday, 30th May, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.
The following Members attended:-
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, attended.

More than twenty persons who were Applicants for Council houses or purchase-type houses at Kilgarron attended at the Meeting.

The following letter received from the Council's Solicitor and from the Solicitor for Mr. William Eager were read to the Council:-
J. H. McCarroll and Co.,

Solicitors.

4, Church Street,

Wicklow.

28th May, 1969.

Re: Contract with Mr. Eager for erection of houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

Dear Manager,

I duly received yours of the 28th instant and I note what you state.

I am of opinion that the Council are entitled to set off any monies due to Mr. Eager against anything that might be due by him in respect of other contracts. This is clearly the position having regard to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966.

As regards the meeting of the Council on Friday next, I have an auction of premises in Ashford belonging to Mrs. Gaile Pearson-Myles up for sale and as a question of title arises I must attend the Auction but if necessary could attend the Council meeting later. However, I feel that the interests of the Council might best be served by having this matter explored at a conference between the County Engineer, the former Architect of the Council, the Contractor and the writer. It also seems to me that until a detailed report has been received from the County Engineer that it would be premature for the Council to discuss this matter.

I would also advise that if it has not already been done the Contractor should be sent details of any work that is substandard or any

defects in materials used, apart from calling on him to complete the contracts.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL.

M. J. Flannery, Esq.,
Wicklow County Manager,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Mr. W. Abrahamson,
Solicitor,
40 Fitzwilliam Place,
Dublin 2.
28th May, 1969.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

I act for William Eager, Building Contractor of Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

I am instructed that the following money is due by the Council to my client:

1. Ten house scheme at Enniskerry—value of work carried out from 7th April to 16th May, 1969, for electrical work, plumbing, painting and paving slabs	£850 0 0
2. Twelve house contract at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—8 houses complete to wall plate level (value per house £750); three houses with rafters, ceiling joints and collar ties completed (additional, £150 each), and two houses with rafters and wall plates (additional £75 each), less £2,400 received and 10 per cent. retention	3,630 0 0
3. Five house scheme at Kilcoole—value of work carried out since the 7th April, 1969: wiring, painting, paving slabs and fencing	1,000 0 0
Newtown scheme—scheme completed, balance due	5,192 19 0
Interim payment, say,	3,500 0 0
	£8,780 0 0

It appears that the Council is wrongfully withholding this money to my client on the basis of a claim to set-off against part of it moneys which it is claimed have been overpaid in respect of the ten house contract at Enniskerry. In respect of this claim I must point out that the Council have no right to set off moneys due on one contract against moneys claimed on another contract, that my client finds it difficult to understand the suggestion that the Council's own Architect (who is fully acquainted with the works) has over-certified and is perfectly satisfied that over-certification has not taken place.

I am also instructed to point out that the work has been carried out in all respects to the requirements of the Council's Architect and approved of by him.

In these circumstances my client will exercise all the remedies open

to him by law unless payment is made immediately in the proper way.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the advice received from the Council's Solicitor and stated that he considered it would not be prudent for the Council to discuss the matter until a full examination of the position had been made by the County Engineer and a Report submitted to the Council. He felt that the suggestion of the Council's Solicitor, that the matter be explored at a conference between the County Engineer, the former Architect of the Council, the Contractor and his Solicitor and the Council's Solicitor would be the most effective method of dealing with the matter. Councillor Costello noted that the Contractor and his Solicitor were present at the Meeting and asked that the Council's Solicitor be requested to attend and the Council agreed to adjourn to await the attendance of Mr. J. H. McCarroll, the Council's Solicitor.

Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, having arrived, the Council resumed. Mr. McCarroll informed the Council that in his opinion no useful purpose would be served by discussing that day the difficulties which had arisen in connection with the Contract with Mr. Eager for the erection of houses at Kilgarron, particularly since a claim had been furnished on behalf of Mr. Eager by his Solicitor and the matter consequently could be held to be *sub judice*. He suggested that a Meeting be arranged between the Contractor and his Solicitor with the County Engineer, the former Architect to the Council, and the Council's Solicitor, as it would seem that this would be the best manner in which to expedite a settlement and arranging for a resumption of work on the erection of the houses.

Colr. Costello stated that there were other matters which he felt should be considered, and he proposed that the Council proceed by direct labour or by another Contractor with the completion of the houses at Kilgarron. The Council's Solicitor pointed out that such a proposal must be regarded as out of order as it would result in a breach of Contract.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That three Members of the deputation be allowed to address the Council. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had not agreed to receive any deputation at the Meeting and the persons who attended could not be regarded as a deputation. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to hear Members of the deputation. Three Members of the deputation then addressed the Council. The Speakers inquired as to the date when the conference between the Contractor and his Representatives with the Council's Officers would be arranged and inquired whether the persons who were seeking the houses at Kilgarron would be informed of the results of the conference. They drew attention to the urgent need for the completion of the houses and the necessity of arranging to have work resumed on the site without delay. The second Speaker pointed out that due to the delay in the completion of the houses, and in consequence of the in-

crease in the bank rate, persons who were interested in the purchase scheme houses would have to pay increased charges in the repayment of the Loans. A third Speaker protested that Members of the Council had taken no interest in the Scheme. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the Meeting be adjourned and a conference arranged as soon as possible between Representatives of the Contractor with the County Engineer, Architect and Council's Solicitor. Following continued interruptions from Members of the public attending the Meeting, the Chairman declared the Meeting adjourned and left the Chair. The adjournment was put into effect.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th June, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:-
"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full planning approval for the retention of access from one private house to the public road at Drummin West, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:-
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."
Deferred from previous meeting — revised application submitted.
2. County Development Plan — To fix date for meeting to consider objections received and adoption of Plan.
3. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for repairs to cottages.
4. Scheme for making of Supplementary Grants for provision of houses — proposed amendment of Scheme in respect of limit of cost or market value.
5. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new Dwellinghouses.
6. Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.
7. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That Matthew Colly be made tenant of cottage he lived his lifetime in at Humphreystown."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That an up to date report be furnished on the progress of the Council's Housing Programme."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a house be built on a site at Phelan's, Ballinacash, for Richard Kenny."

11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That Patrick Harte be given new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That permission be granted to Mr. William Molyneux, "Verdella," Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:- "That the Council make arrangements to build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, whose present house is a danger to the health of his family."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That this Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington for Council houses."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council make a survey of all the small families in this County in urgent need of housing and where those families cannot be housed at a reasonable period of time that this Council provide those families with caravans or prefab buildings as temporary accommodation."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "That Supplementary Grants be given where houses have been converted into flats as are given by the State and that existing regulations be amended accordingly."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That repairs to the following houses for which estimates have been approved some months ago be carried out immediately:- (a) Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum; (b) John Dunbar, Ballingriffin, Arklow; (c) John Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council employ a Consultant Architect to draw up plans for the building of Council cottages in Ashford and to lay out sites for people who want to build private houses on the Council's site in Ashford."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That this Council take the necessary steps to provide a water and sewerage system for its cottages at Ballynerrin." Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a water and sewerage main for the people in Ballynerrin and Mariton Road, Wicklow."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in future when the tenancy of a cottage is vacated, the Council will immediately carry out the necessary repairs before advertising for re-letting of tenancy."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council make a survey of all houses occupied which are unfit

for human habitation and the Council carry out essential repairs under Section 23 of the 1966 Housing Act in order to prolong the life of such houses."

24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That the watermain be extended to the houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
25. Cottages repaired during month of May, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of June, 1969.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Bourke, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, John Temple, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:- "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant Full Planning Approval for the retention of access from one private house to the public road at Drummin West, Glen O Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty."

The County Secretary stated that there was no new application before the Meeting and consequently any Resolution passed under Section 4 could not be made operative. He stated that a previous application for the retention of access from a house erected by Mr. McNulty at Drummin West, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, to the Main Road had been refused and was at present the subject of an appeal to the Minister. The Council noted the position in the matter.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Roger Miley:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 12 dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."
- The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the

Council at the previous Meeting and the Council had asked that the applicant be requested to submit a revised application relating to six houses only. A revised plan for six houses had been submitted and showed the six houses located on the section of the site adjoining the public road. The County Engineer had recommended that the application be refused on the same grounds as in the case of the application for twelve houses. He considered that the proposal would form an undesirable urban type development in a rural area, lacking public services and the low density of the development would sterilise a large area. There was no evidence that an adequate water supply would be available and while details of proposed sewerage works had not been submitted the County Medical Officer noted that the proposed siting was too close to the boundary fence and there was no stream or drain nearby into which the effluent from the treatment works could be discharged. The County Medical Officer in his Report on the amended application for six houses stated that the site was rocky and sloping towards the roadway and in his opinion was not suitable for the erection of six houses. He objected to the combined drainage system proposed and pointed out that it would cause difficulties with regard to maintenance of the combined septic tanks and drainage of effluent from the tank would be liable to cause nuisance on the adjoining land as there was no stream nearby to take the effluent. He recommended refusal of permission. Councillor H. J.

Byrne, Chairman, having expressed the view that it would be preferable to provide individual septic tanks for each house:

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of six dwellinghouses on her lands at Ballyfianigan, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with revised plan submitted, subject to a separate septic tank being provided for each house.

Councillor S. Costello opposed the proposal and pointed out that the houses to be erected on this site would be of a luxury type and would not be within the reach of workers in Co. Wicklow. He considered that the proposal would seriously injure the scenic amenities of the area and believed that the Council at a later stage would be pressed to provide services for these houses. In reply to inquiries made by Members as to whether the passing of a Resolution under Section 4 in respect of six houses instead of twelve houses would be proper the County Manager stated that in his opinion if the Council wished to grant a permission for six houses it would be necessary for the applicant to submit a new application and give a new public notice of intention to apply for such permission. The Council decided accordingly to ask that the applicant submit an entirely new application for planning permission for six houses, each house to be served separately with a septic tank and separate soakaway. The Council noted that the present application would have to be refused.

Enniskerry Housing Scheme.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, said a number of people were present from the Enniskerry area and were concerned regarding the completion of the houses at Enniskerry. He felt that the Council should let them know the position as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Council's Solicitor in regard to the proposed conference with the Contractor and his Solicitor. He was of opinion that it would be most undesirable to have such a conference until he had had an opportunity of seeing the Report of the County Engineer and examining the figures. The Council's Solicitor stated that he would like to arrange an early conference with the Contractor and his Solicitor so as to give effect to the wishes of the Council at their recent meeting. Councillor Costello complained of the delay in submission of the necessary reports and urged that a public inquiry be held into the matter. He also pointed out that since the Contractor had left the site the houses would be deteriorating. Councillor J. Temple handed in a Notice of Motion signed by Councillors Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, J. Gregory and himself in the following terms:—"We hereby instruct the County Manager to direct the County Surveyor and Legal Adviser to prepare the necessary documents and to arrange a conference for Friday, 13th June." This Resolution is being moved under the City and County Management Act, 1955. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that he had met the Contractor and had discussions with him but there was a wide difference between their figures. The

County Engineer pointed out that a very detailed examination had to be carried out and measurement of work checked and the previous week had been a short one as Monday had been a Bank Holiday and Thursday a Church Holyday. He would have the report available during the present week. The Council noted that a conference was to be arranged and a report available for the Meeting of the Council on the 16th June, 1969.

Item No. 2 — County Development Plan — To fix date for Meeting to consider Objections received and Adoption of Plan.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to consider the objections received to the Draft County Development Plan and adoption of the Plan within the present month and suggested that if the Council were agreeable a special meeting might be held on Monday, 23rd June, 1969, to deal with the matter. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple the Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 23rd June, 1969, to consider objections received to the Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan.

Item No. 3 — Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for Repairs to Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that only one Tender had been received this being in respect of the No. 4 District covering the Aughrim/Arklow area. The County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. T. J. Keenan for carrying out repairs in this District. The County Engineer had indicated that no useful purpose would be served in advertising for further Contractors for repairs. Repairs were being done in the Southern area by direct labour in a satisfactory and efficient manner.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. T. J. Keenan, Aughrim, for the carrying out of repairs to Council cottages in No. 4 District in accordance with the terms of the Tender submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Scheme for Making of Supplementary Grants for Provision of Houses — Proposed Amendment of Scheme in respect of Limit of Cost or Market Value.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved — That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons for the provision of houses under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, made by the Council on 1st May, 1967, by the substitution of the figure £5,000 in Article 6 of the Scheme in place of the figure of £4,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Sean J. Brady, "Giltspur," New Road, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at New Road, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Richard Doyle, 39, Oldcourt Terrace, Vevay Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Hughes, Mahera-more, Wicklow, had applied for a Loan for the erection of a new house at Three Mile Water and had now indicated that a Loan of £1,500 was sufficient.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Mr. James Hughes, Maherabeg, Wicklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Three Mile Water, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Brian Graham of Newtown, Kiltegan for a loan towards the cost of erecting a new dwellinghouse at Newtown, Kiltegan. Mr. Graham was a National School teacher and had submitted evidence of his intention to marry. The maximum Loan which could be made available subject to the satisfactory certificate of market value from the County Engineer would be £2,265.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan to Brian Graham, Talbotstown, Kiltegan, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Newtown, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Nora McCrea of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 189/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, to James O'Keeffe, Main Street, Baltinglass, for the sum of £1,550, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £516 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of James Heffernan for consent to

the sale of his Vested Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, the County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous meeting as it had been indicated that a local farmer might be interested in purchasing the cottage. A letter had been received from Mr. Heffernan's niece stating that no other offer had been made to Mr. Heffernan for the cottage and that she did not think that anyone else would be interested in it other than Mr. O'Callaghan. She stated that Mr. O'Callaghan would be retiring from his post shortly and would then be living permanently in the cottage. Councillor Whelan stated that he had been informed that a local farmer had written to the Solicitor dealing with the sale of the cottage indicating his interest in purchasing but had not as yet received a reply. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the application for a further month.

The County Secretary stated that at a previous meeting the Council had deferred consideration of the application of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire for consent to the sale of Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford, to Mr. Edward Byrne until Mr. Byrne was married as he had indicated to the Council. The following letter had been received from Messrs. A. Cullen and Son, Solicitors for Mr. Edward Byrne:

Church Street,

Wicklow.

28th May, 1969.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Housing Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Re: Labourer's Act — Vested Cottage at Tiglin.

Personal rep. Williams to Edward Byrne, Bolinass.

Dear Sir,

We refer to our letter of the 11th January last in which we pointed out that our client had furnished to your Council evidence of his intention to be married on the 3rd inst. As you are aware our client is the proposed purchaser of the above property, subject to your Council's consent. We understand that this consent has not been granted and that the matter has been adjourned from time to time and stands adjourned to your meeting in June.

Our client has asked us to point out to you that in furnishing the evidence of his intention to marry it was on the understanding that the Council would give their consent and thus enable him to get house ready for occupation. As the consent was not forthcoming he was unable to get married on the date arranged, but he has asked us to make clear that he does intend getting married, but very naturally wants to know in good time if the cottage will be sold to him so that he can do some repairs and put it in order for occupation. He has also asked us to point out that the other applicant for this cottage is fully aware of our client's intention to be married.

Kindly bring this letter before the next meeting of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Augustus Cullen and Son.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we refuse consent to the sale of cottage at Tiglin, Ashford, to Edward Byrne.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh **Twelve.**

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—**Eight.**

The motion was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to eight votes against.

Item No. 8 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:-
"That Matthew Colly be made Tenant of Cottage he lived his lifetime in at Humphreystown."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from a previous meeting for further consideration. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Manager in committee gave particulars as to reasons why it was not considered desirable that Mr. Colly be made tenant of the cottage which would enable him to purchase the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Mr. Matthew Colly be appointed tenant of cottage No. 53/3 at Baltyboys, Blessington.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan — **Fifteen.**

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple — **Five.**

The Motion was declared passed by fifteen votes in favour to five votes against.

Item No. 10 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-
"That a house be built on a Site at Phelan's, Ballinaclesh, for Richard Kenny."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. Kenny was in need of housing and that both the County Medical Officer and County Engineer had now indicated that the site proposed on the lands of Mr. Phelan at Ballinaclesh was suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That a house be built on a site at Phelan's, Ballinaclesh, for Richard Kenny.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That Patrick Harte be given new house at Dunlavin; he is very badly in need of housing and is recommended by the Councillors for the area."

The County Secretary stated that as had been requested by the Local Electoral Area Committee the County Medical Officer had re-examined the circumstances of Joseph Harte, Church Road, Dunlavin, and of Patrick Martin, Blackrath, in regard to their applications for the tenancy of one of the new houses at Dunlavin, the vacancy for which had arisen by the acceptance of Mr. James Kennedy of Knocknamuck of a vacant cottage at Rathshanmore. The County Medical Officer had again indicated that he considered that the Martin family were the more urgent case in need of rehousing. In reply to a statement that Mr. Martin was residing in Co. Kildare the County Manager stated that the cottage occupied by Mr. Martin bordered Blackrath which was a short distance inside the Kildare border and Mr. Martin had resided there for two and a half years but had previously lived at Oldcourt, Dunlavin. He had to vacate the house at Oldcourt when his uncle, Mr. Joseph Martin, the owner, retired and wished to reside there himself with his family. Mr. Patrick Martin had stated that Kildare County Council had informed him that they would not consider him for rehousing as he was a native of Wicklow and had not the residential qualification in Kildare. Members of the Council having indicated that there were special reasons why in their view Mr. Harte was more in need of housing it was agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to re-examine the applications of Mr. Martin and Mr. Harte.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That permission be granted to Mr. William Molyneux, "Verdella," Church Road, Greystones, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mr. Molyneux for permission for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Rathdown Road, Greystones, had been refused and was at present the subject of an Appeal to the Minister. The grounds on which permission was refused were indicated to the Council and the County Secretary stated that there also had been an objection from a householder in the area that the proposed development would depreciate the value of his property. The Council noted that an Appeal had been made to the Minister in regard to this matter.

Public Access to Beach at Brittas Bay.

Councillor S. Costello inquired as to the present position in relation to the action being taken by the Council to establish the existence of a public right-of-way at Brittas Bay. Councillor Cleary asked as to the position in regard to the access to Clogga Beach, Arklow. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had indicated in February, 1969, that he had issued High Court Summons in both these cases and that there had been delay due to getting particulars of the Title and also the Fiat of the Attorney General. It was not possible to say when the case would actually come on for hearing.

Date of Annual Meeting of Council.

The Council decided to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday, 30th June, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

Hollywood Water Supply.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that plans and specification for Hollywood Water Supply had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval. Councillor Costello asked that the Department be reminded of the urgency of the matter. Councillor G. Timmins inquired if it was the position that sanction was not being given for water supply schemes because the Council had not submitted a priority list in respect of these schemes. The County Secretary stated he was not aware that this was the position.

Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor Miley stated that persons in the Glenmacnass Valley had asked the E.S.B. to provide an electricity service to their houses in association with the extension of the electricity supply to the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply works and had been informed that a supply could not be provided at present to these houses. He asked that representations be made to the E.S.B. in regard to the matter.

Water Supply to Killiskey.

Councillor Hynes asked to be informed as to the present position regarding the provision of a water supply to Killiskey.

Cleaning of Streets in Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that he wished on behalf of the people of Rathnew to congratulate the County Engineer and his road staff for the manner in which the streets in Rathnew had been cleaned in preparation for the previous day's Procession and in particular for removing an old mixer.

Notices of Motion.

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

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John J. Bourke as follows:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Newcastle, to erect a bungalow on her land at Newcastle."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That an Engineer's report be furnished on the condition of 'Reilly's Bridge' at Killaveney on the main Tinahely/Aughrim Road."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."

In the name of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkenedy, and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public Car Park."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That the Council give a report if it has agreed to the site offered to build a house as already agreed for Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Tinahely."

AGENDA:

Redwood Water Supply

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that plans had been submitted for Redwood Water Supply by the Department of Local Government for approval. Councillor Costello asked that the Department be reminded of the urgency of the matter. Councillor G. Timmins inquired if it was the position that sanction was not being given for water supply scheme because the Council had not submitted a priority list in respect of these schemes. The County Secretary stated he was not aware that this was the position.

Laragh/Annamore Water Supply Scheme

Councillor Miley stated that persons in the O'Sullivan's Valley had asked the E.S.B. to provide an electricity service to their homes in association with the extension of the electricity supply to the Laragh/Annamore Water Supply works and had been informed that a supply could not be provided at present to these houses. He asked that representations be made to the E.S.B. in regard to the matter. Water Supply to Killybeg.

Councillor Hynes asked to be informed as to the present position regarding the provision of a water supply to Killybeg.

Closing of Streets in Rathnew

Councillor F. Hynes stated that he called on behalf of the County of Rathnew to congratulate the County Engineer and his staff for the manner in which the Streets in Rathnew had been prepared for the previous day's Procession and in connection with removing an old marker.

Notices of Motion

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

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John J. Bourke as follows:—
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In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That an Engineer report be furnished on the condition of the 'Bally's Bridge' at Killybeg on the main Tipperary Avenue."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."

In the name of Councillors J. Bourke and J. Gregory: "That the question of the proposed Park at Kilmacolligan, Newtown, north of Kilmacolligan, and the proposed rail between the Park and the Council House be referred to the Committee of Inquiry."

In the name of Councillor Costello: "That the Council take immediate action in the acquisition of land at Ballybeg for use as a public Car Park."

In the name of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Kearney: "That the Council give a report if it has agreed to the site offer to build a house as already agreed for Patrick O'Rourke, Millan, Tineally."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th June, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John J. Bourke as follows:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Newcastle, to erect a bungalow on her land at Newcastle."
2. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th September, 1969.
3. Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, for closing of roads at Ballyduff, Trooperstown, north of Clara Village and Glenealy, on Saturday, 28th June, 1969, for purpose of Annual Motor Trial.
4. Application for closing of road from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 12th July, in connection with Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake.
5. Application from Blessington Development Association for permission to use loudspeaker during month of July in connection with Marquee Dancing.
6. To fill vacancy on Wicklow County Council and vacancies on Vocational Education Committee and Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. James J. McCrea.
7. Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel—Application for revised rates of remuneration.
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- of the conference between the Council's Officers, and the Contractor and his Solicitor as requested by the Council at Meeting held on 9th June, 1969.
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 11. Extension of Baltinglass Water Supply to Bawnogue—Report of County Engineer.
 12. Re-laying of watermain at Kilcoole—Report of County Engineer.
 13. Public Lighting at Blessington, Annacurra, Brittas Bay, Rathdrum and Baltinglass.
 14. Letter from Arklow and District Trades Council in regard to public access to Clogga Beach, Arklow.
 15. Easing of corner at Knockroe—Report of County Engineer.
 16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"That this Council put a path at cottages at Lower Windgates to afford protection for the tenants going to and from bus stops."
 17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council approach Mr. Charles Byrne, Ballyknockin, Glenealy, with a view to buying a part of his land to use as a dump."
 18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
 19. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:—"That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew; (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
 20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:—"That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
 21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:—"That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
 22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:—"That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."
 23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—(a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
 24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickwords, Rathnew."
 25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."

26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council do something about widening the road at The Mall, Wicklow."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—"That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That where Planning Notices are inserted in the Press in the Irish language, that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:—"That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land, being portion of garden of their property."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:—"That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
36. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:—(a) "That the banks of soil on both sides of the street in Carnew known as Mill Lane be removed so as to improve the entrance to the town." (b) "That the unsightly bank on the road at School Height on the road to Gorey be removed."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That in view of recent near accidents, the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
38. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:—(a) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waitingroom in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."
39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the Council provide a Sewerage Scheme for the 18 County Council cottages at Ballynerrin by means of an extension to the Urban Council Scheme and that permission be requested from the Wicklow Urban District Council for a connection to their sewer."

40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and John Sweeney:—"That where a student qualifies for a University Grant and wishes to attend a College of Technology to take a technical course that they be paid the University Grant."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:—"That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of schoolchildren."
42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south-eastern road of Ireland."
43. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:—"That Tomnafinogue Lane be done under the Local Improvements Scheme."
44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:—"That a report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme Fund and the balance for the year 1968/69 and the allocation for 1969/70. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year 1969/70?"
45. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:—"That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the road from Rustygap to Kilcarra."
46. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:—"That this Council build a Doctor's Residence in Rathdrum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."
47. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That an Engineer's Report be furnished re: Condition of 'Reilly's Bridge' at Killaveney on the main Tinahely/Aughrim Road."
48. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."
49. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:—"That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."
50. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
51. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council pay Mr. Ellis his due increase in wages as put before the County Manager by the Trade Union."
52. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention (to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John J. Bourke as follows: "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Newcastle to Erect a Bungalow on Her Land at Newcastle."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Newcastle, to erect a bungalow on her land at Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for permission for the erection of a bungalow on her land at Newcastle received from Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Newcastle, had been refused on the 6th June, 1969. The County Medical Officer and County Engineer had recommended refusal as the area of the site was less than half an acre which was the minimum area required in the interests of public health when drainage was by way of septic tank. It was pointed out also that the existing house adjoining the site which was occupied by the applicant was without drainage services, and if it should be desired in the future to instal a septic tank to serve this house the combined areas of the two sites would be totally inadequate for the provision of two septic tanks. Councillor Hynes pointed out that the area of the site for the proposed new house was slightly more than half an acre and drew attention to the fact that the Department of Local Government in Regulations in relation to septic tanks had indicated that a site of a quarter acre was adequate. As regards the applicant's own house, any question of providing drainage services for that house should be dealt with as a separate matter if and when it arose. The proposal was declared "passed unanimously." Councillor J. Miley asked that a copy of the Department's Regulations in regard to provision of septic tanks be circulated to the Members of the Council and that the Council consider at the next Housing Meeting of the Council approving of payment of Supplementary Grants for sanitary facilities in all cases where such Grants had been given by the Department of Local Government.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS.

With the approval of the Council, the Council considered Item No. 40 on the Agenda as being a matter of urgency.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That Higher Education Scholarship Grants be made available for students attending courses at schools of Technology. Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that many students who qualified at the Leaving Certificate Examination for Higher Education Grants did not wish to proceed to University Degrees, but wished to follow other courses such as those for Physical Training, Laboratory Technicians, Business Administration and other courses provided by the Colleges of Technology at Kevin Street or Bolton Street in Dublin. The County Secretary gave details to the Council of the non-University Courses which had been accepted by the Department of Education for inclusion in the Higher Education Grants Scheme, but these did not include the Courses mentioned by Councillor Miss Walsh. The Council asked that the views of the Council as expressed in the Resolution be conveyed to the Department with a request that the Courses referred to be approved in respect of the current year's Scheme.

AMENITY SCHEME AT KNOCKANANNA.

With the agreement of the Council the Council considered as a matter of urgency at the request of Councillor Whelan the proceeding with Amenity Scheme at Knockananna. Councillor Whelan stated that a scheme for improvements at Knockananna had been prepared, but provision had not been made in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work and as it was desired to have the Scheme carried out if at all possible prior to the Tidy Towns' Competition in the present year he asked that the Council agree to provide the necessary monies.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of improvements at Knockananna.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1969, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, for Closing of Roads at Ballyduff, Trooperstown, North of Clara Village and Glenealy, on Saturday, 28th June, 1969, for Purpose of Annual Motor Trial.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had in-

dictated that there was no objection to the proposed closing of the roads as sought by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., apart from the cul-de-sac road leading to the entrance to Trooperstown Forest. He pointed out that this was a very narrow little road and it was difficult to see how the local people there could get out if they so desired as it was a cul-de-sac road and they had no other entrance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—Provided that no objections are received within the prescribed time we hereby approve of closing to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, June 28th, 1969, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and authorise the holding of tests in connection with the Annual Motor Trial of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, on the roads while so closed to public traffic subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, indemnify the Council against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads.
2. That the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, repair any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council or recoup to the Council the cost of such repairs.
3. That adequate notices be provided by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Limited, in relation to the closing of the roads and necessary diversions of traffic in order to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations, 1961.
1. County Road No. 51 from Y junction at Trudder to Ballyduff Crossroads.
2. From Crossroads on Trooperstown Hill to Crossroads below Trooperstown School.
3. Road from South East side of Bookey's Bridge to Crossroads North of Clara Village.
4. From three roads at Drumdangan North to Railway Bridge to to Sleangloagh—Aghowle Crossroads.

Passed unanimously as amended.

Item No. 4—Application For Closing of Road from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, from 12 Noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 12th July, in Connection With Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic the road from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 12th July, 1969, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 8 p.m. for the purpose of the holding of Rowing Championships of Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake, subject to the following conditions:—

- That the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Committee (a) indemnify the Council against all claims and damages arising from the the Regatta; (b) Repair any damage to Council property to

the satisfaction of the Council or recoup to the Council the cost of such repairs, and (c) provide adequate notices in regard to the closing of the road and necessary diversions of traffic in order to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations, 1961.
Passed. unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application from Blessington Development Association for Permission to Use Loudspeaker During Month of July in Connection with Marquee Dancing.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a permit to the Blessington Development Association for the use of a loudspeaker on a car within a radius of 30 miles from Blessington during the period 1st July to 20th July in connection with Marquee Dancing at Blessington.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—To Fill Vacancy on Wicklow County Council and Vacancies on Vocational Education Committee and Committee of Agriculture Caused by the Death of Mr. James J. McCrea.

It was
Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Resolved—That the vacancy on Wicklow County Council caused by the death of Mr. J. J. McCrea be filled by Mr. Kevin Ryan, Hilltop Gardens, Tomacork, Carnew.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that he had received from Mr. Kevin Ryan an indication that he was prepared to accept appointment as a Member of the Council.

The Council considered the filling of the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee and the County Secretary in reply to queries stated that the Council was entitled to appoint not less than five nor more than eight members of the Council as members of the Committee. When the Committee was last constituted there were eight members of the Council appointed and due to the death of Councillor McCrea there still remained seven members as members of the Committee. Proposals to appoint Miss Nancy O'Neill and to appoint Councillor Frank Hynes were made and a proposal also by Councillor Costello that the matter be deferred and that parents of pupils at Carnew Vocational School be asked for a recommendation was also made. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the late Councillor McCrea had been primarily responsible for having a Vocational School established in Carnew and urged that the Council agree to appoint some person from that area to represent the interests of the school on the Committee.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;
Resolved—That views of local associations in Carnew be obtained and

that they be asked to recommend a person to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee.
Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the following Associations in Carnew be asked to meet jointly and to submit an agreed recommendation:—

- The Parent/Teacher Association attached to Carnew Vocational School.
- The Carnew Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association.
- The Carnew Development Association.

The Council proceeded to consider the filling of vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture. The following letter received from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association was submitted:—

**NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION
Wicklow County Executive.**

The Secretary, 9th May, 1969.
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

The combined County Executives of the National Farmers' Association, the Leinster Milk Producers and Macra Na Feirme wish to nominate a person whom the County Council might consider to fill any vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture. He is Mr. Harry Meredith of Ballymoate, Glenealy.

Not only is Mr. Meredith a farmer of first-rate repute, but he has already served on this Committee and his record of service to the agricultural community right down the years could scarcely be matched.

I trust that the Council will give this application their close attention, and I am

Yours truly,
JAMES J. NOLAN,
Hon. Secretary.

It was
Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;
Resolved—That the vacancy on Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. J. J. McCrea be filled by Mr. Harry Meredith, Ballymoate, Glenealy.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Resolved—That the vacancy on Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture be filled by Mr. Patrick Healy of Ballycreen.

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

FOR MR. MEREDITH: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

FOR MR. P. HEALY: Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—NINE.

Mr. Harry Meredith, Ballymoate, Glenealy, was declared appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture by ten votes in his favour to nine votes for Mr. Healy.

Item No. 7—Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel—Application for Revised Rates of Remuneration.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for revision of the rates of remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel consequent on increases in the rates of remuneration of Fitters which had been applied from 6th January, 1969, and from 7th July, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of revised rates of remuneration for Fire Brigade personnel consequent on increases in the rates of remuneration of Fitters with effect from 6th January, 1969, and 7th July, 1969, and hereby authorise expenditure of £800 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalure—To Receive Representatives of National Monuments Advisory Committee in Regard to their Report.

The County Secretary submitted the following Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee in regard to Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalure:—

MEETING OF CO. WICKLOW NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE DRUMGOFF BARRACKS, GLENMALURE.

As requested by the Council members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee met at the former Barracks at Drumgoff, Glenmalure, on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1969, and carried out an inspection of the structure. The following members attended:—Councillor M. J. O'Neill, Comdt. M. J. Kavanagh, Mr. B. O'Riordan and M. Yann Renard-Goulet, together with the County Secretary. Having inspected the structure and the site on which it is located, the members considered a proposal that the former barracks be taken over by the Council as a national monument and maintained by the Council.

Comdt. M. Kavanagh stated that the owner of the premises and site, Col. R. G. Lomer, had agreed to transfer the holding on which the former barracks was sited and which contained 2 acres, 1 rood, 15 perches to Comdt. Kavanagh as a representative of the 1798 Memorial Committee. A legal Transfer of the site had not yet been completed and Comdt. Kavanagh urged that the Council agree to accept the site and the structure and that the Transfer be made directly from Col. Lomer to the Council.

The members of the Committee agreed that the structure was in a dangerous condition and the cost of restoration would be extremely high. The members felt, however, that it would be desirable to maintain the facade of the building if at all possible as it was of historic interest and was a prominent feature in Glenmalure. Members of the Committee also expressed the view that the structure, even if maintained only in its present condition, would be an attraction to tourists having regard to its associations with Michael Dwyer.

The County Secretary stated that before the Council could decide on the proposal to accept the site and structure the Council would need to be advised as to the likely cost of maintaining the buildings in their present condition and rendering them safe so that there would be no danger to persons visiting the site. If the Council were to take over the building they would be accepting a liability to ensure that they were not a danger to any persons who might enter on the site.

When inspecting the site it was noted that there was a sandpit adjoining a boundary wall of the site and that if this pit were extended there was a likelihood of undermining the wall and causing it to collapse. Comdt. Kavanagh stated that he had been informed by Col. Lomer that a Mr. Miley had been operating this sandpit, but that the land was in the ownership of Col. Lomer and that Mr. Miley had no authority to enter on it or to use the sandpit. The County Secretary pointed out that if the Council, having considered technical advice on the matter of the cost of maintaining the building, were to agree to accept the building and site as a national monument and maintain the facade, before doing so the Council would expect that Col. Lomer would take the necessary steps to ensure that the sandpit was not developed so as to endanger any part of the structure or boundary walls.

Comdt. Kavanagh addressed the Council and submitted particulars of correspondence with Col. Lomer leading up to the offer made by Col. Lomer to hand over the Barracks and the area surrounding it to the 1798 Memorial Committee, and urged that the Council take over the Barracks and arrange with the Office of Public Works to maintain it as a national monument. Comdt. Kavanagh also pointed out that the preservation of the facade of the Barracks would be a considerable tourist attraction in Glenmalure as well as being of historical interest.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered the Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, the County Engineer be asked to inspect Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalure, and submit a report on the condition of the buildings and an estimate of the cost of maintaining the buildings in their present condition and rendering them safe.
Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the Board of Works be again requested to take over Drumgoff Barracks as a National Monument and that Bord Fáilte also be approached with a view to ascertaining if the Bord would assist in maintaining the structure in the interests of tourism.

HOUSING SCHEME AT KILGARRON, ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Council a meeting had been held between the Council's Officers, including the Council's Solicitor, and the Contractor and his Solicitor, on Friday, 13th June, 1969. It had not been possible, however, to reach any agreement in relation to the claim by the Contractor. Councillor Costello, supported by Councillor Burke, urged that a Public Inquiry be sought. Councillor Costello having referred to defects in the houses, Councillor Hynes stated that he had examined the houses as had also Councillor Keenan, and that they had agreed that the standard of the houses was well ahead of the price being paid and that houses costing very much more were no better finished. Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Hynes, urged that a suitably qualified person be appointed to arbitrate in the matter. Mr. W. Eager, Contractor, who was present at the Meeting, claimed that over £6,000 was due to him on other Contracts and if he received payment he was prepared to go back and complete the work at Kilgarron. In reply to an inquiry the County Manager stated that the holding of any Public Inquiry would not preclude legal action and, in fact, could not take place if legal action was initiated. It was agreed on the recommendation of the Chairman, that the Contractor and the Council each appoint a suitably qualified person to arbitrate in the matter and that the two Arbitrators appoint an umpire to decide between them in the event of disagreement. The Contractor on being asked by the Chairman if he would be agreeable to this proposal stated that he would require time to consider it.

The Meeting then adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—(1) "That this Council acquire a strip of land (10' wide) from the owners of "Rockbrae" (at present leased to the Department of Defence), Bray, to join the footpath in Charnwood Estate to the footpath in Church Road." (2) "That this Council make a grant of £10 towards the expense of hiring films and other work carried out by the Bray Area Road Safety Committee under Section 120 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council ask Wicklow Urban Council to extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on 23rd June, 1969, for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft County Development Plan and approval of the Plan.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and K. Ryan.
The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Council's Solicitor were present.

A number of persons, some carrying placards relating to the Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, were present in the Council Chamber.

Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

The Chairman having indicated the purpose of the Meeting Councillor Costello asked if a report could be given as to the present position in regard to the houses at Enniskerry. He inquired as to the result of the decision at a previous Meeting of the Council and also referred to deposits having been made by applicants for purchase scheme houses and urged that interest should be paid by the Council on the monies lodged by the applicants. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Manager stated that the matter of payment of interest would be examined. He pointed out that it would be necessary to inquire into the authority of the Council to make such payments. The Council's Solicitor, who was present at the meeting, stated that he would need to know the full facts of the matter before he could give an opinion.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Cosello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the Council pay normal interest rate on money deposited by applicants from the date on which the houses were required to be completed under the terms of the Contract and that Senior Counsel's Opinion be sought as to (a) whether the applicants are entitled to compensation and (b) as to whether the applicants are entitled to damages for breach of contract.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had been in touch with the Solicitor for the Builder and that the latter had

agreed that arbitration would be acceptable for determining the question of the measurement of the work done and monies due on the basis of work carried out but considered that an Arbitrator could not deal with the other points in dispute, such as the interpretation of the Contract and the Tender. Councillor Costello expressed dissatisfaction with the reply and stated that he thought that a Public Inquiry should be sought. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that it was essential that Mr. P. J. Birmingham, who had been Architect to the Council, should attend to meet the County Engineer with a view to seeing if the difficulties could be overcome.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That Mr. Bermingham, Architect, be requested by the Minister to attend to meet the County Engineer with a view to resolving the difficulties in relation to Mr. Eager's Contracts with the Council. Passed.

Councillor Costello again expressed dissatisfaction at the position and stated that the houses were deteriorating and that there was no watchman on the site. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, was proceeding to speak on the matter when he was interrupted by a member of the public. The Chairman warned the interrupters that if they did not keep silent he would have to adjourn the meeting. As members of the public continued to interrupt and refused to keep silent the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned and the members of the Council and officials left the Chamber.

The members of the public who had attended the meeting remained in the Council Chamber for some time and then left.

In the name of Councilman F. Hyman, at this Councilman
New Urban Council to extend their Home Collection Service
to the Ballinacraig and that this Councilman should be responsible

Seconded by Councillor A. Torgler

Resolved—That the Council pay general interest rate on money deposited by applicants from the date at which the moneys were received to be completed under the terms of the Contract; and that the Council's Counselor of Opinion be advised as to whether the applicants are entitled to compensation and (c) as to whether the applicants are entitled to damages for breach of contract.

WICKLOW COUNTY'S COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Washington County Council was held at the County Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, on Monday, 26th June, 1962, at 10.0 a.m.

The following Members sit at the Board:
Councillor Mr J. Byrne.
Councillors William C. Black, J. Keenan, John Swaine, Miss Mary Walsh, James O'Neil, Miss Josephine James, Mrs M. J. McNeill, A. Threlkeld, F.D., David Byrne, P. Donohue, Mrs. Mary Ledwith, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Burke, P. Ryan, Roger Jones, Paul S. Duggan, Gregory and E. Ryan.
(Grand Jury, Carr County, England and South Ireland, Glasgow)

Agreed that arbitration would be acceptable for determining the sign of the measurement of the work done and money due on basis of work carried out but considered that an Arbitrator could deal with the other points in dispute, such as the interpretation of the Contract and the Tender. Councillor Costello expressed dissatisfaction with the reply and stated that he thought that a Public Inquiry should be sought. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view it was essential that Mr. P. J. Birmingham, who had been Architect to the Council, should attend to meet the County Engineer with a view to seeing if the difficulties could be overcome.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That Mr. Birmingham, Architect, be requested by the Council to attend to meet the County Engineer with a view to resolving the difficulties in relation to Mr. Egan's Contracts with the Council. Passed.

Councillor Costello again expressed dissatisfaction at the position and stated that the houses were deteriorating and that there was a watchman on the site. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, was asked to speak on the matter when he was interrupted by a member of the public. The Chairman warned the interrupter that he did not keep silent he would have to adjourn the meeting. As members of the public continued to interrupt and refused to leave the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned and the members of the Council and officials left the Chamber.

The members of the public who had attended the meeting remained in the Council Chamber for some time when the meeting

to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 30th June, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and K. Ryan.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
4. Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.
5. Appointment of Members on National Monument Advisory Committee.
6. Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital and arrangement for visits.
7. To consider objections received to Draft County Development Plan and adoption of Plan.
8. Tenders for erection of Houses at Greystones—to consider Report of County Engineer on examination of Tenders.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That Councillor Miss Mary Walsh be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as her successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Councillor James Whelan be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

There being no other proposals the question as to whether Councillor

to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

For Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan — Eleven.

For Councillor James Whelan: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan — Ten.

Councillor Miss Mary Walsh was declared elected as Chairman of the Council by eleven votes in her favour to ten votes for Councillor Whelan.

Before leaving the chair Councillor H. J. Byrne, who had indicated that he was not seeking re-election as Chairman, expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council for all the courtesy and help he had experienced from them over the years. He also thanked the County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and other Officers of the Council for their help. Tributes to the outgoing Chairman on his long and valued service to the Council and in public life were paid by Members of the Council. Councillor Miss Walsh on taking the chair expressed thanks for her election as Chairman and assured the Members that she would endeavour to uphold the high standard which had been set by previous Chairmen of the Council.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That Councillor Frank Hynes be elected as Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That Councillor James Whelan be elected as Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

As there were no other proposals the question as to whether Councillor Hynes or Councillor Whelan be elected Vice-Chairman was put to the Council. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

For Councillor Hynes: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan — Eleven.

For Councillor Whelan: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan — Ten.

Councillor F. Hynes was elected Vice-Chairman by eleven votes in his favour to ten votes for Councillor Whelan.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The County Secretary stated that the Chairman of the Council together with seven Members of the Council represented the County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Burial Board. The following seven Members had been appointed at the previous Meeting: Councillors, J. Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint the following Councillors to represent with the Chairman Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:— Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple complained that he had not received notices in respect of all the meetings of the Burial Board and he also drew attention to the meetings being held at what he considered to be inconvenient times. He inquired whether arrangements could be made to have quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings and also asked if the hour of meeting could be changed preferably to an earlier hour. It was agreed that the Clerk to the Burial Board be informed of the comments made by Councillor Temple and that the Board be asked to consider a change in the times of meetings.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent the Council on the General Council of County Councils:— Councillors S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss M. Walsh.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby reappoint the following persons to form the local Advisory Committee under Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930:— Councillors R. Miley and M. J. O'Neill, M. Yann Renard-Goulet, Comdt. Matthew Kavanagh and Mr. B. Riordan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital and Arrangements for Visits.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed that the Visiting Committee for Newcastle Mental Hospital be formed of all the Members of the Council divided into three equal groups of seven Members each who would attend and act as Visiting Committee in rota-

tion. The Council approved of continuing the existing arrangement and

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint the following Members of the Council to act as Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital in the following groups, each group to act as the Visiting Committee monthly in rotation.

Group 1: Councillors J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Whelan.

Group 2: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, K. Ryan, M. J. O'Neill, J. Whelan.

Group 3: Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh.

Item No. 7—To consider Objections received to Draft County Development Plan and Adoption of Plan.

The County Secretary stated that as it had not been possible to proceed with the consideration of objections made to the Draft County Development Plan at the Special Meeting which had been arranged for the 23rd June, 1969, it would be necessary for the Council to seek a further extension of time to enable the Members to complete the consideration of the objections and the adoption of the Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That in order to allow reasonable time for the completion of consideration of objections made to the Draft County Development Plan we request the Minister for Local Government to allow a further period to 31st December, 1969, for the making of a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Tenders for Erection of Houses at Greystones—To consider Report of County Engineer on Examination of Tenders.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted to the Council:—

County Engineer's Office.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

12th June, 1969.

County Secretary.

Re: Erection of 29 Houses at Greystones.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 20th ultimo.

I have examined the Tenders received, and I recommend that the tender of Seamus Gavigan Ltd., Killiney Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin, be accepted in the sum of £92,760 0 0.

I have investigated the organisation this man has at his disposal to carry out this Contract, the schemes he has already carried out, and from the recommendations I have got from the Architects and En-

gineers under whose supervision he carried out the work, I am satisfied he is competent to carry out this Contract in an efficient and expeditious manner. He has furnished me with details of the schemes he has carried out and has stated he could start immediately on the contract, upon receipt of instructions, and that he is most anxious to commence work as early as possible.

His tender is not the lowest received. I am satisfied, however, that his price is reasonable, and that the two lower tenderers would not be capable of carrying out the work efficiently and in accordance with the Specifications at the price they quoted. Apart from this fact, I am satisfied from experience of the Contracts they are engaged on by the Council, that they have not organisation to complete the contract in a satisfactory manner in a reasonable time.

Tenders returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Tenders received in response to public advertisement had been as follows:—

	Amount of Tender	Period for Completion
J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle.	£81,859 10 0	30 months
Wm. Eager, Trudder, Newtown- mountkennedy	£86,347 0 0	—
Seamus Gavigan Ltd., Killiney Rd., Killiney	£92,760 0 0	12 months
Seamus O'Connor & Sons, 3 Granville Crescent, Johnstown, Dun Laoghaire	£95,480 0 0	11 months

The County Manager stated that on the basis of the Tender recommended for acceptance the cost of the single storey Council house for letting was £2,800 and the cost of the two storey house was £3,080. The single storey house had a floor area of 707 sq. feet and the two storey house a floor area of 825 sq. feet. The cost per sq. foot for the single storey was £4 1 6 and the two storey £3 14 6. The economic rent of the single storey houses was £5. 9. 4. and of the two storey houses £5. 16. 8d. Of the nine purchase type houses the five single storey houses, which contained 777 sq. feet each, would cost £3,320 at £4. 5. 5. per sq. foot and the four two storey houses of 981 sq. feet would cost £3,897 or £3. 19. 3. per sq. foot. He desired to draw the attention of Members to the fact that the cost of the house would be very much higher than those previously built and that in consequence rents would have to be increased and in the case of the purchase type houses the repayment annuity would be equivalent to about £5 per week.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer dated 12th June, 1969, on his examination of the Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of 29 houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, we approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of

the Tender of Seamus Gavigan, Ltd., Killiney Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £92,760.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, K. Ryan — Twelve.

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney — Eight.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to eight votes against.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor E. E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and relatives of the late Sean Dunne, T.D., who had been a Member of Wicklow County Council for some years. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello as to the latest position in relation to the Kilgarron Housing Scheme the County Secretary stated that on the advice of the Council's Solicitor the County Engineer had addressed a letter to the Contractor requiring him to resume work immediately on the housing sites and pointing out that from the date from which work had ceased the sites had been unattended and without a night watchman and there was obvious grave danger of malicious damage. It was also indicated that there had been protests regarding the delay in completing the houses. The Contractor was informed that it was necessary that he re-commence the work immediately and notice was given that if he did not do so the Council would have no alternative but to enter into possession and complete the Contract due to his failure to do so. The Contractor was asked to indicate if he was prepared to resume work immediately and to let the County Engineer have a reply within a week and to treat the letter as extremely urgent. A reply had not yet been received from the Contractor or his Solicitor.

In regard to the matter of deposits paid by applicants for purchase scheme houses the County Secretary stated that as required by the Council the Council's Solicitor had sought the Opinion of Senior Counsel but this Opinion had not yet been received. It was expected that the Opinion of Counsel would be available for the next Meeting. The Council noted the position in the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on Monday, 30th June, 1969, at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Wicklow Town Hall, Wicklow. The Council was presided over by the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Keenan, and the Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The following Members were present: Mr. J. J. Keenan, Mr. J. Bourke, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. H. J. Byrne, Mr. S. Costello, Mr. M. Deering, Mr. F. Hynes, Mr. T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mr. G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. K. Ryan, Mr. W. Cleary, Mr. J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Mr. J. Miley, Mr. R. Miley, Mr. M. J. O'Neill, Mr. B. Phelan, Mr. J. Sweeney. The following Members were absent: Mr. J. J. Keenan, Mr. J. Bourke, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. H. J. Byrne, Mr. S. Costello, Mr. M. Deering, Mr. F. Hynes, Mr. T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mr. G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. K. Ryan, Mr. W. Cleary, Mr. J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Mr. J. Miley, Mr. R. Miley, Mr. M. J. O'Neill, Mr. B. Phelan, Mr. J. Sweeney.

Special Meeting for the Purpose of Meeting the Public at the Town Hall, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, That the Council do hereby resolve to grant a grant of £100 to the Wicklow County Council for the purpose of meeting the Public at the Town Hall, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, That the Council do hereby resolve to grant a grant of £100 to the Wicklow County Council for the purpose of meeting the Public at the Town Hall, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, That the Council do hereby resolve to grant a grant of £100 to the Wicklow County Council for the purpose of meeting the Public at the Town Hall, Wicklow.

The Public Meeting was held on Monday, 30th June, 1969, at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Wicklow Town Hall, Wicklow. The Council was presided over by the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Keenan, and the Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Tenor of Seamus Gavigan, Ltd., Killarney Road, Killiney, Co. Dub. 152, in the sum of £22,700.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Dearing, P. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, K. Ryan - Eight.

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, E. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Phelan, J. Sweeney - Eight.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour and eight votes against.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor E. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and relatives of the late Seamus Gavigan, T.D., who had been a Member of Wicklow County Council for some years. The County Manager asked that he and the members of staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Kilgarren Housing Scheme.

It was to inquire from Councillor Costello as to the progress made in relation to the Kilgarren Housing Scheme. The Council stated that on the advice of the Council's Solicitor the Council had addressed a letter to the Contractor requiring him to complete immediately on the housing sites and pointing out that from the time from which work had ceased the sites had been unoccupied and in a state of disrepair and there was a serious danger of damage. It was also indicated that there had been considerable delay in completing the houses. The Contractor was asked that it was necessary that he re-commence the work immediately and notice was given that if he did not do so the Council would have no alternative but to enter into possession and complete the houses due to his failure to do so. The Contractor was asked to advise if he was prepared to resume work immediately and to let the County Engineer have a reply within a week and to treat the matter as extremely urgent. A reply had not yet been received from the Contractor or his Solicitor.

In regard to the matter of deferring applications for purchase of houses the County Secretary stated that as required by the Council the Council's Solicitor had given the Opinion of Senior Counsel but this Opinion had not yet been received. It was expected that the Opinion of Counsel would be received for the next Meeting. The Council noted the position in the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of making the Rate for the year 1969/70 was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th July, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. Following the termination of the Special Meeting a Meeting of the Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Jas. Whelan, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Henry J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and K. Ryan. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, J. Flood, A/Chief Assistant County Engineer, and J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Special Meeting for the Purpose of Making the Rate for the Year 1969/70.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That we hereby allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1970, as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Allowance of Rates in the Rate Books and to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1970. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1970, as follows:—

ARKLOW	£32,314.	2.	0.
BRAY	£119,278.	12.	10.
WICKLOW	£25,462.	19.	3.

Passed unanimously.

The Rate Books were signed by the Chairman, three Members of the Council and the Secretary and the Seal of the Council was affixed to each Rate Book. The Demands on the Urban District Councils were also sealed and signed as were the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1970.

Meeting of the Council to Deal With Housing Matters, etc.

AGENDA

1. County Development Plan — To fix date for meeting to consider objections received and adoption of Plan.
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants for provision of houses.
3. Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.
4. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
5. Applications for consent to sub-division of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Blessington.
6. Housing Schemes at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy.
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:— "That this Council waive their portion of the price received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage."
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a Supplementary Grant for a new house be paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:— "That the Council make arrangements to build a house for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, whose present house is a danger to the health of his family."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That this Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington for Council houses."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council make a survey of all the small families in this County in urgent need of housing and where those families cannot be housed at a reasonable period of time that this Council provide those families with caravans or prefab buildings as temporary accommodation."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That Supplementary Grants be given where houses have been converted into flats as are given by the State and that existing regulations be amended accordingly."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That repairs to the following houses for which estimates have been approved some months ago be carried out immediately:— (a) Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum; (b) John Dunbar, Ballygriffin, Arklow; (c) John Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council employ a Consultant Architect to draw up plans for the building of Council cottages in Ashford and to lay out sites for people who want to build private houses on the Council's site in Ashford."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That this Council take the necessary steps to provide a water and sewerage system for its cottages at Ballynerrin."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a water and sewerage main for the people in Ballynerrin and Marlton Road, Wicklow."

16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That in future when the tenancy of a cottage is vacated, the Council will immediately carry out the necessary repairs before advertising for re-letting of tenancy."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council make a survey of all houses occupied which are unfit for human habitation and the Council carry out essential repairs under Section 23 of the 1966 Housing Act in order to prolong the life of such houses."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That the watermain be extended to the houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
19. Cottages repaired during month of June, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of July, 1969.

At the commencement of the Meeting Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, again thanked the Members of the Council for electing her to the chair and thanked her proposer and seconder. She stated that she accepted that members of the public were entitled to be present at meetings of the Council but pointed out that some things must be dealt with in committee and that while she would heartily welcome any person or group of persons wishing to be present at the meeting of the Council only the elected Members of the Council were entitled to speak at meetings except with the permission of the Chairman. She stated she would carry out the functions of the office of Chairman in the best interests of the people of the County and asked for the co-operation of Members in dealing with the business of the Council expeditiously.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she had received a letter from Mrs. Germaine Byrne, wife of the retiring Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, thanking the lady members of the Council for their presentation to her in conjunction with the presentation made by the Members of the Council to Councillor Byrne.

Item No. 1 — County Development Plan — To Fix Date for Meeting to Consider Objections Received and Adoption of Plan.

The Council agreed to hold a special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft County Development Plan and adoption of the Plan on 21st July, 1969.

Item No. 2 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for Provision of Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to John Winterbotham, Garnagowlan, Avoca, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Garnagowlan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John J. Lawless, Annagowlan, Ashford, had applied for a Loan of £400 towards the cost of purchase of a vested cottage at Tiglin, Ashford, and the application of the owner for consent to the sale to Mr. Lawless was included under Item No. 4 on the Agenda. Having approved of consent being given to the sale:

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £400 to John Lawless towards the cost of purchase of dwellinghouse at Tiglin, Ashford, (Vested Cottage 11/8), subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Thomas Ward, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballinabarney, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Council considered again the application of Mr. Thomas Hefernan for consent to the sale of his interest in Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, 68, Merrion Square, Dublin, 2, which had been deferred from a previous meeting. The County Secretary stated that on inquiry from the firm of Solicitors who had been dealing with the matter that morning it had been indicated that no person in the district had made any offer to purchase this cottage. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that he was prepared to offer £200 for the cottage and the Council decided to defer the matter so as to enable Councillor Phelan to make his offer to the tenant-purchaser of the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Charlotte Maguire, Administratrix of the Estate of the late William Williams, of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford, to Mr. John J. Lawless for the sum of £550 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £183. 6. 8., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Thomas Moran of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 70/4 at Blacklion to Eamonn Goff for the sum of £2,000, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £433. 6. 8., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Application for Consent to Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Mrs. Teresa Doyle, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Blessington, for permission to sub-divide the cottage plot and sell portion thereof to Mr. Patrick Haughian of Blessington. The sale price was stated to be £100. The County Engineer had been asked

to submit an estimate of the market value of the plot and it was understood that Mr. Haughian was a collector for Mater Hospital Pools, that his income was £1,000 per annum approximately, that he was married and lived at 3, Highfield Park, Dundrum. In reply to inquiries from Members as to whether they could waive any payment which could be claimed by the Council in respect of the sub-division of the plot the County Secretary stated that the Council was obliged in such cases to require the redemption of the annuity on the portion of the plot being sold and to obtain a payment of the appropriate amount based on the present value of the plot. Members of the Council having indicated that they were of opinion that the Council should not seek any payment in view of the circumstances of Mrs. Teresa Doyle:

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Teresa Doyle of her interest in portion of Vested Cottage Plot No. 38/3 at Oldcourt to Patrick Haughian for the sum of £100 free of any payment to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister would have to be obtained to the Council's Resolution.

Item No. 6 — Housing Schemes at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that as the Council had been informed at the previous Meeting the County Engineer on the advice of the Council's Solicitor had served a notice on the Contractor requiring him to resume work on the Housing Schemes for which he was the Contractor. A reply had been received from the Solicitor for the Contractor stating that without prejudice to his rights his client would resume work as required by the County Engineer's letter of 25th June. The Solicitor for the Contractor went on to say that at the same time he was issuing Proceedings against the Council for the amount due to his client and he claimed that it was the failure of the Council to pay the amounts claimed which had impeded the progress of the works and that the Council would be fully responsible for the effects on the works and for the losses of his client due to any continued failure to pay the amounts due. He stated also that his client was reserving his right to determine the Contracts for alleged breaches of the Contracts by the Council and to recover damages. The County Secretary stated that a Summons in respect of the matter had been served on the Council. The Council noted that it had been indicated on behalf of the Contractor that he would resume work on the Housing Schemes. Councillor Costello raised the matter of the defects in the construction of the houses which had been referred to by the County Engineer and following a discussion on the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved — That the Contractor be required to remedy defects simultaneously with proceeding with the houses.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Counsel's Opinion had been obtained in regard to the matter of deposits paid by persons in respect of the purchase of houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. Counsel

had advised that the deposit of £200 was part purchase money of the houses and that therefore no interest was payable on the deposit. If however, any of the persons who had made these payments wished to terminate the contract the deposit could be returned without interest. It was stated that the Council had acted in good faith in the matter and the fact that the houses were not built was not the fault of the Council as it was impossible for them in law to complete the contract. The Opinion of Counsel was noted.

Item No. 7 — Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:— "That This Council Waive Their Portion of the Price Received by John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the Sale of His Cottage."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had given consent to the sale of this cottage subject to the usual conditions and payment of the required contribution by the vendor amounting to £36. 13. 4. had already been received. The Council could not waive this contribution save with the special sanction of the Minister. The County Secretary pointed out that the cottage had been vested in the tenant in 1951 and he had received from the sale of the cottage the sum of £733 6. 8. Councillor Gregory stated that Mr. Greene was an old age pensioner and had been in bad health for many years and that in the circumstances no contribution should be sought in respect of the sale.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That the Council waive their portion of the price received by Mr. John Greene, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale of his cottage subject to the sanction of the Minister. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That A Supplementary Grant for A New House be Paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."

The County Secretary stated that payment of a Supplementary Grant had been refused on account of Mr. Tomkins being ineligible because the amount of the valuation of his property exceeded the limit prescribed by the Housing Act, 1966. The position in this matter had been that Mr. Tomkins sold portion of his land in August, 1965, and also sold the house on the land and subsequently built a new bungalow on the portion of the land retained by him. Work on the house commenced in October, 1965, and was completed in December, 1966, and Mr. Tomkins made application for the Grant on the 4th January, 1967. According to the Council's records the holding was still in Mr. Tomkins' name until the 1st April, 1966, though it was claimed on behalf of Mr. Tomkins that he had ceased to be owner of the lands or the houses some time previously. A provisional apportionment of valuation was made on the 1st April, 1966, which gave his property valued at £51. 9. 0. and a further valuation on 1st April, 1967, which included the new houses gave a total valuation of £68. 9. 0.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved — That a Supplementary Grant of £300 be paid to Joseph W. Tomkins, Lackeen, Shillelagh, in respect of erection of new dwellinghouse at Cronelea, Shillelagh.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the sanction of the Minister would be required before payment could be made as from the information available to the Council it did not appear that Mr. Tomkins was eligible to receive the Supplementary Grant. The Council noted that the sanction of the Minister would be sought to the payment.

Item No. 9 — Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and Roger Miley:— "That the Council Make Arrangements to Build A House for William Byrne, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, Whose Present House is a Danger to the Health of His Family."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended that house be erected for Mr. Byrne and had stated that the site was suitable subject to it being at least a half acre and the County Engineer had confirmed that the site was half an acre and he had been asked to prepare plans and specification for submission to the Department and a site acquisition map so that negotiations could be entered into with the owner for the purchase of the land. Councillor Keenan pointed out that Mr. Byrne was in urgent need of the cottage and the Council asked that every effort be made to expedite the provision of the house.

Item No. 10 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That This Council Retain the Land Attached to the Doctor's House at Blessington for Council Houses."

The County Secretary stated that there was approximately a 30' drop to the lake at the back of the site of the doctor's house at Blessington and the lake seemed to be eroding the boundary embankment. The portion of the site to the rear of the residence would not be suitable for building and there was also the possible danger to children getting drowned in the lake. While the land might not be considered suitable for building the County Manager felt that it would be desirable that this portion of land which would not be required as a curtilage to the residence be retained by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved — That the Council retain the land attached to the Doctor's house at Blessington. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That This Council Make A Survey of all the Small Families in This County in Urgent Need of Housing and Where Those Families Cannot be Housed at a Reasonable Period of Time that This Council Provide Those Families with Caravans or Prefab Buildings as Temporary Accommodation."

Councillor Hynes stated that he was concerned regarding families with three or four persons who might not be housed for a year or two and put forward the suggestion that the Council should arrange a scheme for providing some type of prefabricated building for such persons. On reconsideration he felt that caravans would not be suitable but suggested that prefabricated building such as a Terrapin building which could be removed and re-erected on another site would be suitable. Following a discussion on the matter it was

agreed that the County Engineer examine the proposal and submit his recommendations.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That Supplementary Grants be Given Where Houses Have Been Converted into Flats as are Given by the State and That Existing Regulations be Amended Accordingly."

The County Secretary stated that under the Supplementary Grants Scheme approved by the Council Supplementary Grants were payable only in respect of houses and consequently Grants could not be paid where a house was converted into a number of flats. Grants were paid by the State for each dwelling provided and consequently if a large house were converted into two or three flats a separate Grant would be payable in respect of each self-contained flat provided. Councillor Temple in proposing the Resolution pointed out that the Scheme if amended as proposed would allow the Council to make payments in respect of conversion of houses into flats but also provided that the Council could refuse a Grant and consequently the Council would have control to prevent any undesirable speculation in this regard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved — That Supplementary Grants be given by the Council where houses are being converted to flats as are given by the State and that the Scheme of Supplementary Grants for the reconstruction, repair and improvement to dwellinghouses made by the Council on 5th November, 1962, be amended accordingly as follows:—

Article 1a shall be amended by the addition of the following:—
(c) Each separate dwelling forming part of a house after the completion of reconstruction works on the house.

Article 5 shall be amended by the addition of the following:—
Supplementary Grants in respect of the conversion of a house into flats will be payable only in respect of work that is commenced on or after 1st January, 1967.

We approve also of the extension of the Scheme of Supplementary Grants for the reconstruction, repair and improvement of dwellings for a further year to 31st March, 1970.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Repairs to the Following Houses for Which Estimates Have Been Approved Some Months Ago Be Carried Out Immediately:— (a) Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, Rathdrum; (b) John Dunbar, Ballygriffin, Arklow; (c) John Dunne, Kilmacoo, Avoca."

The County Secretary reported that the repairs to the cottage of Mr. Christopher O'Toole, Tymullen, had been carried out, the repairs to the cottage of Mr. John Dunbar, Ballygriffin, had also been completed but the tenant was seeking to have further repairs carried out. In the case of the cottage of Mr. John Dunne, Kilmacoo, repairs had been approved but had not yet been completed. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 14 — Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That This Council Employ a Consultant Architect to Draw up Plans for the Building of Council Cottages

in Ashford and to Lay Out Sites for People Who Want to Build Private Houses on the Council's Site in Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Messrs John Thompson and Partners, 65, O'Connell Street, Limerick, be appointed to draw up plans for the Council houses at Ashford and to provide for sites for persons wishing to build their own houses. The Council noted that it was proposed to employ the Consultant recommended by the County Engineer for this purpose.

Item No. 15 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That This Council Take the Necessary Steps to Provide a Water and Sewerage System for Its Cottages at Ballynerrin."

Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:— "That This Council Lay a Water and Sewerage Main for the People in Ballynerrin and Marlton Road, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that as regards the matter of a sewerage service for the cottages at Ballynerrin a Report had been submitted by the County Engineer in which he estimated the cost of providing a sewer to serve 18 houses of which 8 were already serviced by septic tanks and the remaining ten had dry closets at £4,513. 10. 0. The estimate was based on the length of the sewer and the nature of the ground but no detailed survey had been carried out. It would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Urban District Council to connect the sewer to the Urban District Council sewerage system. A report had not yet been received in regard to the houses at Marlton Road. The County Engineer stated that a group water supply scheme had been proposed for a water supply for the houses at Ballynerrin but it was understood that this scheme was not being proceeded with. If details of the group scheme were available these would be examined to see if a scheme could be undertaken by the Council. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter further and prepare a scheme for the provision of water and sewerage for the cottages at Ballynerrin and also a scheme in respect of the cottages at Marlton Road.

Item No. 16 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That in Future When the Tenancy of a Cottage is Vacated, the Council Will Immediately Carry Out the Necessary Repairs Before Advertising for Re-Letting of Tenancy."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that it frequently happened that when a cottage was re-let by the Council the tenant appointed could not take up occupation for some time pending the carrying out of repairs. She asked that these repairs be done before inviting applications for the tenancy. The Co. Manager pointed out that there was a lapse of time between the invitation of applications for the tenancy of the house and the actual letting of the house as it was necessary to obtain reports from the County Medical Officer and have his recommendations considered. He suggested that arrangements be made to have a cottage becoming vacant inspected immediately and repairs put in hand but that this should not delay the inviting of applications for the tenancy. Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that if this were done and the repairs completed before the tenant was appointed it would be satisfactory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved — That in future when the tenancy of a cottage is vacated the Council will immediately carry out the necessary repairs before advertising for re-letting of tenancy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That This Council Make A Survey of All Houses Occupied Which are Unfit for Human Habitation and the Council Carry Out Essential Repairs Under Section 23 of the 1966 Housing Act in Order to Prolong the Life of Such Houses."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the drawing up of a list of houses occupied which were unfit for human habitation would appear to be a matter for the County Medical Officer but that if such a list were available the houses would be examined by the engineering technical staff to see if the houses were capable of being repaired at a reasonable cost or essential repairs carried out under the provisions of Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1966. He pointed out that extra engineering staff would be required to carry out the inspections and the repair work if the Council had to do the work as the present staff were unable to cope with the existing services. The County Secretary pointed out that Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1966, provided for the payment of Grants by the Minister to a person in occupation of a house situate in a County Health District who carried out essential repairs to the house. The maximum Grant was two thirds of the cost as estimated by the Minister or £80 whichever was the less. If the person in occupation of the houses consented the work could be carried out by the housing authority and the Grant paid to the authority. It was agreed that Members of the Council who became aware of persons living in a house which would qualify for a grant for essential repairs would bring these to the notice of the Council in order that the houses could be inspected with a view to arranging for the issue of the appropriate certificate or the carrying out of repairs by the Council.

Item No. 18 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering:—
"That the Watermain be Extended to the Houses at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available. The County Engineer stated that there was some doubt as to whether there would be sufficient water available in the Dunlavin supply to provide for an extension to Crosskeys. Councillor Deering pointed out that water was running to waste in Dunlavin and that if this wastage was stopped there should be ample water available to extend the service to Crosskeys.

Item No. 19 — Cottages Repaired During Month of June, 1969, and Cottages to Be Repaired During Month of July, 1969.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of June, 1969, and of those to be repaired during the month of July, 1969.

Supplementary New House Grant.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill raised the matter of the refusal of approval for the payment of a Supplementary Grant in respect of a new house to Thomas Oliver Doyle, Baltinglass, and inquired as to the position. The County Secretary stated that it appeared that Mr. Doyle's income exceeded the maximum prescribed in the Housing Act, 1966, and his income was partly derived as Managing Director of a

Company and partly from lands. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that this matter had been examined previously in respect of Mr. Doyle's application for a Loan and that it had been agreed to accept the income from lands as being the actual proceeds of the letting of the lands and that an Affidavit had been submitted to show that the income from the lands did not exceed £150.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That the Council approve of payment of a Supplementary new house Grant to Mr. Thomas Oliver Doyle in respect of the new house erected by him.

The County Manager stated that before payment of a Supplementary Grant be made it would be necessary to have the matter further examined as it appeared that the income in this case exceeded the limit for eligibility for a Supplementary Grant.

Damage to Road at Rathdangan.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that a Mr. John Brady of Rathdangan, had been informed by the County Engineer that severe damage had been caused by his lorry to the County Road between Rathdangan and Aughrim as a result of the hauling of heavy loads of timber and he had been asked to pay to the Council the cost of the damage estimated at £150. Councillor Timmins asked that action in this matter be deferred until the matter was further examined. He stated that he did not think it was reasonable that persons drawing timber from the State forests in the Rathdangan/Aughrim district should be held responsible for damage to the roads in removing the timber and that the Council should make representations to the Department of Local Government for a special Grant to bring the roads up to the necessary standard to take this traffic. Councillor M. J. O'Neill agreed that the particular road was never built to take heavy timber traffic and expressed the view that there was an alternative route through Tinahely which would be only slightly longer than the route being used. Councillor R. Miley referred to the importance of the forestry industry in the County and expressed the view that the Council would eventually have to bring roads up to a satisfactory standard to take heavy loads in the vicinity of the State forests. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for special Grants for the improvement of roads carrying heavy timber traffic from State forests and that in the meantime any action against Mr. Brady be deferred.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, and John Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the erection of one bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany."

In the Names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Kevin Merrigan, Kilafine, Annamoe, for the provision of a caravan

park at Kilafine, Annamoe."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, M. J. O'Neill and H. J. Byrne:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 6 bungalows on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mrs. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 bungalows."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for residential building."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council relay the footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the village."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th July, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.
Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and K. Ryan.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer were in attendance.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, and John Temple:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the erection of one bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Kevin Merrigan, Kilafine, Annamoe, for the provision of a caravan park at Kilafine, Annamoe."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, M. J. O'Neill and H. J. Byrne:-
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of 6 bungalows on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:-
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 bungalows."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:-
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for residential building."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th February, 17th February, 24th February (Estimates), 24th March, 14th April, 21st April, and 5th May, 1969.

3. Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government notifying allocation for 1969/'70.
4. Extension of Baltinglass Water Supply to Bawnogue — Report of County Engineer.
5. Re-laying of watermain at Kilcoole — Report of County Engineer.
6. Water Supply Extensions at (a) Coyne's Cross, Ashford; (b) Bulford, Kilcoole.
7. Public Lighting at Blessington, Annacurra, Brittas Bay, Rathdrum, Tinahely and Baltinglass.
8. Letter from Arklow and District Trades Council in regard to public access to Clogga Beach, Arklow.
9. To fill vacancy on Vocational Education Committee caused by death of Councillor J. J. McCrea.
10. Application for permission to use site at Meeting of the Waters for a Commemoration Pageant on 22nd, 23rd and 24th Aug., 1969.
11. Scheme for waiver of Rates in certain cases.
12. Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Education re payment of higher rate of Grant to all students resident in County.
13. Coast Protection Scheme — The Murrough, Wicklow — Notification of increase in amount of Grant towards cost of Scheme.
14. Proposed disposal of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. Wm. Lee and extinguishment of public right-of-way.
15. Revision of Salary Scale of Health Inspectors — Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration.
16. Dumping Ground for Rathnew and Glenealy — Acquisition of Site at Glenealy.
17. Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh — Report of Consultant.
18. Cloghleaigh Water Supply Scheme: Proposal of Dublin County Council for water supply from sources in Co. Wicklow.
19. Protest of Residents at Glenealy concerning objectionable odour stated to be caused by spreading of liquified hen manure.
20. Institutional provision for Old Persons (Chronic Sick and Aged) — Report circulated to Members.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That Knockatomcoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
22. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:- "That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:- "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That the practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their

- views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
 27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
 28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
 29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
 30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
 31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That where Planning Notices are inserted in the press in the Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."
 32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council extend a $\frac{3}{4}$ " watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
 33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
 34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
 35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
 36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the dangerous bend at Glenealy Cemetery be removed and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the Soldiers' Cottages (British) to acquire the necessary land being portion of garden of their property."
 37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy to Bahana."
 38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
 39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That in view of the recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
 40. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:- (a) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waitingroom in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide

- a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."
 42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
 43. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That Tomafinogue Lane be done under the Local Improvements Scheme."
 44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas Keenan:- "That a report be given on the amount of money spent out of the Local Improvements Scheme Fund and the balance for the year 1968/69 and the allocation for 1969/70. Has a programme of work been arranged for the year 1969/70?"
 45. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the road from Rustygap to Kilcarra."
 46. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:- "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."
 47. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."
 48. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkenedy and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."
 49. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
 50. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council pay Mr. Ellis his due increase in wages as put before the County Manager by the Trade Union."
 51. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council and Wicklow Urban District Council extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."
 52. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council re-lay the footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the village."
 53. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management

(Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the erection of one bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that no new application had been received for Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany, for Mr. Mullen. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter.

(b) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Kevin Merrigan, Kilafine, Annamoe, for the provision of a Caravan Park at Kilafine, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that the application submitted by Mr. Merrigan was for permission for 20 caravans at Laragh East. Two previous applications for a caravan site to contain 20 caravans at this location had been received from Mr. Merrigan and were refused. In the first of these two applications the caravans were sited nearer the public road than in the latter application. The present application was similar to the second application which had been refused on the 25th June, 1969. The grounds for refusal were based on the injury which would be caused to scenic amenities in the area. Objections to the previous application has been received from both An Taisce and An Bord Fáilte. The proposed caravan site was situated at the approach to Laragh Village on the Roundwood/Laragh Road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Kevin Merrigan, Kilafine, Annamoe, for the provision of a caravan park at Laragh East, Annamoe.

In proposing the Resolution Councillor R. Miley stated that the applicant had 20 acres of very poor land which was not suitable for anything and added that he was prepared to comply with any requirements of the Council in regard to the Caravan site. Councillor Phelan stressed the need for caravan parks to cater for the increasing tourist trade and expressed the view that this was one site where a caravan park would be needed. Councillor Costello pointed out that one reason why tourists visited Ireland was on account of the scenic amenities of the country and it appeared that a caravan park on this site would interfere with these amenities. The County Manager stated that the Council had licensed a number of caravan sites but the productivity in rates from these sites was negligible. In regard to this particular site the County Manager pointed out that Bord Fáilte, who had a particular knowledge of the needs of the tourist industry, had objected to the proposed site which adjoined the main road to Glendalough. The County Manager stated that it was felt that there was an obligation on the local authority to try to preserve as far as possible an area such as Glendalough with the historical associations it had and that consequently the proposal was one that required to be treated with great care.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and K. Ryan — Twenty.

Against: Councillor S. Costello — One.

The proposal was declared passed by twenty votes in favour to one vote against.

(c) **In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, M. J. O'Neill and H. J. Byrne:-** "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of six bungalows on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a proposal to direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the provision of 12 houses at Ballyflanigan for Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne had been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting and in considering the proposal the Council had indicated that the applicant might be asked to submit instead a proposal for six houses only with provision for a separate septic tank for each house and separate soakaways. The present application for six houses at Ballyflanigan provided for individual septic tanks for the houses and for separate soakaways. It had been recommended by the County Medical Officer and County Engineer that permission for the development be refused on the grounds that the proposal was in conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because it would give rise to an urban type development in a rural area lacking services and would sterilise a large area of land with low density development. The site was rocky and sloping towards the roadway and was unsuitable for the erection of houses and a combined septic tank which had been proposed in the previous application would be liable to give rise to difficulties in regard to maintenance and the effluent liable to cause a nuisance on adjoining land because there was no stream nearby to take the effluent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne for the erection of six bungalows on her lands at Ballyflanigan, Co. Wicklow.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Nancy O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan — Seventeen.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne and S. Costello—Two.

The Resolution was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to two votes against. Councillors Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan abstained from voting.

(d) **In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:-** "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 bungalows."

(e) **In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:-** "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for Residential Building."

Members of the Council having stated that they were not familiar with the locations of the sites of these proposals the Council agreed to defer consideration of them to allow opportunity for the Members of the Council to inspect the sites. Councillor J. Temple proposed that in each case where a Notice of Intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission was submitted the person on whose behalf the application was made should submit two photographs, one of which should give a clear picture of the site and the other should illustrate the area surrounding the site. Councillor Temple's proposal was seconded by Councillor Costello and approved by the Council.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th February, 17th February, 24th February (Estimates), 24th March, 14th April, 21st April and 5th May, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Costello protested again against the submission of so many copies of Minutes at one Meeting for confirmation by the Members and suggested that not more than two sets of Minutes be submitted for confirmation at any time until the back log in respect of the Minutes had been overtaken. It was agreed that in future Minutes of ordinary Meetings of the Council be submitted for confirmation at the ordinary Meeting held on the second Monday in each month and that Minutes of the Housing Meetings be submitted for confirmation at the Housing Meeting of the Council on the first Monday in each month. Councillor F. Hynes urged that Minutes be duplicated in the Council's Offices and circulated to Members so as to be available for confirmation at the following month's Meeting. Members of the Council, however, pointed out that the Council had previously determined that all Minutes be printed before circulation to Members and Members generally agreed that the printed Minutes were much more satisfactory and that this arrangement should not be departed from. It was agreed that for one Meeting the Minutes be duplicated and circulated for confirmation prior to the Council Meeting in the following month and also be sent for printing.

Item No. 3 — Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government Notifying Allocation For 1969/'70.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of Schemes which had been prepared and in respect of which contributions had been received or requested. The Council had been informed of the allocation

of a Grant of £5,000 for the purposes of the Scheme for the current financial year. The Council decided to adjourn a decision as to the schemes to be carried out from the allocation of £5,000 and to arrange for meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas to consider the proposals received. The Council also asked that the County Engineer consult with the Engineering Staff and confirm that the Engineers were prepared to carry out the works under the Scheme. On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the County Engineer was asked to report to the next meeting as to the reasons why a person who had previously been employed on Local Improvement Schemes in the Southern Engineering District had not been employed during the past year and urged that this man who had experience in the work be employed on the Schemes.

Item No. 4 — Extension of Baltinglass Water Supply to Bawnogue — Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

30th October, 1968.

Secretary.

Sanitary Services Section.

Re: Water Connection — Thomas Curry and John Thorpe,
Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd August, 1967 (CD/MR), regarding representations made by Councillor O'Neill in regard to the possibility of giving a water connection to Thomas Curry, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and further representations made by Councillor O'Neill for a water connection for Mr. John Thorpe, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

There is no possibility at present of giving a water connection to Messrs. Curry and Thorpe as the nearest water main is a gunbarrel, which is only 1½" in diameter and is in bad condition. The present main serves a fountain and three houses and is not giving an adequate supply.

I would recommend that the Council lay a new 2" polythene main from the end of the existing main near the Garda Barracks at Baltinglass. The new main would be approximately 800 yards in length and would serve a total of seven houses, including the three already serviced, while it would also be possible for Mr. Thorpe to take a connection from the end of the new main and continue with a smaller diameter pipe as far as his property.

I estimate the cost of providing a new main at £480.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the laying of a new 2" polythene main from the end of the existing water main near the Garda Barracks at Baltinglass for a distance of approximately 800 yards to Bawnogue and authorise expenditure of £480 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Re-laying of Watermain at Kilcoole — Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on a complaint received from Mr. David C. Young of the disturbance and inconvenience caused to him by the Council's entering on his land to effect repairs to the watermain which ran across portion of his land. The County Engineer stated that there had been continuous breakages on the main due to the fact that the area through which the main was laid was boggy. In view of the inconvenience caused and the cost of repairing the main he recommended that it be abandoned and the main from Kilquade Crossroads be extended to new main laid recently to Pretty Bush so as to supply the water to Kilcoole. The distance from Kilquade Crossroads to where the new 4" diameter main at Pretty Bush ended was approximately 800 lineal yards. The estimated cost of laying a 6" main for this distance was £1,200.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the laying of a new 6" main for approximately 800 yards between Kilquade Crossroads and end of new 4" diameter main at Pretty Bush at an estimated cost of £1,200 in place of section of main laid through lands of Mr. David C. Young at Kilcoole and hereby authorise the borrowing of the necessary monies to defray the cost involved.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Water Supply Extensions at (a) Coyne's Cross, Ashford; (b) Bulford, Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there were approximately 12 houses in the Coyne's Cross area which would be served by extending the existing 2" diameter main which terminated at Timore near Mr. O'Toole's house for approximately 2,700 lineal yards. The estimated cost of laying the main to supply these houses included for tapping for each service to the stopcock was £2,600 and he recommended that the work be carried out. The County Engineer also stated that as this was an extension of a County Council main it was not usual to refer to Dublin Corporation for permission unless the new demand would be extensive. In this case the demand would be approximately 2,400 gallons per day which was not excessive. It was proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:—"That having considered Report of the County Engineer, we approve of the extension of the existing 2" diameter main from Timore near Mr. O'Toole's house for a distance of approximately 2,700 lineal yards to serve houses at Coyne's Cross, Ashford and hereby authorise the borrowing of £2,600 to defray the cost of this work." Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a 3" main be taken for the extension from the ½" main at the fountain at Bulford to serve the cottages of Messrs. Whelan and McCormick and that the estimated cost would be approximately £140. When the further new houses were built by the Council on the western side of the National Building Agency Scheme at Kilcoole a new 3" main would have to be extended to serve the Scheme and a connection to these houses could be transferred on to that main. He recommended that the work be carried out.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

'That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the provision of a $\frac{3}{4}$ " main extension from the $\frac{1}{2}$ " main at the fountain near Bulford to serve the cottages of Whelan and McCormick at an estimated cost of £140 and approve of the borrowing of the necessary monies to defray the cost of the work." Passed.

Item No. 7 — Public Lighting at Blessington, Annacurra, Brittas Bay, Rathdrum, Tinahely and Baltinglass.

Having considered Report and recommendation of County Engineer the Council approved of the provision of public lighting as follows:-

- At Blessington — One light at St. Joseph's Terrace, one light at Naas Road and two lights on the Lacken Road. (Proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill);
- At Annacurra — One light on existing pole below the Forester's house at cost of £25 10s. (Proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh);
- One light at pump near bridge at Staunton's, Brittas Bay, at cost of £39 10s. 7d. (Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley);
- At Rathdrum — One light at Lower Street (£11 10s.), one light at Brewery Place (£11 10s.); one light at Market Square (£23 10s.). (Proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes);
- At Baltinglass — twelve MBF/U lamps at cost of £183 and charge of £63 12s. per annum for electricity and maintenance, four public lights along the Shrughaun Road. (Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill);
- At Tinahely — (a) 1 light opposite Weirs house in Dwyer Square adjoining Murphy's Hotel; (b) Transfer light on pole at Darcy's house on approach road from Shillelagh to pole at Hadden's bungalow nearby; (c) 1 light on pole at speed limit signs on approach road from Shillelagh.
That an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. for replacing 17 old-type lights by modern mercury fluorescent lights. (Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan).
Passed unanimously.

In regard to the provision of public lighting at Annacurra Councillor J. Whelan stated that a light was needed on the road leading to the village from the Tinahely/Aughrim Road and asked that this matter be examined.

Item No. 8 — Letter from Arklow and District Trades Council in regard to Public Access to Clogga Beach, Arklow.

The following letter from Arklow and District Trades Council was submitted:-

Secretary's Address:
102 St. Peter's Place,
Arklow.
19th May, 1969.

Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Clogga Beach

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Trades Council representing approximately 1,800 members of affiliated trade Unions to make representations to you in connection with public access to Clogga Beach, Arklow. A wall has been built by an adjoining householder, blocking off an estab-

lished right of way and parking space for vehicle owners using this beach.

Resulting from this obstruction pedestrian access to the beach is dangerous, and vehicular traffic is restricted to parking alongside the narrow approach road, which can leave this road dangerous to other users. In addition vicious looking dogs of an adjoining householder patrol the boundary and are a source of worry to users.

We are anxious to know what action your Council intend taking to preserve public access and parking to one of the most scenic, and safest beaches in our area.

Yours faithfully,

William Walker, Chairman.

T. H. McBride, Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had obtained the Fiat of the Attorney General to proceed with actions for the establishment of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach. Councillor J. Sweeney urged that the Council acquire a plot attached to a vested cottage at Clogga Beach for use as a car park and turning point and the Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to re-examine this proposal. Councillor Costello asked if the County Engineer when reporting on this matter would also report on the Notice of Motion in his name that land be acquired at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park.

Item No. 9 — To Fill Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Councillor J. J. McCrea.

The County Secretary stated that a joint recommendation had been received from the Carnew Development Association, the Carnew Guild Irish Countrywomen's Association and the Carnew Vocational School Parents' Association for the appointment of Fr. Michael O'Regan, C.C., Carnew, to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. J. J. McCrea.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello:

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Michael O'Regan, C.C., Carnew, to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. J. J. McCrea.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Application for permission to use site at Meeting of the Waters for a Commemoration Pageant on 22nd, 23rd and 24th August, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of permission being granted to the Committee of the Avoca Melody Fair to use the site owned by the Council at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, for a Pageant to commemorate Thomas Moore on August 22nd, 23rd and 24th, provided that the Committee obtain and submit for inspection of the Council an Insurance Policy indemnifying the Council against any damage that may be caused to the Council's property and against any claim which may be made arising out of the holding of the Pageant.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Scheme for Waiver of Rates in Certain Cases.

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that it was proposed to introduce legislation in the present year to allow of the adoption by local authorities of Schemes for the waiving of Rates in certain cases. It had been suggested by the Department that in the present year the Schemes should cover persons in well defined categories. The following draft Scheme was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHEME FOR WAIVER OF RATES IN CERTAIN CASES

1. For the financial year which commenced on 1st April 1969, Wicklow County Council will consider the waiving either in whole or in part of Rates due by persons who come within the terms of this Scheme.
2. The relief from Rates will apply only to dwellings occupied for domestic purposes — other hereditaments will not qualify.
3. Applications for waiving of Rates must in each case be made by the rated occupier but such occupier must not be the owner of the dwelling or have any interest in it other than that of tenant.
4. Applicants who qualify must on the 1st August, 1969, be:
 - (a) recipients of Non-Contributory Old Age or Widows' Pension or other similar form of Social Assistance, or Home Assistance;
 - (b) living alone or with another person who has no income other than under (a) above.
5. Persons who do not qualify under 4 (a) above but who satisfy the other conditions may also apply and their applications will be considered on their merits, subject to sufficient funds being provided for this purpose by the Council.
6. The estimated cost of this Scheme is £3,500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of draft Scheme for Waiver of Rates in certain cases and direct that Scheme be submitted for approval by the Minister for Local Government. We hereby authorise expenditure of £3,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the operation of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Education Re Payment of Higher Rate of Grant to all Students Resident in County.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:-

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Secondary Branch,

Hawkins House, Dublin 2.

1st July, 1969.

An Runai,
Comhairle Condae Chille Manntain,
Ard Chille Manntain,
Cill Manntain.

Higher Education Grants Scheme

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd of June, 1969, and previous correspondence regarding the above scheme, I am to say that

in agreeing to the deletion from your Council's Scheme of the clause limiting the higher rate of grant to students residing over 18 miles from a University or other institution of higher education, the Minister's main concern was to ensure that students living in remote areas, but within the limit in miles imposed by your Council, should not be penalised unduly by a rigid adherence to this limit. He had in mind cases such as that instance in your letters of 15th October, 1968, and 7th March, 1969, where a student might be compelled to reside away from home owing to the inaccessibility of his/her residence from the university. On the other hand, however, other students living the same distance away but convenient to the public services might reasonably be expected to travel to and from University each day.

The higher rate of grant is designed to help students who are unable to commute daily because of the inaccessibility of their homes, and must therefore reside away from home in order to attend university. It was never intended, however, for students living at home in order to offset the cost of their daily travel etc. to university.

As already indicated in the official letter of 19th May, 1969, it was not the Minister's understanding that all students in the country who qualify for grants should be given the higher rate of grant whether or not they are living away from home. He intended rather, that your Council should exercise its discretion in determining whether in any particular case, a student could reasonably be expected to travel daily to and from University.

You will appreciate therefore, that the Minister could not possibly agree to your Council's request that all Higher Education Grants in the County be paid in full, irrespective of the place of residence of the grant holder.

Mise, le meas,

LIAM S. DAIBHIS.

The County Secretary stated that having noted the Department's agreement to the deletion from the Council's Scheme of the clause limiting the maximum Grant to £175 in the case of students living within eighteen miles of a University or other Institution of Higher Education the Council were of opinion that no student living within Co. Wicklow could reasonably be regarded as living adjacent to the University or Institution of Higher Education and consequently had passed a Resolution approving of the payment of all Higher Education Grants to persons living within the County at the maximum amount and had asked the Department to agree to recoup the additional cost involved which amounted to £1,210 in respect of the year 1968. The Department had now indicated that they were not prepared to recoup the cost of the payment of the full Grant in all cases. The Council asked that the Department be requested to reconsider the decision in the matter and that it be pointed out to the Department that the Council understood that in Co. Kildare all students living within the County were in receipt of the maximum amount of Grant even though in some cases students were in a position to travel daily to and from the University.

The following letter from the Department of Education in regard to non-University Courses was submitted:-

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Secondary Branch,

Hawkins House,

Dublin 2.

10th July, 1969.

An Runai,
Comhairle Condae Chille Manntain,
Ard Chille Manntain,
Cill Manntain.

Higher Education Grants

A Chara,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 17th June, 1969, and to say that the higher education grants scheme is intended to enable deserving students to proceed to third level courses leading to a university degree or its equivalent. Since the non-university courses mentioned in your letter are not at present accepted as the equivalent of a course leading to a university degree it is regretted that it would not be possible to accede to the view of your Council that these courses be accepted for inclusion in the current year's Scheme of Grants for Higher Education.

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The Council noted the terms of the letter but asked that the Department be requested to consider the Council's views further and to include such Courses as proposed by the Council in the Schemes of Grants for Higher Education in the following and future years.

Item No. 13 — Coast Protection Scheme — The Murrough, Wicklow — Notification of increase in amount of Grant towards cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Office of Public Works had indicated that the Minister for Finance was prepared on reconsideration to approve a Grant of 60 per cent. for the proposed Coast Protection Scheme at the Murrough, Wicklow, and that in the circumstances it was felt that it would not be necessary for the Council to send a Deputation to the Minister as had been suggested in the letter of 16th May, 1969. The Council noted that the amount of the Grant had been increased from 50 per cent. to 60 per cent. and agreed that no deputation was now required.

Item No. 14 — Proposed Disposal of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. William Lee and Extinguishment of Public Right-of-Way.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the issue to each Member of the County Council of the Notice required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in regard to the proposed disposal of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, which is held by the Council and which is not required for the purposes of the Council's powers and duties subject to the condition that the land be leased to Mr. William Lee for a period of 99 years at an annual rent of £5 and that the Lease shall provide that the buildings to be erected on the site shall be used only for residential purposes and not for business purposes.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15 — Revision of Salary Scale of Health Inspectors — Recommendation Under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having noted recommendation under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of the following salary scales to Health Inspectors from the dates indicated:-

£930 x £60—£1,530 from 1st April, 1968, and £1,015 x £65—£1,600 x £70—£1,670 with effect from 1st June, 1968.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount

provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale from the dates indicated. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16 — Dumping Ground for Rathnew and Glenealy — Acquisition of Site at Glenealy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of plot of land at Ballyknockanmore, Glenealy, containing 1½ acres approximately from Mr. Charles Byrne for the purposes of a dumping ground for the sum of £450 plus legal costs and when the dump is filled and levelled off, but not topsoiled or seeded, that he be given the option of buying it back from the Council for the sum of £50. Cost of fencing estimated at £290 is also approved.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hynes referred to Memorial signed by 52 persons in Rathnew protesting in regard to the condition of the refuse dump at Ballybeg and asked that this dump at Rathnew be closed as soon as the dump at Glenealy became available.

Item No. 17 — Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh — Report of Consultant.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, had submitted his Preliminary Report and estimate in relation to the Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme. The Scheme provided for the disposal of the sewerage effluent to the Derry River at a point downstream of the village and a suitable outfall point was indicated some 300 yards downstream of the bridge. In regard to the sewer system the Consultant stated that while Clonegal Road continued to rise for some distance from Shillelagh and a gravity sewer could be laid on it, it was not proposed to extend the public sewer beyond the road junction between Church and School No. 1. From this point the sewer would be laid on the side road to the road junction and then through fields to a point near the Garda Station and along the Main Street to a point near Bay Bridge where the sewer would turn southwards and would be constructed as an outfall pipe on concrete piers to the treatment works. This outfall pipe would have to be laid overground but would not be objectionable as it would be screened from the public road by trees. On the Tinahely road a branch sewer would be laid from the vicinity of the School No. 2 to an ejector pumping station beside the road bridge on the tributary stream crossing the road near the Courthouse and would also take the flow from the sewer in Bachelor's Walk. Consideration was given to including the group of 18 houses at Quarry Street in the Scheme but because of the adverse road levels and the length of sewer involved it was not considered economic to do so. If water borne sanitation were to be provided for them it was recommended that a separate septic tank be provided nearby with discharge of effluent to the river. The total estimated cost of the Scheme was £21,700 and the Scheme would serve about 50 houses and the cost per house was therefore approximately £430 which figure was considered reasonable. On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, the Council approved of the Consultant's Report and directed that it be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 18 — Cloghleagh Water Supply Scheme: Proposal of Dublin County Council for Water Supply from Sources in Co. Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by Dublin County Council that a proposal to obtain a water supply to serve areas in Co. Dublin from sources in Co. Wicklow was under consideration by the Dublin County Council. The proposal involved the provision of treatment works and the erection of a dam near Cloghleagh Bridge in the vicinity of Manor Kilbride. The catchment area for the proposed water supply would cover a large area extending up to Sally Gap and Mullaghceevau. The County Manager pointed out that the Dublin City was already drawing on two sources of water in Co. Wicklow, the Vartry Scheme at Roundwood on the East and the new lake at Blessington on the West. The Council had suffered a loss in relation to both these Schemes since no compensation had been paid for the reduction in rateable value due to the flooding of lands. It was now proposed to use another source in the upper reaches of the Liffey Valley and a further area in the County would be flooded. He stated that he felt that the demands both of Co. Wicklow and of Dublin City would require consideration in relation to the proposed supply for Dublin County. Councillor G. Timmins stated that while the Council would not wish to hinder the development of the water resources in Co. Wicklow in the national interest it was essential that the needs of the local area for water supply be given priority and that furthermore if any rateable value of land was lost to the Council that adequate compensation be paid. He suggested that there be joint consultations between Dublin County Council, Dublin Corporation and Wicklow County Council to agree as regards the use of these water resources. The Council agreed that Dublin County Council be informed of the Council's views on the matter and that the Council would require an assurance that water would be available for local requirements. The Council agreed to the suggestion of Councillor Miley that a copy of letter received from Dublin County Council in the matter and a copy of the map showing the catchment area and location of the treatment works be made available to each Member.

Item No. 19 — Protest of Residents at Glenealy Concerning Objectionable Odour Stated to be Caused by Spreading of Liquefied Hen Manure.

The County Secretary stated that a Memorial containing 105 signatures had been handed in from persons in the Glenealy area protesting against an objectionable odour stated to be caused by the spreading of liquefied hen manure at Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy. The County Secretary stated that a complaint had been received from a person in Glenealy of an offensive odour from the clearing out of sludge tanks and spreading of the contents at Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, and also to the effect that dead poultry had been left in the open fields causing a nuisance. The Health Inspector had investigated the complaint and reported that he found no evidence from inspection of the premises and surrounding fields that dead poultry were left lying in the fields. In regard to the complaint of an offensive odour he agreed that during the operation of cleaning out the tanks and spreading the contents there was a very objectionable smell but it was of short duration, ten to twelve hours, and if weather conditions were ideal the duration was less. While the smell was objectionable he doubted if it could be classed as a nuisance although it possibly did cause a considerable amount of annoyance to the residents which was borne out by the number of signatures to the protest received. He stated, however, that this was a hazard which would

almost be impossible to avoid. The poultry houses at Barnbawn were first started in 1966 and Mr. Philips had notified the Council at the time of his intention to build the houses which were exempted development under the Planning Acts. The houses at present under construction were the completion of the project and were situated about 100 yards from the cottage of the complainant. The Health Inspector stated he had not received any complaints from residents of Glenealy for over twelve months prior to this particular complaint. The County Medical Officer stated that he also had visited the farm with the Health Inspector on the 3rd July and found no objectionable smell on that date. The operation which caused the smell was not in his opinion a public health nuisance. Mr. Philips had informed him that the operation was carried out as quickly as possible and that a deodorant was used to reduce the odour each time the tanks were being emptied. On the 9th July the Health Inspector and the Assistant County Medical Officer inspected the area while spreading of the contents of the sludge tanks was in progress and found no offensive smell and were of opinion that the operation of cleaning out the tanks and spreading the sludge was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. Councillor Miss Walsh, Chairman, stated that she had received from Mr. Philips an original petition which she submitted and which contained 202 names and was signed by Glenealy residents and Ballyfree farm workers and workers associated with the farm stating that they knew that every endeavour was made by Mr. Philips to avoid smells being given off from poultry manure from the farm as spread on the land and accepting that at times for very short periods some annoyance was caused but asking him to continue to take every possible precaution to limit the annoyance to the minimum. Appreciation of the employment given and Mr. Philips' contribution to the prosperity of the village and the County was expressed. The petition also urged that Mr. Philips continue to run his business to expand it for the benefit of all and to ignore the unfounded agitation of those who wished otherwise. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the matter was a controversial one and she felt it was not one for the Members of the Council at this stage. If the people in Glenealy felt that an injustice was being done they could have recourse to the Courts and she pointed out that the Council had reports from their public health staff that there was no danger to public health. Councillor F. Hynes stated that in fairness to people who had signed the Memorial the smell caused was very bad at times and suggested that the Members of the Council for the area would meet Mr. Philips. The proposal was seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and the Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area arrange for a meeting with Mr. Philips with a view to seeing if the dispute could be settled amicably between the parties concerned.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron and Kilcoole.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that following a report from the County Engineer that the Contractor, Mr. William Eager, had removed fixtures and materials from the Housing Scheme at Kilgarron and also from Kilcoole Housing Scheme it had been necessary to apply to the Court for an Injunction to restrain Mr. Eager from interfering with the houses and an Interim

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering Objections received to the Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan was held on Monday, 21st July, 1969, at 2.30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and Kevin Ryan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. Miley.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. J. Hassett, Acting Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, having obtained the permission of the Chairman, raised the matter of the rescue of a boy from a canoe which had drifted out to sea at Bray and also the rescue of another boy who had gone out in a rowboat to endeavour to rescue the boy and recover the canoe. He stated that Messrs. Harry Longmore, Gerard Newel and Alec Perkins deserved public recognition for their skill and courage in carrying out this rescue when the sea was very choppy and when they were in risk of their own lives. The Council agreed with the suggestion of Councillor H. J. Byrne that the facts be brought to the notice of Comhairle na Mire Gaile or the Royal Humane Society for consideration for an award. Councillor Costello raised the matter of the drowning of a young girl at the Silver Strand during the previous week and inquired as to what safety precautions were available both at the Silver Strand and at Brittas Bay. The County Manager stated that as these beaches were not public beaches the Council could not provide life-saving equipment, but the owners of the lands adjoining the beaches had been asked to provide lifebuoys. Councillor Costello and Councillor Hynes urged that the State Department concerned in respect of the foreshore should be asked to allow the Council to provide life-saving equipment on the foreshore. The Council agreed that the attention of the owners of the lands concerned be drawn to the necessity to provide satisfactory life-saving equipment at these beaches.

OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council proceeded to consider the objections received to the Draft County Development Plan, particulars of which, with the comments of the Council's officers thereon, had been circulated to the Members:—

1. Objection of P. T. Hickey & Associates, Windgates, Greystones.

The County Secretary explained the point made in the first heading of the objection and stated that the limitation imposed by the floor space index must be considered in conjunction with the limitation by density and pointed out that it was intended to provide that houses with greater than average floor space would have a correspondingly greater curtilage round them and would be built to a lower density than smaller houses with lesser floor space for which a greater density would be permitted. The provisions made in the Plan were intended to ensure that new development would not be out of keeping with the existing character of development in the area. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter in which Members suggested that the control

in the area be by density only, it was agreed that the provisions in the Greystones/Delgany Development Plan be re-examined and that revised proposals for the paragraph headed "Density and Building Height" be submitted which would provide for density limitations. In regard to the second part of the objection the Council agreed that the paragraph be amended to allow of the erection of two-storey houses. In regard to point 3 of the objection the Council noted that page 51 of the Plan set out conditions under which dwellings would be permitted in the lower valley in the area covered by the Rural Detail Map No. 1. The Council noted and approved of the reply given to the fourth part of the objection.

2. T. J. Archer & Son, Blacklion Sawmills, Greystones.

The Council, having considered the objections of Messrs. T. J. Archer and Son and of Mr. Christopher Gorman, noted that this objection related to the proposed improvement of the junction of Church Lane with Road L.29 and that an improvement of this junction was necessary. The Council noted that the line of the improvement shown on the plan was tentative and could be finally determined only when a detailed survey had been carried out. The Council agreed that that the provision in the plan be retained but asked that in preparing the plans for the improvement of the junction regard be had to the objections made by Mr. Archer and Mr. Gorman.

3. T. J. Treacy & Son, Ltd., "Massabielle," Lower Windgates, Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that shortly after Mr. Treacy purchased the property at Lower Windgates he made application to the Council for permission to build a dwellinghouse on the lands. The application for permission was refused as it was considered that the erection of a house on the site and with access on to the main Greystones/Bray Road would give rise to a traffic hazard and that a Grant of Permission for the house would be a precedent for undesirable ribbon development along that road. Mr. Treacy had appealed to the Minister against the refusal of permission and in his Appeal as submitted to the Department of Local Government he stated that he had no intention of applying for any further permission for development on the lands, as the house was strictly a home for his family and was not being built for speculation and that he was prepared to give an undertaking in writing that he would develop the farm. In a letter to the Council of the 3rd March, 1967, Mr. Treacy again stated that the bungalow was a home for himself and for his family and was not being built for speculation and that he never had any intention of developing the land as he intended to farm it. It appeared that Mr. Treacy now proposed to seek permission for housing development on the lands. Mr. Treacy subsequently obtained permission for the erection of the house for himself and his family following a direction given by the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Councillor E. Byrne confirmed that the permission given by the Council was for the erection of a house for Mr. Treacy's own occupation and that there had been no question of any further development of the lands. The County Manager stated that the Council had already agreed to provisions in the Plan to restrict development on lands in elevated situations, that was above the 400 feet contour generally, and though Mr. Treacy's lands were not situated in the area where a site curtilage generally required would be of 5 acres or more, it was in an area where it was intended to restrict extensive development and where generally development consisting of more than one house would not be allowed. He pointed

out the difficulties and the cost that would be imposed on the Council in providing public services such as water supplies, sewerage, domestic scavenging and public lighting for houses built at higher levels.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we reject the objection of T. J. Treacy & Son, Ltd.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—EIGHT. ff

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple—NINE.

The proposal was declared defeated by nine votes against to eight in favour. Members having expressed an objection to the provision in the Plan in regard to requiring a curtilage of 5 acres or more to one house in certain areas:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That Page 51 of the Draft County Development Plan be amended by the substitution of "one acre" for "five acres" in line 18 in the second paragraph on that page.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. Phelan, K. Ryan—SEVENTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill—TWO.

The Motion was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to two votes against. The Council noted that Mr. Treacy could submit an application for development of his lands if he so desired.

3. Objection from Messrs. J. Hubert Brown & Associates, 53 Molesworth St., Dublin, on behalf of Burnaby Estate, Ltd.

In regard to item 1 of the objection the Council noted that there was a substantial acreage of land on the Burnaby Estate which had not yet been developed and agreed that the objection in relation to the agricultural zoning classification be rejected. In relation to the second part of the objection the Council noted that the Council had already agreed to purchase the field known as Burnaby Park for the purposes of maintaining this field as a public park for Greystones, and that the Council was advised that they had an enforceable contract for the acquisition of this field. It was noted that an Appeal had been made by the Burnaby Estate to the Minister against the refusal of permission by the Council for the development of this field for the purposes of a shopping centre. In regard to the third part of the objection the Council noted that the road improvement lines indicated on the Draft Plan were tentative and could be finally determined only when a detailed survey had been carried out and that consideration would be given to meeting the objections of the Burnaby Estate in regard to the final lines of the roads. The Council noted that the fourth part of the objection by the Burnaby Estate had been withdrawn.

4. James O'Reilly.

The Council considered the Report submitted in regard to the objections made by James O'Reilly, by his Solicitors, John J. McDonald & Co., on behalf of Mr. Jas. J. O'Reilly, and Mr. Malachy O'Reilly, and the representations made by Mr. Rex Mackey, Mr. J. J. McDonald and Mr. O'Reilly at the oral hearing in relation to the small field known as "The Paddock." The Council decided to reject the objection and agreed that this field be reserved as an open space and further proposed that the acquisition of the field by compulsory purchase be considered.

5. Dargle Vale Residents.

Having considered the objection made on behalf of the Dargle Vale residents, both in writing and at the oral hearing, the Council confirmed their agreement that the reference to the Dargle Valley as an area for consideration for the making of a special Amenity Area Order included the section between Lower Dargle Bridge and the boundary of Bray Urban District. The Council noted that the line of the proposed Arterial Road as shown on map R.D.M.1 extended to the Co. Dublin boundary, but that after it passed this point the proposed road would pass through Co. Dublin and through Bray Urban District, which areas were not under the control of the County Council as Planning Authority.

7. An Taisce.

In regard to the suggestion of An Taisce in relation to landscape areas, the Council noted that the Council had already provided in the Draft Development Plan that only two areas would be included under Class A, these being the Dargle Valley area as set out under Class A(1) and the valley of Glendalough as indicated in Class A(2), both of which areas were under consideration for Special Amenity Area Orders by reason of natural beauty. In regard to the Preservation Orders suggested, the Council noted that if the plan were to be amended as suggested by An Taisce this would be a material alteration in the Plan and public notice would have to be given as well as notices served on the owners of the properties proposed to be listed for preservation. In regard to the large house in the village street in Newtownmountkennedy referred to by An Taisce the County Manager stated that this house had been in use as offices for the industry in the village and that in connection with extensions of the factory additional car parking space was required and it was proposed to demolish the house for this purpose. The County Engineer had reported that the building was in poor condition and that in the circumstances permission should be granted and permission had accordingly been given for the demolition of the house.

In regard to the suggestion of An Taisce that the Council might sponsor a scheme in which An Taisce could play a part in restoring and rebuilding some of the many abandoned cottages in the County, the Council asked that An Taisce be requested to supply further details of this proposal. On the suggestion made in relation to the forestry plantations, the Council agreed that a proposal that belts of deciduous trees be planted along the roadside edges of new plantations be taken up with the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands as well as the matter of ensuring that notable roadside views be not obscured by forestry plantation. The Council noted that the Car Park at Old Calary Road referred to by An Taisce was a private development and had not been provided by the Council. The Council noted that unauthorised dumping of rubbish had taken place on the Old Long Hill and agreed that steps be taken to ensure its removal.

8. Objection of Powerscourt Estate, Enniskerry.

The Council noted the proposal to preserve certain trees related to those in the vicinity of the driveway to Powerscourt House and continuing westward to the Powerscourt Demesne Townland boundary, but that before submitting Tree Preservation Orders to the Council the Estate would be consulted and agreement reached in regard to trees to be preserved. It was not intended that trees which were dangerous or falling down should be preserved.

9. J. P. Casey, Royal Hotel, Glendalough.

The Council approved of the observations given by the Council's Officers in regard to the points made by the Committee of residents at Glendalough and Laragh.

10. Messrs. McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Philip T. Somerville-Large.

The Council noted that the objections in this case related to the line of the proposed Arterial Road improvements and that the new bridge was being sited at the point originally planned and that the section of the improved Arterial Road to link the dual carriageway with the new Dublin County Council dual carriageway had not yet been finally determined.

11. Mr. M. A. Roche, Killaduff House, Aughrim, Arklow.

The Council noted that if it were proposed by the Council at any time to create a new access or right-of-way over Mr. Roche's land due notice would be given and he would have full opportunity to object, but that there was no such proposal at present relating to his lands.

The Council deferred consideration of the remaining objections to a later meeting on a date to be arranged.

DUNLAVIN INDUSTRIAL SITE.

The Council agreed to consider a Notice of Motion which had been handed in by Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council provide money for access road to new factory at Dunlavin at the meeting to be held on 21st July 1969." The County Secretary stated that a Planning application in relation to the proposed industrial site had been submitted and was being examined and it appeared that there would be no difficulty in regard to that matter. The Local Development Association had asked for the assistance of the Council in relation to the development of the site and the County Engineer had arranged for the Assistant County Engineer for the area to consult the local Development Association and to submit estimates of cost of the provision of the service road and of any other matters in which the assistance of the Council was required. It was hoped to have a report with estimates of cost available for the Council at their next meeting. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the Council should give every assistance possible to the proposed development.