

SPECIAL LAND COMMITTEE'S REPORT

22nd JANUARY, 1923

The above Committee met to-day and after long and sympathetic consideration in conjunction with Town Agent we recommend that the Field or portion of field now in Dunne's possession in addition to larger field of Seven Acres adjoining be advertised as one letting and let to highest tender. The railing to be put in proper repair. We also recommend that the Angle or Corner of Plot-field next Bayview Cottage be advertised and let to highest tender.

(Signed) John Kennedy

Wm H. Kearney

D. H. Haskins.

Proposed by Councillor John Smullen.

Seconded by Councillor James Brennan.

Resolved:-"That Committee's Report dated 22nd January, 1923, be hereby confirmed and adopted"

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

5th FEBRUARY, 1923

I beg to submit to the Council my report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st December 1922.

From January 1st 1922 to December 31st 1922, there were 73 Births registered. There were 35 deaths for the same period. The ages of those who died are tabulated below.

Ages at Death	Total	
Under 1 year	3	By this table one can see (1) that the infant Mortality for the year was low. I believe it could be reduced still further by establishing an "Infant Welfare Centre"
From 14 to 7 years	3	
" 10 " 20 "	3	
" 20 " 30 "	2	(2) The very advanced age at death of the majority of those who died. One death occurring at 92 years and 8 deaths between 70 -- 80 years of age.
" 30 " 40 "	2	
" 40 " 50 "	4	(3) Average age of death for those 35 deaths being 45.9 years.
" 50 " 60 "	5	
" 60 " 70 "	0	
" 70 " 80 "	8	
" 80 " 90 "	3	
" 90 " 100 "	1	
<b>TOTAL:-</b>	<b>34</b>	1 Died at 92 years 1 died age unknown.

From these figures, one can judge better the mildness of the climate here and the very healthy conditions of the Town generally.

There were no outbreaks of any infectious disease reported to me during the year.

Schools, Dairies etc. are all kept clean and are in good order. The Sanitary Sub Officer discharged his duties efficiently and very carefully.

The Streets are kept very clean and free from refuse.

In conclusion I may say I found the Town in a very healthy state and in a good sanitary condition.

(Signed) A. A. O'Connor.

Medical Officer of Health.

Order:- That report be given to the papers for publication.

Sub Sanitary Officer's Report

6th February, 1923

Inspected 100 premises and served 3 notices for various sanitary purposes. Two notices were complied with. Had one Patient removed to Co Home. The Urinals & Main Drainage were flushed during the month. The Council's men were engaged on Dunbur Road Monkton Row, Quarantine Hill; High Street; Marlton Road & North Quay cleaning up Water Tables and spreading Stones. Had gravel raised on Mirrough and spread on footpaths at Station Road, Rathnew Road and Church Road. I wish a Committee to inspect Doctor Steps owing to complaint by the Owner of the premises. The sewerage is affected by the steps sinking at the end of the premises. The Wooden Railing along Bachelors Walk is in a bad state of repair and several pieces of the Paling has been removed by some persons.

Order:- Council to inspect Doctor Steps. Civic Guards attention to be drawn to damage to Paling and also nuisance committed at The Valve House at Smoothing Iron Fitzwilliam Square.

## WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT

6th FEBRUARY, 1923

During the month I had No.1. Filtering Beds cleaned, and some new sand put down in them. Repaired burst main in Market Street and burst service on St Patrick's Road. Part of new service is laid on Monkton Row, we expect to finish by Thursday. There is 7ft of Water in the Reservoir at present. On 22nd January there was 8ft 1 inch, but Water went down to 6ft 10 inches on 5th February, and came up 2 ins with last night's rain. I am of opinion that the Reservoir will not come up to over-flow, unless there are very heavy rains.

(Signed) John Decourcy.

## CORPORATE AGENT'S REPORT

6th FEBRUARY, 1923

I beg to report that the wire Paling dividing the Upper from Lower Plots has been broken down in great part evidently by Carters drawing stones for the Council over it. The Carts have been drawn through the Lower Plots to road below. Damage is done not only to the Plots but to the dividing space. This may necessitate remeasurement.

Repairs have been done to Cottages in Bond Street.

There are a few cases in connection with over-due Rents for which I would require the advice of your Solicitor.

(Signed) Wm M. Byrne.

Order:- Agent's Report be referred to the following as a Committee to report to the Council. Councillors John Kennedy, Wm H. Kearney; Jas Middleton; Jas Brennan; M. Murtagh; John Smullen.

## WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENTS

Clerk of Works Reports

1. All filling in now practically complete.
2. All gravel required has been raised and carted to Site.
3. Sufficient Sand for almost two beds is at the Works.
4. One bed is filled and ready for work.
5. The second bed is half filled and the third cannot be proceeded with until the pipes for the floor arrive.

6. Twelve men working for one week should raise all the rest of sand.

7. It would take 4 days to fill one bed with sand, with one horse working all day in dry weather.

8. Two Cars are the most that can conveniently work together at a time

(Signed) Joseph O'Byrne.

## 2nd Report

1. Two Filter Beds will be completed this week granted fine weather.
2. All the filling in as directed by Mr. Bergin, will be also finished.
3. The 3rd Bed cannot be completed until the Earthenware junctures arrive from Dublin.
4. All gravel is now on Site for this bed.
5. It will require another week's raising sand (which has to be riddled) on Halpin's Beach for the latter bed.
6. The whole should be completed by Saturday week.

(Signed) Joseph O'Byrne.

Letter from Minister for Local Government approving of acceptance

Mr. Wm Clarke's tender at £4,103 : 5/- for building 6 houses.

Letter from Minister for Local Government requesting to be informed if the Contract for houses had been signed and work commenced.

Wire from Minister for Local Government requesting all cases for hearing under criminal Injuries Acts be adjourned till next Sessions pending Legislation.

Letter Minister for Local Government, requesting to be informed if the Council obtained the opinion of a competent Valuer before deciding on the rents to be included in new leases granted to Miss Nolan & Mr.

P. T. Healy.

Also in the case of Mr. John McCall.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re Irrecoverable Poor Rates, and stating that balance of receipts to be returned before sanction can be given to same.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re School Meals.

Order:- Referred to Committee.

Local Elections Postponement Act 1922.

Municipal Elections to be held on 14th June, 1923.

Read circular letter revision of bonus.

Read Preliminary Notice Application for Compensation on behalf of  
Elizabeth M. Kelly; and ~~Elizabeth M. Kelly~~  
Ethei M. Smith.

Letter from Mr. W. Coleborn re Demand for Poor Rates.

Order:- Council cannot interfere with Collector as the Collector is bound to use every means to collect the rates.

Letter from Town Clerk, Bray re Trawling in Dublin Bay, and asking that a statement of evidence should be prepared on behalf of the Fishermen.

Letter from Messrs Hamilton & Craig, accepting the Council's terms on behalf of Miss Nolan, for the granting of a new lease, and requesting to be informed when they may expect to receive a draft of the new lease.

Letter from Hibernian Bank Ltd, agreeing to advance a Loan of £957 for Housing Scheme on the collateral security of a charge on the rates of the Council; to be repaid in 15 years on the annuity system by equal half yearly instalments at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$

Application for Allotment Plots from John Clarke; Rosie Smith; E. Canavan.

Order:- Referred to Corporate Agent.

Letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, enclosing Grazing Tenants Agreement for approval.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Seconded by Councillor John Smullen.

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby approve of Draft Grazing Agreement submitted by Mr. J. H. McCarroll, for the letting of Corporation Grazing Lands on 11 months system. Letting to commence on 1st April, 1923.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Seconded by Councillor M. Murtagh.

Resolved:- "That Mr. John McCall, be granted a new lease of Cottages at Lr Strand Street, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years at an increase of 20% on the present rent.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Seconded by Councillor James Middleton.

Resolved:- "That Messrs John Smullen; Michael Cullen; Patrick Kavanagh; & James Waldron, applications for one of the new Houses ~~on the Murrrough~~ be granted.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor M. Murtagh

Seconded by Councillor James Middleton

Resolved:-"That the D & S. E. Railway Co. be requested to run the 6-5 p.m. train as far as Wicklow.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor M. Murtagh.

Seconded by Councillor John Kennedy.

Resolved:-"That Mr. John Barlow, be charged Three Pence per week, for small piece of ground on Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow. Rent to commence from date of construction of Kiosk.

Letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, enclosing Mr. Foley's report re Presbyterian Church Body Claim.

Letter from Mr. Patrick Clarke, requesting to know why the Blacksmith work which he has done for the Council for the past 30 years has been taken from him.

Proposed by Councillor John Smullen.

Seconded by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Resolved:-" That Mr. Patrick Clarke be given the Council's Blacksmith work so long as he does the work satisfactory.

Read letter from Mr. Patrick <sup>Rooney</sup> ~~Clarke~~, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, claiming £15 for damage to his House from flooding.

Order:- Council deny liability in the matter.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney

Seconded by Councillor James Brennan

Resolved:-"That Mr. John Clarke, be instructed to sell by Public Auction all the timber, barrows, tools etc that were in use in connection with Waterworks Improvements.

TOWN' CLERK'S APPLICATION FOR BONUS  
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Gentlemen,

I beg to make an application for to be remunerated for the extra work imposed upon me in carrying out the following schemes:-

W A T E R W O R K S  
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As you are aware I have carried out the negotiations in connection with the obtaining a loan for improvements to the Waterworks since May 1920. At first I endeavoured to obtain a grant from the Unemployment Commissioners in London, but was unsuccessful. I was obliged to seek another way out of the difficulty by the Council appointing a Deputation who waited on the Minister for Local Government, to obtain his sanction to the raising of a loan. After several interviews with the Minister, I was asked to put forward a scheme which I did viz:-

That we realise our Stock investments and if possible reduce our debt by re-purchasing back the Stock from our Stock-holders at a reasonable price. The Minister for Local Government, agreed to this proposal and suggested that I should open up negotiations with our Stock Holders and try and induce them to sell at a reasonable price.

These instructions I carried out and after a great deal of correspondence and interviews I succeeded in getting them to sell at 60%, to which the Council agreed to accept, however I continued the negotiations for some time longer and after an interview with the Hibernian Bank Directors, who are our largest Stock-holders I succeeded in they agreeing to accept 50%, which affected a saving of £1,462: 2/- and in addition they agreed to forego the interest which amounted to £57, thus effecting a total saving thereby to the Council of £1,520: 2/- on this transaction alone. I also repurchased from other Stock Holders £650 of our Stock at the same price. The total gained by the Council was £1,585 : 2/-. After affecting this Stock transaction the Council reduced their debt by £15,281 : 13 : 4, and were thereby enable to obtain the Minister's sanction to the raising of a loan to carry out the improvements to the Waterworks, which loan we succeeded in obtaining from the Hibernian Bank by the re-issue of £6,000 at 85% redeemable in 35 years.

The improvements to the Waterworks, were commenced on 25th March 1922, and the work being carried out by direct labour, I was obliged to pay the men and keep the necessary accounts including the pay sheets and to order the necessary material that is required from time to time.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT  
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In May 1922, a Free Grant of £1,000, was given to relieve unemployment by carry out schemes in connection with road improvements. I prepared a scheme and submitted same to the Minister of Transport, who sanctioned same. I also supervised the work, paid the men, kept pay sheets and seen that the work was carried out.

HOUSING SCHEME  
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This Scheme is going on since 1919, when I was instructed by the Council to inspect and report on all houses in the Township that were in bad repair, and to ascertain the number of Workingsmens houses that were needed.

This work I carried out, and then negotiations were opened up to try and obtain the money to build the houses. Deputation after Deputation interviewed the various Departments to obtain the money, but we were unsuccessful, however after a good deal of trouble we arrived at a scheme which was approved of and the loan sanctioned for same.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING SCHEME  
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In consequence of the high price charged for gas (12/6 per 1,000 C.F.) I was directed in November 1921, to summon a Conference of the Council, large Consumers and the Gas Co, with a view to try and have the price reduced. The Conference was held but an agreement was not arrived at, and consequently I was directed by the Council, to take the necessary steps to establish the Electric Light. The services of Messrs Tierney & Co, were obtained, who submitted a scheme which was approved of by the Council and in August 1922, The Chairman (Mr. Jas Everett T.D.) Mr. C. M. Byrne, T.D. and I, were appointed a deputation to wait on Mr. Allen, to obtain his sanction to the scheme. At the interview Mr. Allen, pointed out that a great deal of proceedure had to be gone through

before the Minister could give his sanction to the Order. Your Chairman reported in detail the necessary proceedure to be carried out and his report was adopted. Messrs Tierney & Co, were instructed to prepare the plans and specifications, the Solicitor to prepare the Order, and I was instructed to carry out the necessary statutory rules and orders in connection with the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919. The whole of this work was carried out by me including the necessary evidence for the Inquiry which was held on 12th instant.

All these schemes are completed so far as I am concerned viz:-  
The Waterworks Improvements will be finished in another week or two. The Unemployment Grant is completed. Tender has been accepted for the Housing Scheme, and in connection with the Electric Light it only remains for the Bill to be passed in the House of Parliament.

GRANTS  
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I may add that I have had to make out the various grants for the past 3 years which entailed a considerable amount of work viz:- Claim in respect of Sanitary Salaries £143 : 10/-, Death Duty Grant £426:6:9, Bounty in lieu of rates £439 : 13 : 6, Recoupment in respect of Harbour Charges £1,125 : 17 : 1, making a gross total of £2,134 : 7 : 4

I may state that my Predecessor was allowed £50 per annum extra as Registrar of Wicklow (Town) Stock. I receive nothing. He also received 5% on amount received in connection with re-coupment of Harbour Charges. I receive nothing.

In order to carry out those various schemes I have had to work day and night to get them through in addition to my usual work. It is impossible to describe in words all I have had to do, and I have no doubt but if the Council could see the large amount of extra work which only one of those schemes entails they would not I am sure hesitate for one moment to handsomely remunerate me for same.

Trusting Gentlemen that you will see your way to compensate me, for my work.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. J. MacPhail. Town Clerk.

After carefully considering the Town Clerk's application the following resolution was proposed and adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor James Middleton.

Seconded by Councillor John Smullen.

Resolved:- "That our Town Clerk, be granted a Bonus of One hundred Pounds for the extra work carried out by him for the past 3 years.

*John Smullen*  
*James Middleton*

Town Hall, Wicklow,

6th March, 1923

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, was held this evening in pursuance to notice. To transact the following business:-

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
2. To consider Committees Reports.
3. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
4. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
5. To consider Corporate Agent's Report.
6. To consider tenders for the Grazing of Fields at Ballynerrin.
7. To consider County Council Demand.
8. To consider official correspondence

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Messrs John Kennedy; Wm H. Kearney; John Smullen; James Clarke; James Middleton; James Smullen; James Nichols; Charles Davis

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney & Seconded by Councillor John Smullen & Resolved "That Mr. John Kennedy take the Chair. The Minutes of the previous meetings were read over and confirmed after which the business was proceeded with.

Read Finance Committee's Report showing receipts for the month amounting to the sum of £517 : 2 : 11, and recommending payments amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £1,571 : 4 : 1.

Proposed by Councillor John Smullen

Seconded by Councillor James Clarke

Resolved:- "That Finance Committee's Report be adopted.

## COMMITTEE'S REPORT

17th February, 1923.

Your Committee met this evening, and have directed that ten men be engaged next week to raise the balance of the sand on the Beach for the Filter Beds, and when Sand is brought up to Site at Waterworks Filters to be completed.

We have given permission to Mr. John Smullen, for the use of Town-Hall, for Meeting in connection with I. N. Fersters Band, on 21st instant.

(Signed) John Kennedy

John Smullen

Wm H. Kearney

Charles Davis.

## COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd MARCH, 1923

We have given directions to Clerk of Werks to have Sand put into No.3. Filter Bed and completed.

We have given instructions for Mr. Blarke, to replace defective 8 inch pipe and to connect with Reservoir.

(Signed) James Brennan

Charles Davis

John Smullen

Proposed by Councillor James Smullen

Seconded by Councillor Wm H. Kearney

Resolved:- That Committee's Reports dated 17th February & 3rd March be hereby confirmed and adopted.

## SUB SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT

6th March, 1923

Inspected 100 premises, and served 5 notices for defective drainage, 2 notices have been complied with and the other notice has not expired.

The Main Drainage & Urinals have been flushed weekly. The stone shere at Dr Steps has been repaired and the Steps re-set. Curbing at St Patrick's Road re-set. The drainage at Wentworth Villa get checked with sand I had about 150 yards opened and cleaned. There is about 70yds more to be done and this work cannot be completed until I get new Flags.

Owing to the weather during the month all the Gully Traps were checked with sand and they had all to be cleared. The pipes in water tables at the different gate entrances along Main St and other Streets are stepped

These pipes were laid in water tables by each Owner of premises and in several cases the pipes are too small and easy to check.

Owing to the dumping of nuisance on the inner Murreugh I had a notice erected on same warning persons against dumping on Murreugh. I wish the Council's instructions as to the lighting of the public lamps during the month of March.

Orders:- Notices to be served on Owners of Pipes to have them cleared.

Public Lighting be discontinued at end of March.

## WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT

6th MARCH, 1923

During the month laid new Service to Pump and Houses on Monkton Row.

Repaired Fountains in Castle Street, Kilmartin Hill and Murreugh.

Flushed all mains. Reservoir is over-flowing since 27th Feb.

The old leak through the dam wall into fresh water chamber has increased considerably since last winter, in fact the leakage can keep the Town supplied without water from Filtering Beds.

CORPORATE AGENT'S REPORT:- Have had some repairs done to houses at Bond St, and a Grate fixed in house in Strand St. There is considerable leakage through back walls at No. 3 & 4 Convent Road Cottages caused I believe by defective rain pipe. This requires early attention.

The following tenders were received for the Grazing of two Fields at Ballynerrin:- ( 11 months system)

Mr. James Dunne.	Kilmantin Hill	£14 : 0 : 0
Mr. Henry Nalty	Ne Street	12 : 0 : 0
Mr. William Dickenson.	Menkton Row	11 : 0 : 0

Proposed by Councillor John Smullen

Secended by Councillor Wm H. Kearney

Resolved:- "That Mr. James Dunne's tender at £14 for 2 Fields at Ballynerrin on 11 months system be accepted. Tenancy to commence from 1st April next

Read County Council Demand. Referred to next Meeting.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re allocation of Irish Housing Fund.

Letter Minister for Local Government, requesting to be informed if Housing Scheme has yet been commenced.

Letter from Minister for Local Government, re additional loan for Improvements to Waterworks.

Letter from Minister for Local Government, forwarding form of application for an advance of £600 in connection with Housing Scheme.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re Grants.

Letter from Minister for Local Government, forwarding £600 being an advance in connection with Housing Scheme.

The following applications were received for Cottages on the Murrough:- Mr. James Smullen; James Doyle; N. Pender; P. Ganavan; Jas Quinn; Jas Deran; Mary E. Ganavan, Michael Kelly.

Order:- Applications deferred for two months.

Letter from Mr. James Waldron, thanking the Council for granting him a house on the Murrough.

Letter from Railway Co, re train service.

Letter from Mr. W. Celeborn re Rates.

Letter from I. T. & G. Workers Union, stating that Committee have decided to enforce a rule that was made some time ago. "That all men employed casually must be employed through their Union and also the Carters to be employed through the Union.

Order:- I. T. & G. Workers Union request to be acceded to.

Read Demand from Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board, for year ending 31st March, 1924. £87 : 2 : 6

Letter from Mr. Patrick Blake, re balance due on account Contract at Waterworks.

Letter from Superintendent Civic Guards acknowledging the receipt of Council's resolution, and stating that the matter ~~will~~<sup>will</sup> have his attention.

Read letter from Messrs J. Allen & Son, stating that Mr. P. Collins had now completed agreement with Bray Urban Council, for the erection of White City.

Letter from Minister for Local Government, re Messrs Healy & Nolan's applications for renewal of lease.

Letter from Valuation Office forwarding Valuation Lists.

Claim on behalf of John Harris, for compensation for Motor Bike £26 : 0 : 0.

Electors List of Newly qualified and no longer qualified.

Resolution from The Neutral I. R. A. Members Association.

"Adopted"

Letter from Messrs L. A. Waldron & Co, Stock Brokers re sale of £208 : 2 : 1 - 2½% Stock & £36 Guaranteed 5% Stock.



One tender was received for the small portion of field at Ballynerrin, on 11 months system. Viz:- Mr. James Clarke at £2.

Proposed by Councillor James Smullen.

Seconded by Councillor James Nichols

Resolved:- "That Mr. James Clarke's tender at £2 for small Plot at Ballynerrin be accepted. Letting on 11 months system. Tenancy to commence from 1st April, 1925.

Read applications from Mr. James Wynne & Mr. M. Suttan, for one of the new Cottages on the Murreugh.

Order:- Applications deferred.

Application from Mr. John Dunne, Convent Road, to have a new sheet put on his house and to prevent rain from coming in.

Order:- Referred to Committee.

Read letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, enclosing Bill of Costs in connection with Electric Lighting Scheme £287 : 0 : 7.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Jas Smullen

Seconded by Councillor John Smullen

Resolved:- "That the request of the Irish Transport & General Union that all men employed casually must be employed through their Union be hereby acceded to"

*J. E. Smith*  
4/3/23

Town Hall, Wicklow,  
16th March, 1925

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, was held this evening in pursuance to a requisition signed by Councillors John Kennedy; John Smullen; Charles Davis; Wm H. Kearney; James Everett & James Brennan.

1. To consider Clerk's Statement & Estimate of Poor Rate.
2. To consider Clerk's Statement & Estimate of Township Rate.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Messrs M. Murtagh; John Kennedy; Wm H. Kearney; James Middleton; James Clarke; Francis Murphy; Charles Davis; John Smullen.

Councillor John Kennedy took the Chair on the Motion of Councillor Kearney & Seconded by Councillor John Smullen.

Having considered Clerk's Statement & Estimate of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March, 1924; the following resolution was adopted:-  
Proposed by Councillor Charles Davis.

Seconded by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council having considered Clerk's Statement & Estimate of Poor Rate as now submitted for year ending 31st March 1924 viz:- 5/3 in the £. whereof 1/8 is for County Charges; 3/- for Union Charges and for Separate Charges Wicklow Harbour 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d and Arklow Harbour 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d; be hereby adopted and that notice of Intention to Make such Rate be published as required by Law"

The Clerk submitted Statement & Estimate of Township Rate for Year ending 31st March, 1924 viz:- 6/9 in the £.

After carefully going into the Statement & Estimate the following resolutions were proposed:-

Proposed by Councillor Francis Murphy:- That a 5/- Rate be struck.

There being no seconder the resolution was declared lost.

*J. E. Smith*

Proposed by Councillor Charles Davis  
 Secended by Councillor Matthew Murtagh

Resolved:- That a Township Rate of 6/- be struck for ensuing year.

On a vote being taken the above resolution was declared lost.

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.  
 Secended by Councillor John Smullen.

Resolved:- That having considered Clerk's Statement & Estimate of Townshp Rate for year ending 31st March, 1924, as now submitted we hereby adept same viz:- A Township Rate of 6/9 in the £.

The above resolution was adopted.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor James Middleton.  
 Secended by Councillor Charles Davis.

Resolved:- That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council beg to offer our deepest sympathy and condelence with the Daughters of the late Mr. Arthur Deelittle, on the death of their Father.

Read an application from Mr. Wm M. Byrne, Corperate Agent, for an increase of Poundage or a Salary fixed and payable monthly.

Order:- That Town Agent's application be referred to Committee.

Town Hall, Wicklow,

3rd April, 1923  
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The usual Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this day in pursuance to notice to transact the following business:-.

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
2. To consider Committees Reports.
3. To Make a Township Rate of 6/9 in the £, for ensuing year.
4. To Seal and Sign Township Rate Collector's Warrant.
5. To Make a Poor Rate of 5/3 in the £ for ensuing year.
6. To Sign and Seal Poor Rate Collector's Warrant.
7. To accept tenders for the construction of Electric Light.
8. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
9. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
10. To consider Corperate Agent's Report.
11. To Seal and sign Grazing Agreements.
12. To consider official correspondence.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT  
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Mr. James Everett, T.D. Chairman in the Chair; Messrs John Smullen; M. Murtagh; John Kennedy; Wm H. Kearney; Jas Smullen; Francis Murphy; Jas Brennan; Charles Davis; D. H. Haskins

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed after which the business was proceeded with.

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements during the month amounting to the sum of £798 : 9 : 5 and recommending payments amounting to the sum of £202 : 13 : 2.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor James Everett.T.D.

Secended by Councillor Jehn Smullen.

Resolved:-"That the Finance Committee's Report be hereby confirmed and adopted and that Treasurers Advice Note for the payment to the several parties named therein be now signed by direction and on behalf of the Council amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £202 : 13 : 2.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor Francis Murphy.

Secended by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Resolved:-"That Poor Rate Collector be paid £30 on account of his Poundage and Wm M. Byrne, Township Rate Collector be paid £70 on account of Poundage.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

13th March, 1923  
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1. Your Special Committee met this evening and have given directions for one Waggon of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch Macadam to be spread on Rathnew Road. Ten load of Fine Sand to be spread on Brickfield Lane.

That the small repairs to Jehn Dunne's House at Convent Road be carried out.

We suggest that the Convent Road Cottages be cemented back and front, and the Tenants be asked to pay a few pence per week extra in their rent.

(Signed) Jehn Kennedy

Jas Brennan

Jehn Smullen

Wm H. Kearney

G. Davis.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

26th MARCH, 1923  
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Your Special Committee met this evening and have given directions for the following works to be carried out:-

Gravel be raised and spread on Brickfield Lane.

Fines to be spread on Convent Road.

Water table at Station Road be repaired.

Public Seats to be painted.

(Signed) Jehn Kennedy

Wm H. Kearney

Jehn Smullen

Jas Brennan

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor Jehn Smullen

Secended by Councillor Jas Brennan

Resolved:-"That Committees Reports dated 13th & 26th March, 1923, be hereby confirmed and adopted eliminating paragraph in report re the Cementing of Conventing Road Cottages.

The Council had before them Clerk's Statement and Estimate of Township Rate, and after carefully considering same the following resolution was proposed by Councillor M. Murtagh & Secended by Councillor D. H. Haskins:- "That a 6/- Rate be struck for ensing year.

On a vote being taken the above resolution was defeated by 6 to 3.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor Jas Everett, T.D.

Secended by Councillor Jehn Smullen

Resolved:-"That we Make the following Rate and Assessment as herein setforth upon all Occupiers and Owners of all premises situate within the Urban District of Wicklow for year ending 31st March 1924, A Wicklow

Urban District Rate of 6/3 in £, whereof 1/- is for Principal & Interest on Wicklow (Town) Stock raised to pay off Luscombe Mortgage expended on the repairs and improvements of Wicklow Harbour; 3½d Upkeep New Cemetery; 4½d Special Loan under Wicklow Harbour Advances Act 1897; 2/10½ for Roads and Public works; 1/6 for Maintenance of Wicklow Public Water Supply; 1d for Technical Instruction; 3d for Housing. That notice of said Rate having been made be published as required by Law and that same is now due and payable on and after 3rd day of April, 1923.

The Town Clerk stated that since the Poor Rate Estimate had been before the Council he had received a letter from the Secretary, Wicklow Co Council stating that an additional 6d Rate should be included in the Estimate in accordance with instructions received from the Government, said additional 6d being for Criminal & Malicious Injuries.

The Town Clerk stated that he had now altered all the rate books, Demand & Receipt Books and included the 6d, thereby the Estimate had been increased by 6d making a Total Poor Rate of 5/9 in the £.

#### RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor John Smullen.

Seconded by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Resolved:-"That we Make a Poor Rate for Year ending 31st March, 1924, on all property situate in the Urban District of Wicklow rateable under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and Acts incorporated therewith. A Poor Rate or collectable as such of Five Shillings & Nine Pence in the Pound including for 6d Charges 1/8; for Union Charges 3/- and for Separate Charges viz:- Wicklow Harbour 4½d in the £, Arklow Harbour 2½d in the £ and for Criminal & Malicious Injuries 6d in the £, and that notice be hereby given that the Rate Books are now deposited in the Office of the Council and may be inspected by any person affected thereby, and that the said Poor Rate shall be payable in two Moieties on 4th April, 1923 and the 1st October 1923, and that notice of having struck said Rate be published as required by Law"

#### RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:-"That Township Rate Collector's Warrant be now sealed and signed on behalf of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

#### RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor John Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor John Smullen

Resolved:-"That Poor Rate Collector's Warrant be now sealed and signed on behalf of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

#### WICKLOW ELECTRIC LIGHTING SCHEME

Read letter from the Ministry of Industry & Commerce stating that the Ministry is prepared to sanction the order for which application has been made by the Council, upon an undertaking being given by the Council that, if in the future a Central Power Station should be started for a district in which the Wicklow Urban Area is included and that a supply of electricity in bulk is made available for the Wicklow Urban Area at a rate of charge equal to or less than the cost of generation in the Local Generating Station, the Council will agree to take their supply from the Central Power Station.

The Council approved of above condition made by the Ministry and passed the following resolution thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney.

Seconded by Councillor Charles Davis.

Resolved:-"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to the condition contained in the Ministry of Industry & Commerce letter dated 27th March, 1923 viz:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby undertake that if in the future a Central Power Station should be started for a district in which the Wicklow Urban Area is included and that a supply of electricity in bulk is made available for the Wicklow Urban Area at a rate of charge equal to or less than the cost of generation in the Local Generating Station we agree to take our supply from the Central Power Station"

Read letter from Messrs J. P. Tierney & Co, recommending the Council to accept the following tenders:- Engines & Generators:- Messrs Gressley Bros Ltd Manchester. Meter Booster Set:- Messrs Drake & Gerham, London. Battery of Accumulators:- Chloride Electrical Storage Co, Nr Manchester. Switchboard:- Messrs Drake & Gerham, London. Overhead System & Consumers Services:- Messrs Irish Electrical Construction Co, Dublin.

The following resolutions were Proposed by Councillor John Smullen; Seconded by Councillor Charles Davis & Resolved:-

- (1) That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby accept the tender of Messrs Gressley Bros Ltd at £2,159, for supplying Engines & Generators in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Messrs Tierney & Co.
- (2) That we accept the tender of Messrs Drake & Gerham at £124 for supplying Meter Booster Set.
- (3) That we accept the tender of Messrs Chloride Electrical Storage Co at £659 for Battery of Accumulators.
- (4) That we accept the tender of Messrs Drake & Gerham at £315 for Switchboard.
- (5) That we accept the tender of Messrs Irish Electrical Construction Co at £1,899 for supplying and constructing Overhead System & Consumers Services.

Sub Sanitary Officer's Report

3rd April, 1923

Inspected 100 premises and served 2 notices which were complied with. Supplied 15 persons with lime for lime-washing. Main drainage and Urinals were flushed weekly. During the month the Council's men were engaged at Ballinerrin Road, St Patrick's Road, Church Road, Upper Monkto Row and Convent Road and had 26 loads of fine gravel spread along Brickfield Lane. It will require another 10 loads to complete same.

I wish the Council's permission to have the Public Seats put on the Piers and Murreugh by the end of the month. The Wall at the Mall requires lime washing. The Public Lighting is completed.

Order:- Public Seats to be placed in position on Murreugh & Piers on 1st proximo.

Waterworks Overseer's Report

3rd April, 1923

During the month I flushed all mains and repaired fountains in New Street, Castle Street and Murreugh.

I laid new 1" service from Main to New Buildings on the Murreugh. Water in Reservoir is 3 ins down from Overflow.

The New Filtering Beds are now working. I would like to have some instructions as to when it would be necessary to have sand in new beds cleaned.

Corporate Agent's Report

2nd April, 1923.

The two Fields let to Mr. Dunne are paled off from the Grazing Lands and are well enclosed. The Angle portion let to Mr. Clarke, is also enclosed and a Gate is to be fixed.

I understand the repairs at Mr. John Dunne's house at Convent Road will be completed this week.

Letter from Ministry of Finance stating that claim for re-occupancy Harbour Charges 1920-21; 1921-22 are under consideration.

Letter from Minister for Local Government stating that Estate Duty Grant for 3 years 1921-22 & 1922-23 has not yet been released from Guarantee Fund and that balance due in respect Sanitary Salaries and Harbour Charges will be paid as soon as the necessary calculations have been made.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re collection of Poor Rate

Letter from Minister for Home Affairs re the appointment of National Film Censor.

Demand from Rathdrum & Wicklow Jt Burial Board for year ending 31st March, 1924 £87 : 2 : 6

Letters from Railway Co re train service.

Abstract of accounts from Wicklow Gas Co.

Appeal by Gas Co against Valuation.

Claim for Criminal & Malicious Injuries by Gas Co.

Letter from Mr. Gelebern re Rates.

Letter from The Neutral I. R. A. Members Association acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution re Peace.

Application from A. McGrath for an Alletment Plot.

Letter from Mr. F. Bergin, re improvements to Waterworks.

Resolution from Wicklow Jt Technical Instruction Committee request -ing to be paid the additional penny rate struck for Irish.

Letter from the Secretary Co Wicklow Jt Technical Instruction Committee asking the Council to co-opt a Member in the room of Mr. G. Davis, disqualified through non attendance at the Meetings of the Committee.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Secended by Councillor James Everett.

Resolved:-"That Mr. Francis Murphy, be elected in the room of Mr. G. Davis, on the Co Wicklow Jt Technical Instruction Committee.

Read letter from Mr. Patrick Reaney, to be compensated for injury to his property by reason of being flooded by surface water.

Order:- That Mr. Patrick Reaney's application be referred to Committee.

Read the following application from Messrs Wm M. Byrne, Township Rate Collector & Mr. Edward Kennedy, Poor Rate Collector:-

We beg to make an application to be put on the Civil Service Scale of Salaries instead of the present very unsatisfactory system of remuneration by Poundage. At present our estimate of pay is uncertain as it depends on the rate struck for each year and the tendency is towards reduction. We point out that the work of collection of the smaller rate is as difficult as that of the larger.

We trust Gentlemen you will give this matter your favourable consideration.

(Signed) Wm M. Byrne

Edward Kennedy.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Wm H. Kearney

Secended by Councillor John Smullen

Resolved:-"We have had before us application from Messrs Byrne & Kennedy to be put on the Civil Service Scale of Salaries and refer same to the Minister for Local Government, with a view to appointing an Arbitrator to inquire into the Salaries of all the Officials of the Council!"

5/3/23

Town Hall, Wicklow,  
5th May, 1923.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this day in pursuance to a requisition signed by Councillors John Kennedy; James Everett, T.D.; Wm H. Kearney; James Nichols; James Brennan; D. H. Haskins.

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
2. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
3. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
4. To consider Corporate Agent's Report.
5. To consider official correspondence.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr. James Everett, T.D. Chairman in the Chair., Messrs James Nichols  
John Kennedy; Wm H. Kearney; George Doyle; Charles Davis.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read over and confirmed after which the business was proceeded with.

Read Finance Committee's Report

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor John Kennedy.  
Seconded by Councillor Jas Nichols  
Resolved:- That Finance Committee's Report be hereby confirmed and adopted and that Treasurers Advice Note for payment to the several parties named therein be now signed by direction and on behalf of the Council amounting in the aggregate to the sums of:- General Account £314 : 11 : 4., Housing Account £330 : 14 : 10 & Waterworks Improvement Account £418 : 10 : 6.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1st MAY, 1923

Your Finance Committee met this day and checked over accounts, books & vouchers and found same correct. We recommend the following payments:-

H. J. MacPhail.	One month's salary	£25 : 0 : 0
Same	Workmens Wages	67 : 2 : 3
John DeGeourcy	One month's salary & bonus	15 : 16 : 4
B. O'Toole	do do	12 : 15 : 8
Hibernian Insurance Co.	Insurance	3 : 14 : 6
Board of Works	Yr's Principal & Interest on Loan	53 : 6 : 8
Jas J. Porter	Rates on Waterworks	3 : 8 : 11
M. Turner	Repairs to Cottage Bond St	2 : 5 : 0
Gern Co	Seals	1 : 16 : 0
John Kavanagh	Supplying Stones	7 : 0 : 6
Postmaster General.	Telephone Charges	4 : 2 : 9
Deekrell, Sens & Co.	Lead Pipe, Stopcock etc	11 : 6 : 6
Gas Co	Gas & Meter Rent & P. Lighting	3 : 1 : 0
T. J. Gellotie	Repairs Town Hall Clock	7 : 0 : 6
J. Kennedy.	Leggings & Stones	4 : 8 : 0
Wm M. Byrne.	Balance Poundage on Rates Collected	18 : 12 : 0
Same	Do Rents	26 : 12 : 9
Go Printing Co.	Printing & Advert	9 : 16 : 0
Same	Do Peer Rate	5 : 18 : 6
D. Tyndall.	Cleaning Urinals	1 : 10 : 0
Mrs. M. Dunne.	Bedding Destroyed by order M.O. Health	2 : 15 : 0
John Kennedy	do do	15 : 6 : 0
A. M. Davis	do do	3 : 2 : 6
H. J. MacPhail.	Allowance for writing Rate Books	25 : 0 : 0
P. J. Byrne.	Blinds etc	3 : 7 : 0
D & S. E. Rly Co.	Carriage	1 : 10 : 6

£ 314 - 11 - 4

HOUSING ACCOUNT

Irish Times.	Advertising	£2 : 10 : 0
Independent	do	2 : 10 : 0
Freeman's Journal	do	3 : 0 : 0
Irish Builder		16 : 8
The Mining Co.	Coil Lead Pipe	4 : 8 : 2
Brecks, Thomas & Co.	Stop Cock, Ferrule etc	1 : 10 : 0
Wm Clarke.	On Acet Contract	500 : 0 : 0
Fras Bergin.	Clerk of Works Wages	16 : 0 : 0

£ 330 - 14 - 10

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT ACCT

P. Blake.	Balance Contract	£145 : 7 : 3
C. P. Gierney.	Do	241 : 10 : 5
Deekrell, Sens & Co.	Timber	27 : 7 : 9
Gas Cp.	Seke & Weighting Gravel	3 : 15 : 1
B. O'Toole.	2 Water Barls	10 : 0

£ 418 - 10 - 6

(Signed) Wm H. Kearney  
James Nichols.

## SANITARY SUB OFFICER'S REPORT

1st May, 1923

Inspected 100 premises and served 2 notices which were complied with. Supplied Lime to 5 persons for lime-washing. By instructions from M. O. Health I disinfected two premises and had all bedding at both premises destroyed. Main drains and Urinals have been flushed weekly. During the month the following work was carried out Water tables cleared and cleaned at Leitrim Place, Bachelors Walk, Dunbur Road, Geepers Lane, Merton's Lane, Ball Alley.

Cottage at Convent Road repaired. Had Public Seats placed in position.

## WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT

1st May, 1923

Flushed all mains, and repaired fountains on Fitzwilliam Road, and Kilmantin Hill.

An air Valve Cover has been broken on the New Line Road, a new cover will be required. There is some new  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch Service pipe required for a couple of fountains, one on the Murreugh and the other at Fitzwilliam Road. The water in Reservoir is at overflow.

Order:- Coil of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch Pipe to be provided. Pump at Convent Road to be repaired.

Read the following letter from the Secretary of I. T & G. Workers

Union:-

Would you please give me some information on the following matters, as our Members doubt if some of the Council's Officials are carrying out the Council's instructions. Firstly did not your Council at its April meeting arising out of a letter from me pass a resolution that in future all casual men that the Council would employ be employed through this Union. If so was their instructions carried out, if not, why not.

Secondly it has been reported here that a man has been employed for some nights to help Waterworks Overseer. Is that statement correct because if it is there is no use in the Council passing resolutions when their officials do not carry them out. No man was ever applied for by any of the Officials of the Council since this order came into force for this particular work although previous to that order a man was employed for a few days every week. Please reply to this as soon as possible and oblige.

(Signed) John Conroy. Secretary.

The Waterworks Overseer stated that he engaged the man he was in the habit of employing to assist him.

Order:- That the letter of I. T. & G. Workers Union be referred to Committee, and the Union be asked to send to representatives to the Meeting to discuss the matter with the Council.



## CORPORATE AGENT'S REPORT

1st May, 1923

I beg to report that the agreement between Mr. James Clarke & Mr. Jas Dunne as Tenants of respective holdings have been signed by them and 1st moiety paid. I enclose the forms to be completed by the Council.

(Signed) Wm M. Byrne. Corporate Agent.

Letter from Minister Local Government enclosing form of Minutes in connection with Housing Schemes.

Letter from Minister for Local Government enclosing rate of remuneration to be paid to Quantity Surveyors

Letter from Minister of Finance re Income Tax Returns.

Letter from Minister for Local Government stating that the matter of appointing an Arbitrator to inquire into the status and salaries of Officials is having attention.

Letter from Minister of Industry & Commerce re Solicitor's Costs in connection with Electric Lighting Order.

Order:- Referred to Committee.

Letter from Commissioner of Valuation re Harbour Charges.

Letter from Commissioner of Valuation re Appeals.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re Surcharge.

Letter from Minister for Local Government re Stock investments.

Applications from Mrs M. Nichols, Messrs Wm Murphy, S. Merris, Thos Dunne, for renewal of lease.

Applications from W. Coleborn & Wm Murphy for renewal of lease.

Order:- Applications be referred to Committee for report.

Letter from Mr. M. Kelly, complaining of the Hares injuring his Allotment Plot.

Order:- Coursing Committee's attention to be drawn to the matter.

Letter from Messrs Gressley; ~~Wills~~ <sup>Messrs</sup> Wills acknowledging the receipt of the Council's letter re establishing a Factory in Wicklow and stating that the matter is having attention.

Letter from Mr. McFarrell, Solicitor, stating that he has again written to Counsel for opinion in connection with Marine Hotel premises.

Application from Mr. A. E. Smith for the balance of Fees as Quantity Surveyor.

Resolution from Galway Urban District Council:- That the Minister for Local Government be asked to bring in at an early date legislation to compel the owners of waste and insolvent premises to pay the rates on same"

Order:- That the Galway Urban District Council's resolution be adopted"

Read application from Mr. James McCall, for an Allotment Plot known as Tyndall's Plot.

Order:- Referred to Corporate Agent.