

intention to close the Wicklow Tramway.

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Mr John J. Kennedy, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs George Doyle, John Fitzgerald, Matthew Olohan, Matthew Turner, James Everett, T.D., Joseph O'Connor, Thomas Doran, D.H. Haskins and James Waldron.

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Proposed by Councillor John Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Turner

Resolved:- "That Earl Fitzwilliam's application for the closing of the Tramway be opposed and that the Minister of Industry & Commerce and Local Government Board be notified of the Council's opposition."

ORDER:- That the Town Clerk write to Mr Wilson and ask if Mr Doyne would receive a Deputation in connection with the application from Earl Fitzwilliam re closing of Tramway, the following to form Deputation Messrs John J. Kennedy, D.H. Haskins, James Everett and John Fitzgerald.

ORDER:- That the Great Southern Railways Co and Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co., be written to asking for their views with regard to the closing of the Wicklow Tramway.

Read application from Mrs Ann Turner for yard at Quarantine Hill.

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ORDER:- That Mrs Ann Turner's application for yard at Quarantine Hill be accepted at the rent of £3 per annum.

ORDER:- That Mr Wm.M. Byrne be directed to place Hanlon's Account of Rent and Rates in the hands of the Solicitors for collection.

R E S O L U T I O N .  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.  
Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

Resolved:- "That Committee's Report dated 14th November, 1930, be hereby adopted eliminating the Resolution opposing Earl Fitzwilliam's application for the closing of the Tramway."

C O M M I T T E E ' S     R E P O R T  
1st December, 1930.

Your Deputation waited on Mr Doyne, Earl Fitzwilliam's Agent, and ascertained from him Earl Fitzwilliam's reasons for making application for the closing of the Tramway.

Mr Doyne has agreed to hand over the tramway together with all plant to the Council and we recommend that same be taken over and that the Minister for Industry & Commerce's sanction be obtained for the transfer of the Tramway Undertaking to the Council.

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Town Clerk to make application for the Minister's sanction immediately and all negotiations in connection with the Undertaking to be carried out by the Committee appointed at Meeting held on the 14th November, 1930.

(Signed) D.H. Haskins.  
John Fitzgerald.

RESOLUTION.  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

Resolved:- "That Committee's Report dated 1st December, 1930, be "hereby confirmed and adopted."

SUB SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT.  
2nd December, 1930.

During the Month inspected 36 premises and served two notices for sanitary purposes which were complied with.

The usual flushing of the main-drainage and the disinfecting of Urinals on the North and South Quays has been carried out weekly during the month.

During the month I had 30 yards of stones broken and spread on roads that ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> torn up by the recent rain storms.

Two of the Council's men were atv the Waterworks with the

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Overseer, the work has now been completed and the men are cleaning up water-tables on the Station Road and Church Road.

WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT.  
2nd December, 1930.

During the month the Council's men finished cleaning of Filtering Beds and water-ways.

All mains were flushed and one notice given for leakage.

G.77886/1930. - 3/11/30. Dept. Local Government, returning draft lease and tracing in connection with sale of Coastguard Houses, and pointing out same contains no reference re failure to pay rent otherwise he had no objection to the execution of the leases.

S.Wicklow U.D.(Pg) - 10/11/30. Dept. Local Government, re Redemption Fund.

Circular Letter, 13/10/30. Dept. Local Government, requesting particulars re expenditure on Sanitary Salaries in the Urban District.

M.C.85419/30 (A) - 18/11/30. Dept Local Government, enclosing Extract from Return Form L re Vaccination, and stating active measures should be taken to compel compliance with the law on the part of Defaulters.

S.87643/30 - 29/11/30. Dept Local Government, requesting more explicit particulars re Redemption Fund.

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Read letter from Mr Joseph Darcy, acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

Read letter from Mr Desmond McAteer, C.E., requesting balance of Fees due him re Foreshore, by the 1st December.

Read letter from Secretary, Co.Council, requesting Council's contribution towards upkeep of Ashtown Road.

Read letter from Secretary, Co.Council, requesting Instalment of Co.Council Demand due on the 1st September.

Read letter from Accountant, Great Southern Rlys.Co., requesting Paying Order for £50 : 6/-, being Rates Refund 1928/29.

Read letters from Messrs McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, enclosing Draft Lease and Map re Wicklow Dispensary for approval.

RESOLUTION.  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor Matthew Turner.

Resolved:- "That Lease of Dispensary be hereby sealed and signed".

Read letter from Minister for Industry & Commerce, acknowledging receipt of letter re closing of Tramway.

Read letter from Mr Laurence Byrne, Acknowledgeing receipt of Council's Resolution of sympathy.

Read letter from Inspector of Taxes, re assessments for year 1930/31.

Read letter from Solicitor, Revenue Commissioners, re arrears of Income Tax £2163 : 13 : 1.

Read application from Secretary Wicklow Golf Club, requesting renewal of lease of the Golf Links.

ORDER:- Referred to Committee

Read letter from Board of Works, stating that the Board's Engineer inspected the work recently carried out by the Council to the Foreshore and in his opinion the Council have done a good job and that the £200 which it cost has been well spent.

Read letter from The Irish Theatrical Advertising Co., re litter baskets and enclosing Agreement.

Read Resolution from Dundalk U.D.C., recommending a National Granary to be established.

Read letter from Secretary, Development Association, enclosing recommendations suggested by said Committee re improvements to the Town to be carried out during the Christmas Relief Work.

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Read letter from Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, giving permission to erect waste paper baskets on the Electric Poles.

Read letter from Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, stating their Mr McGinley will call in connection with grievances re Electric Light Charges in Wicklow Urban District.

Read letter from Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, regarding ~~complaint~~ complaint re damages outside Mr Murphy's premises and stating he has written to the Contractors to have the same attended to.

Read application from Mr Wm. Jenkinson, for permission to erect a fowl house at his premises on the Murrough?

ORDER:- Permission Granted provided Mr Jenkinson erects an enclosure in order to prevent the fowl from trespassing on the other Tenants' Holdings.

Read letter from Mr John Barlow, Secretary Wicklow Development Association, stating that the Association is holding an Exhibition of Arts & Crafts in the Assembly Hall, and asking the Council for the use of the Mace for the purpose of exhibiting same.

The Town Clerk stated that he objected to the Mace been let out of his custody and that should anything happen the Mace he would not be responsible.

ORDER:\* Chairman to take charge of the Mace and give the use of same to the Association for the Exhibition provided the Association have the Mace covered by Insurance.

Read letter from Mr P.J. Whelan, Morton's Lane, complaining that his next door neighbour kept pigs and a pony and that same caused a nuisance and sometimes there is an objectionable odour coming from the premises.

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ORDER:- Sub Sanitary Officer to inspect premises and report.

It was decided to fix the Annual Christmas Market on Friday 19th December, 1930.

Read letter from Mrs White stating that Mr Moody has refused to allow her to place a ladder in his yard for the purpose of her having repairs carried out to the roof of her house and asking the Council to grant her permission to put the ladder in ~~his~~ Mr Moody's yard.

ORDER:- As both properties are held under lease the Council cannot see their way to interfere in the matter, the Chairman stated he would interview Mr Moody and ask him for his permission to allow Mrs White to put a ladder into his yard to carry out suggested repairs.

RESOLUTION.  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.  
Seconded by Councillor L.W. Dalby.

Resolved:- "That we consider the present means of traffic both luggage and passenger as unsatisfactory to all concerned.  
"We request the Railway Co. to depute one of their Officers to meet the Council, in conference, with a view to mutual "co-operation."

Mr Joseph O'Byrne, B.E., handed in Draft Proposal and Estimate for reconstruction work in reinforced concrete to part of Fitzwilliam Square North, Bridge St, Stone Bridge and Leitrim Place.

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RESOLUTION.  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.  
Seconded by Councillor Michael Foley.

Resolved:- "That Specification for works prepared by Mr Joseph  
"O'Byrne, B.E., be adopted and the Minister for Local  
"Government, be asked to give a Grant to carry out the  
"work."

The Town Clerk stated he had received a Civil Bill on behalf  
of Mrs Ellen Rylands, claiming damages for the flooding of her  
lands at Bolarnevy with water, and also in connection with the Dumping  
Ground.

ORDER:- That Messrs McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, be forwarded Civil  
Bill and instructed to enter a defence in the matter.

RESOLUTION.  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.  
Seconded by Councillor L.W. Dalby.

Resolved:- "That all Meetings of the Council, ordinary or special  
"be call for 7.30 p.m. in future."

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In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor James  
Everett moved the following resolution:-

Proposed by Councillor James Everett  
Seconded by Councillor James Waldron

Resolved:- That we hereby adopt the Provisions of the Public  
Libraries Acts 1855-1920, but rescind that portion of the  
resolution dated 4th March, 1930, relinquishing our powers  
in favour of the County Council in connection with the above  
Acts"

Read  
*John Kennedy*  
14/1/31

Town Hall, Wicklow,  
14th. January, 1931.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this evening in pursuance to notice. To transact the ordinary monthly business.

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report,
2. To consider Committees Report.
3. To make provision for payment of Stockholders Dividends.
4. To consider Officers Reports.
5. To consider Official Correspondence.

C O U N C I L L O R ' S P R E S E N T .  
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Mr. J. J. Kennedy, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs. A. Dunne, M. Olohan, D. H. Haskins, J. Everett, J. Waldron, M. Foley, T. Doran, W. Hanan, J. Bourke, E. Lalor, and L.W. Dalby.

The Railway Company's Representatives were present in connection with the Council's Resolution in connection with both Goods and Passenger Traffic.

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

Read Finance Committee's Report showing Lodgements amounting to the sum of £305 : 3 : 11 Viz £107 : 10 : 6 General Account, and £197 : 13 : 5 Poor Rate Account and recommended payments amounting to the sum of £368 : 6 : 10 General Account.

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R E S O L U T I O N .  
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Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kennedy.

Resolved:- "That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby confirmed and adopted and that Treasurers Advice Note for making payments 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 £368 \* 6 : 10.

R E S O L U T I O N .  
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Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kennedy.

Resolved:- "That the Wicklow (Town) Redeemable Debenture Stock Register of Stockholders as now submitted for the half year to the 1st. January, 1931 be signed and that the nett amount of Dividends setforth therein £254 : 10 : 6 be transferred from General Account to the Wicklow (Town) Dividend Fund Account and our Registrar is hereby authorised to issue the necessary Warrants in connection therewith.

The Council pointed out to the Representatives of the Great Southern Railways the advisability of the Company making arrangements for the collection of Parcels in Dublin and dispatching same to Wicklow immediately and to have the Goods delivered to the Merchants without delay, and in this way the Merchants of the Town would use the Railway instead of Motorways. The question of the rates charged on Live Stock was also gone into and the Railway Company's Representatives promised to put the Council's views before their Directors.

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Town Hall, Wicklow.

17th. December, 1930.

A Committee Meeting of the Whole Council was held this evening in pursuance to notice.

To transact the following business:-

- 1. To consider Wicklow Golf Club's application for renewal of lease
- 2. To make arrangements for extra work for Christmas.
- 3. To consider other important matters.

C O U N C I L L O R S P R E S E N T .  
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Mr. J. J. Kennedy Chairman in the Chair, Messrs. D.H. Haskins, Michael Foley, James Waldron, Matthew Turner, John Rourke, George Doyle, and James Everett, T.D.

A Deputation on behalf of the Wicklow Golf Club consisting of Messrs. S.V. Delahunt, T.A. Toombe, N.H. Haskins, and M.J. Butler, waited on the Council in connection with the application for renewal of lease.

After careful consideration the Committee recommends that a renewal of lease of 75 years be granted to the Trustees of the Debenture Holders of the Wicklow Golf Links at the increase of 20% on the present rent.

We have granted the use of the Town Hall to the British Legion Exservice Men on the 8th. Jan., 1931 for the purpose of holding a Meeting of the Exservice Men of the District.

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We have had before us letters dated the 9th. instant, from the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee, Wicklow, with regard to the boundary wall at the Wicklow Technical School, and we have directed our Town Clerk to reply to same pointing out the position as regards who is responsible for the rebuilding of the boundary wall.

We also have before us letter from Messrs. McCarroll & Co. Solicitors stating that in as much as they would be acting Co-Defendants for the Wicklow County Council in the case of Rylands, Bolarney, it would be better for the Council to have another Solicitor to enter a defence on their behalf, we have directed your Town Clerk to instruct Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor to act on behalf of the Council and to enter a defence.

We have gone through the lists of unemployed in the Town and recommend that they be given three days work for Christmas.

R E S O L U T I O N .  
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Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor M. Foley.

Resolved:- "That Committee's Report dated 17/12/30 be hereby confirmed and adopted.

SUB SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT.

6th. January, 1930.

During the month inspected 20 premises and served two notices for Sanitary Purposes which were complied with.

By the M. O. H. instructions I disinfected one premise at

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Kilmantin Hill.

The usual flushing of the main-drainage and the disinfecting of Urinals on the North and South Quays has been carried out weekly. The main sewer that is laid in Upper and Lower Strand Street requires to be cleaned.

During Christmas week I engaged all men on lists for three days and had the necessary work carried out less the breaking of the stones in the Mill Yard, as the Dynamo broke down after two hours working.

Owing to the flooding of the premises of Miss Kennedy, St. Patricks Road, from the surface water off road. I would recommend that part of the surface water be piped to the Council's Main Sewer which is about 60yds. from where the flooding is taking place, and it will act for Flushing the Abbey Street Sewerage.

*Order:- Surface Water be piped to Main Sewer at St Patrick's Road.*

WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT.

6th. January 1931.

During the Christmas there were 16 men employed Washing Sand and cleaning up Stream Ways.

All mains were flushed, and one valve packed at Filtering Beds.

The Filtering Beds were raked and cleaned. There is a big flow of water through the Overflow.

G. 87642/30 - 3/12/30 Letter from Dept. Local Government re backward position of Rate Collection.

S.R.O./132-4/12/30. Letter Dept. Local Government Re Relief Grant.

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G. 90252 \* 12/12/30 Letter from Dept. Local Government re Tramway.

M. S. 2545- 13 /12/30 Letter from Dept. Industry & Commerce re Coast Erosion.

F. 60/1/28 - 6/12/30 Letter from Dept of Finance re bounty in lieu of Rates.

Circular Letter No. 53/50 = 15/12/30 Enclosing Copy of Official Report of Social Services Conference 1930.

18917/30 - 30/12/30 Letter from Board of Works re National Monuments Act 1930.

Letter from Secretary of Trustee's of Debenture Holders Golf Club agreeing to the terms on which the Council propose to grant a renewal of lease.

Letter from Secretary of County Council re County Council Demand.

Letter from Transport and General Workers Union requesting payment of Wages to Richard Kavanagh, for the period during which he was on sick leave less 15/- per week Health Insurance paid him.

Order:- Town Clerk to write to the Transport and General Workers Union informing them if the Council made this payment to Richard Kavanagh they would be surcharged.

Letter from Railway Company re Railway Road.

Letter from Mr. McAteer re Coast Erosion.

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Resolution Waterford County Councilre Salaries of Public Officials.

Letter from County Librarian asking Council to increase rate to 2d. in the £.

Order: Referred to Estimates.

Read an application from Mr. A. Roche for a Building Site at Dunbur Road.

Order: Application deferred until Engineer submits Plans of Building Sites.

Read an Application from Mr. P. Murphy for use of Town Hall on the 15th. instant, to hold a Meeting of the British Legion Exservice Men.

Order: Application granted..

Read letters from Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Loughlin, Sutton, and Mr. A. Fitzpatrick acknowledging votes of Condolence.

Letter from Messrs. Toomey & Barber, Solicitors stating that they had been appointed some considerable ~~lengthy~~ time ago to represent the Council on the taxation of an old Bill of Costs of the late Mr. J. H. McCarroll, and if their retainer holds good.

Order:- Messrs, Toomey & Barber, Solicitors to represent the Council on the taxation of the late Mr. J.H. McCarroll's Bill of Costs.

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Letter from Executive Officer of Vocational Educational Committee requesting payment of the Rate struck for Technical Instruction.

Order:- Half the Rate to be paid, the balance on or before end of Financial Year.

*J. Kennedy* 3/2/31

Town Hall, Wicklow,  
3rd. February, 1931.  
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The 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 Sanitary Officers Report.
3. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
4. To consider Coporate Agents Report.

C O U N C I L L O R S P R E S E N T .  
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Mr. J. J. Kennedy, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs D. H. Haskins  
L. W. Dalby, E. Lalor, M. Olohan, M. Fitzgerald, J. Everett,  
J. O'Connor, A. Dunne, J. Waldron, M. Foley, J. Rourke.

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

Read Finance Committee Report showing Lodgements amounting to the sum of £761 : 8 : 5 <sup>£514-12-6</sup> General Account, and £246 : 15 : 11 Poor Rate Account and recommended payments amounting to the sum of £545 : 15 : 0 <sup>£254-4-2</sup> General Account. <sup>£291-10-10</sup>  
Poor Rate

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R E S O L U T I O N .  
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Proposed by Councillor J. Waldron.  
Seconded by Councillor A. Dunne.

Resolved:- "That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby confirmed and adopted and that Treasurers Advice Note for making payments 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 £545 : 15 : 0.

S U B S A N I T A R Y O F F I C E R S R E P O R T .

3rd. February, 1931.  
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During the month inspected 36 premises and served five notices for Sanitary Purposes which were complied with. The usual flushing of the main-drainage and the disinfecting of the Urinals on the North and South Quays has been carried out weekly. During the month the Council's men were engaged cleaning up Water-tables and side dressing on Green Hill Road, Ballin Road, and St. Patrick's Road, had eight loads of Gravel carted and spread on Footpath at Station Road, and the pot holes filled on road of same.

I had the stones in Mill Yard broken, and will have them carted on to the Roads that require same by the end of the week.

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## WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT.

3rd. February, 1931.  
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During the month all mains were flushed and I gave five notices for leaks, all leaks were repaired but one, and I turned off water in this case.

The Filtering Beds were raked and scraped. Some more sand washing will have to be done during the coming month.

the Reservoir is overflowing.

87642/30- 9/1/31. Letter from the Department of Local Government re Redemption Fund.

G. 2672- 30/1/31. Letter from Dept. Local Government relinquishing their powers in the Libraries Act 1955 to 1920 and stating that it does not appear to the Minister that the Urban Council have now any power to reconstitute themselves with the powers of a Library Authority which remain with the County Council.

P. H. Circ. - 26/1/31. Circular letter from the Department of Local Government stating the steps to be taken should an outbreak of influenza occur in the district.

P. H. 37534- 30 Letter from the Minister of Local Government notifying of an intended issue of recoupment in respect of School Meals Grant. (54 : 8 : 3)

S. Wicklow U. D. 21/1/31. Letter from the Department of Local Government drawing attention to the Council's Financial position and requesting the Council to go thoroughly into the matter at the present time in conjunction with the preparation of the Rate Estimates for the forthcoming Financial Year.

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## Finance Committee Meeting.

30th. January, 1931.  
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We have had before us a letter from the Department of Local Government, re Financial position of the Council and have instructed our Corporate Agent and Rate Collectors to use every means in their power to collect in both Rates and Rents immediately, as the Committee are of opinion that if the Rates and Rents were collected the Council would be in a much better Financial position, and we recommend that the Board of Works be paid the amount of Principal and Interest due to them as soon as possible, at all events they to be paid before the close of the Financial Year.

Your Committee have decided that they will keep a strong and firm hand on the collections of Rents and Rates by holding Finance Meetings fortnightly until the end of the Financial Year, and by this means we expect to be in a position to report good progress to the Department of Local Government by the end of Feb.

We have instructed your Agent and Collectors to report the progress of their collections to the next Finance Meeting which will be held on the 13th. February, 1931, and have requested them to supply a list of all outstanding Rates and Rents to the Meeting.

Signed. J. J. Kennedy. Chairman.

D. H. Haskins.

L. W. Dalby.

James Everett, T. D.

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F.62/7/30 - 27/12/31 Letter from Dept Finance stating that the sum of £165 : 14 : 11 re-~~comp~~ment of Harbour Charges payable to the Co8ncil has been forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works and will be applied in reduction of amount due by the Council in respect of arrears of Loan.

Notification Wicklow Gas Co opening Roads to repair and lay services.

Letter Electricity Supply Board re charges for Electric Light.

Letter from Secretary Co Council enclosing copy of report re inspection of old Gaol premises.

Resolution Kilkey Urban Council re Contracts .

Order:- Adopted.

Letter from Development Association drawing attention to the obstruction caused on Fair Days by the Travelling Shops.

Order:- The Guards attention to the matter.

Letter from Electricity Supply Board re income tax account.

Letter from Messrs Toomey & Barber re Tramway.

Letter from Hibernian Bank stating the terms upon which they are prepared to grant a Loan of £2,000 to pay income tax account.

Letters from Messrs McCarroll & Co, Solicitors re O'Hanlon Estate

Order:- Proceedings to be enforced immediately for payment of rent and rates due.

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Letter from Mr A Cullen, Solicitor, re Rylands.

Letter from Mr A Cullen, Solicitor, enclosing Mr A Roche's lease for approval.

Order:- Lease to be forwarded to the Council's Solicitors for approval on behalf of the Council.

Letter from Revenue Commissioners re payment of Income Tax Account.

Order:- The account to be paid as soon as the Council receive Loan from Hibernian Bank.

Letter from Gaelic Athletic Association re Murrough.

Application from Mr P. Byrne, for permission to erect a Hoarding at Church Street.

Order:- Permission granted. Mr P. Byrne, to be responsible for any accident that may occur.

Letter from Educational Vocational Committee re balance of Rate due and also with regard to the Boundary Wall.

Order:- That having had before us Town Clerk's reply in connection with this matter we entirely approve of our Town Clerk's statement in the matter.

That Messrs Haskins & Kennedy inspect Boundary Wall and report to the Council.

*J Kennedy*  
10/3/31

Town Hall, Wicklow,  
24th February, 1931  
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A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this evening in pursuance to requisition signed by Councillors James Everett, James Waldron; George Doyle; Michael Foley; John Kennedy; John Clohan. To consider the action of a Councillor by interfering with the Town Agent in the letting of one of the Council's Houses and to hear the Town Agent's explanation in the matter.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT  
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Mr J. J. Kennedy, Chairman in the Chair; Messrs Jas Everett; J. Clohan; Andrew Dunne; Michael Foley; Jas Waldron; M. Turner John Rourke; Michael Clohan.

The Town Agent informed the Council that one of the Council's Houses at Bond Street became vacant through the death of Patrick Kavanagh, and that he had two applications for the house one from a man named Sillery and one from White, he at first promised the house to Sillery, but after being informed of the conditions under which White was living he decided to give the House to him. On Friday 20th February, 1931, he went down accompanied by the Town Sergeant to see what repairs were needed to the house before the proposed Tenant went into occupation and while at the house Councillor D.H. Haskins accompanied by Sillery came over to the House and Councillor Haskins took the key out of the Door and handed same to Sillery and told him to move into the house. Sillery took over some of his furniture and put it in the house and he the Agent then consulted the Council's Solicitors in the matter with the result that Sillery gave back the key and White is now in occupation.

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After considerable discussion the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett "That I or some one for me shall move at the next Council Meeting that any instructions or powers giving authority to Estate Agent to Let Houses or Lands be rescinded and that in future all houses or lands becoming vacant be reported to the Council and advertised and decided on by the Council.

Read an application from the Wicklow Athletic Association asking permission to erect an enclosure on the Murrough for the Season

RESOLUTION  
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Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor M. Turner.

Resolved:- That permission be granted to the Wicklow Athletic Association to erect an Enclosure on the Murrough provided it does not interfere in any way with the rights of the Public or the proposed Factory, and to remove same at any time on receipt of 48 hours notice from the Council. The Association to be responsible for any accident that may be caused by such Enclosure"

Read an application from the Wicklow Development Association for the use of the Town Hall on Monday next 2nd March, 1931 at 3 p.m. in order to hold a Conference in connection with the proposed Agricultural Show at Wicklow.

Order:- Permission granted 4 O'Clock to be substituted for 3 O'Clock.

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Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor James Everett

Resolved:-"That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council representing the Citizens of the district, hereby express our surprise and indignation at the premature removal of Superintendent Keegan, which we cannot understand considering his acknowledged tact and disciplinary intellect in the execution of his duty; and that we ask the Authorities to reconsider their decision by leaving Superintendent Keegan, in the district for the usual period of Office. That Messrs Everett; Moore and The O'Mahony T.Ds be asked to interview the Minister of Justice in the matter.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor A Dunne

Resolved:-That the Draft Deed of Charge submitted by Hibernian Bank for Loan of £2,000 to pay Income Tax Account be hereby approved of by the Council and that same be now signed and sealed.

*J. Kennedy*  
10/3/31

Town Hall, Wicklow,

10th March, 1931  
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A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this evening to transact Monthly Business viz:-

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report
2. To Consider Committees Reports.
3. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports
4. To consider Corporate Agent's Report
5. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report
6. To consider official correspondence
7. To consider Councillor James Everett's Notice of Motion re the letting of houses and lands.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT  
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Mr J. J. Kennedy, Chairman in the Chair; Councillors L.W. Dalby; James Everett T.D., J. Fitzgerald; Jas Waldron; E. Lalor; M. Turner; J. Bourke; Jos O'Connor.

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £548 : 10 : 6 viz:- General Acct £342 : 11 : 6; Poor Rate Acct £205 : 19 : 0; and recommending payments amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £416 : 3 : 0 viz:- General Account £216 : 3 : 0; Poor Rate Acct £200.

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

*J. Kennedy*

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor James Waldron

Seconded by Councillor L. W. Dalby

Resolved:-That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby  
and that Treasurers Advice Note for making payments  
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 ~~£~~ £416 : 3 : 0.

Committee's Report

4th February, 1931  
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Your Committee had an interview with Mr Darcy and Mr Painting  
on this morning in connection with the re-building of the  
Boundary Wall between Mr Darcy's premises and the Technical  
School and after careful consideration your Committee have  
decided that it is not a matter for them to interfere in as it  
is altogether a question between the two tenants in occupation  
of the premises.

(Signed) D.H. Haskins

J.J. Kennedy

Order:- That a notice be served on the Owners of the Boundary  
Wall to have same rebuilt.

Committee Meeting of the Whole Council

18th February, 1931  
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We have had before us application from the Whiterock  
Quarries Ltd, for a Site on the Murrrough North of the "Marine"  
for the erection of a Factory and recommend that the Company be  
granted the Site on a lease of 31 years at the rent of £7:10/-  
per annum (150 yds by 50 yds) The Factory to be erected  
within twelve months. Lease to be prepared by the Council's  
Solicitors at the expense of the Company. The usual covenants  
to be inserted in the lease.

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We have had before us Messrs Edward Fitzgerald Ltd  
application for permission to sub-let Yard on North Quay to  
the Whiterock Quarries Ltd, and recommend that permission be  
given to sub-let the Yard in question.

We have had before us letter from the Wicklow Athletic  
Association asking the Council to approach the Railway Co, to  
give railway facilities for the Football Match to be played  
between Co Carlow .V. Co Wicklow on 8th March, 1931, and we  
have directed your Town Clerk to write the Railway Co in the  
matter.

(Signed) J. J. Kennedy; Jas Everett; A Dunne; E. Lalor;  
M. Olohan; Jas Waldron; J. Fitzgerald; D. H. Haskins; J.  
Rourke; T. Doran; M. Turner; L. W. Dalby; M. Foley; Jos  
O'Connor.

R E S O L U T I O N  
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Proposed by Councillor James Waldron

Seconded by Councillor L. W. Dalby

Resolved:- That Committee's Report dated 18th Feb, 1931, be  
hereby confirmed and adopted.

Medical Officer of Health's Report

2nd March, 1931  
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I wish once again to point out the urgent necessity of  
providing proper housing accomodation for the poor of  
Wicklow.

From my experience during the recent epidemic of influenza  
here, two facts stand out prominently (1) That the present  
houses are disgraceful (2) That there is terrible poverty in  
the town. The ordinary person would not believe the state  
of affairs unless they were brought into intimate connection  
with the poor as I am. I have treated cases of  
Pneumonia and when the front door was opened the patient was  
nearly blown out of the bed. The poor people sick and  
suffering are crowded into one room, and as for nourishment,

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well that was pretty scarce. It is bad enough to be sick in a any house but to be really ill under such circumstances is appalling. Luckily the epidemic was not of a very virulent type and only for that the death rate in the town would have been very high. Bad housing is responsible for most of the sickness in the town especially tuberculosis (which is on the increase) How can the spread of Tuberculosis be checked, no matter what treatment Tuberculosis patients get if they have to return to these hovels again. The children now have very little resistance to disease simply because they are herded together like cattle in one small room and have very little food. One could hardly expect that children housed as they are here could grow up strong and healthy. What will our future generations be like if this is allowed to continue. I firmly believe that Tuberculosis will never be stamped out of this country unless we begin at the very beginning and give the baby a chance of pure air and plenty of accomodation, such as would be available in a decent house. Sanatoriums are very useful for certain types of cases but they will never eradicate the disease. See how well some cases do in these institutions, simply because they have fresh air and light and space. If we had these factors in the beginning before the disease started as we could get in a decent house how much better off we would be. At present we have none of these factors only a collection of houses that are hardly fit to keep cattle in far less human beings. I think it is my duty to report to the Urban Council on this very urgent matter. We must have proper houses in this town we cant carry on as we are. The sickness rate is too high for a town like Wicklow. I am sure the Urban Council will do their best to remedy this state of affairs and take the matter up with the Government.

Order:- That copy of Medical Officer of Health's report be forwarded to Dept Local Government.

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Sub Sanitary Officer's Report

3rd March, 1931

Inspected 30 premises during the month and served 3 notices which were complied with. Had the Main Drainage and Urinals on North & South Quays flushed and disinfected weekly. Had Stones spread on Bollarney Road, North & South Quays. The drainage on St Patrick's Road is being carried out and expect to have same completed by the end of next week.

Waterworks Overseer's Report

3rd March, 1931

During the month I flushed all Mains and repaired Fountain at Monkton Row. Two of Council's Men were at the Waterworks for 14 days washing Sand and cleaning out catch pits.

I require to small Water Meters One for Gas Works and one for Whitrock Quarries Co Premises. The Reservoir is at overflow.

Order:- Two Water Meters to be provided.

Corporate Agent's Report

10th March, 1931

I beg to report that as applications for allotment Plots at Ballyguile are becoming less each year it would be advisable to put wired paling at the lower portion of Plots, the top Plots are under grass and so make available Land which could be let as Grazing Field. I wish to direct your attention to one of your houses on Murrough which is not being occupied and I find a notice in Window "To Let" This being a weekly tenancy I consider it my duty to report the case, I have been paid rent up to the end of present month.

I also desire to draw your attention to an announcement of a Football Match to be held on Murrough on St Patrick's Day No application for Playing Ground has been made to me. As a

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charge for admission is made and as the Council has made special terms in these cases I shall be glad of your directions in the matter.

Order:- Corporate Agent to inspect Allotment Plots and have the necessary re-arrangement of same carried out.

G.7406/31 - 4/2/31 Letter from Dept Local Government stating that the Council's proposal with regard to renewal of lease to Golf Club will be considered as soon as possible.

S.6767/31 -- 7/2/31 Letter from Dept Local Government giving sanction to the raising of a Loan of £2000 to pay Income Tax Account.

Circ.G.55/31 -- 19/2/31 Circular from Dept Local Government revision of bonuses.

G.7406/31-- 26/2/31 Letter from Dept Local Government giving sanction to the proposal to grant a renewal of lease of 75 years to Wicklow Golf Club.

G.3512/31--24/2/31 Letter from Dept Local Government re change of hour of Meetings.

Order:- Local Government Dept to be informed that it is only proposed to change hour of ordinary meetings and committees and not to interfere with statutory meetings of the Council.

S.13661/31 --2/3/31 Letter from Dept Local Government stating that the Dept of Finance had allocated a sum of £500 from the Relief Scheme Vote for the carrying out of coast defence works at the Murrrough Wicklow, and that the Dept Local Government is in communication with the Commissioners of Public Works in the matter and it is hoped to address the Council further at an early date. The men employed must be engaged through the Employment Exchange.

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Read memorandum in regard to Relief Works.

Letter from the Minister of Industry & Commerce re Tramway.

Read Annual Demand from Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Letter from the Secretary Co Council stating that the Dept Local Government had ~~20000~~ extended the time for the general estimate of rates up to 31st March, 1931.

Letter from Wicklow Gas Co drawing attention to the state of North Quay Road.

Order:- The necessary repairs to be carried out.

Letter from the Secretary Co Council requesting payment of Co Council Demand.

Order:- Demand to be paid as soon as possible.

Letters from Messrs Toomey & Barber re taxation of Messrs McCarroll's Costs and stating that the amount of the Bill was £284 : 2 : 9 and that £114 : 9 : 2 had been struck off.

Letter from Traffic Manager Grt Southern Railways stating that the necessary facilities would be given to those who wished to attend the Football Match on 8th March, 1931.

Letter from Messrs McCarroll & Co, Solicitors, stating that they should draw the lease as the Council's Solicitors and that Mr Roche's Solicitor approve of same.

Order:- That Messrs McCarroll, Solicitors draw the lease for Mr A Roche, and submit same to Mr Roche's Solicitor for approval.

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