

J M Groth Esq 9 9. 37

Dear Sir

I wish to inform you that  
I intend being away from the  
evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst till 18<sup>th</sup>  
enjoining and am recommending  
Mr J Richardson, Worcester to  
look after my duties in the  
mean time. Sorry for not giving  
you notice sooner

Yours faithfully

J Conway

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Navy Shovels - 2 doz need.

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The Chief Clerk

C/o Town Hall

Wicklow

Ireland.



3. St. Mary's Rd, Broadstairs  
Dear Sir,

Sept. Kent

Please may I have a Newspaper  
Copy of the Coat of Arms of your  
Town, to complete my collection  
of same,

Thanking you  
Michael Morley.



ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUBLI,  
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM  
(Custom House),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.  
(Dublin).

Ref.No.  
A.S.

11. 9. 37

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government  
and Public Health to request you to furnish without delay  
the Abstract of Accounts of the *Wicklow Urban*  
*District Council*.....for the ~~half~~-year ended  
the *31st March 1937*.....

Mise, le meas,

M. de Lasaigh,

Leas Rúnai.

The *Town Clerk*  
*Wicklow*

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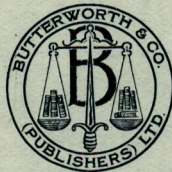


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9th Sept. 1937.

John McGrath, Esq., B.A.,  
Town Hall,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

We would respectfully remind you that on the 1st inst. a further instalment of 3 gns. became due in connexion with the LAWS OF ENGLAND making now two quarterly instalments outstanding.

Investigation shows that we have sent you the usual reminders regarding the earlier instalment, but apparently these have escaped your attention.

As we are always anxious to avoid any account showing more than one instalment outstanding, we shall very much indeed appreciate it if you will let us have a cheque for 4 gns. by an early post, in order to bring your account up to date.

We beg to remain,  
Yours faithfully,

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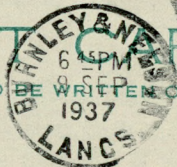
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THE DAY



The Publicity Department,  
Town Hall  
Wicklow,  
Co. Wicklow,  
Ireland.



"Stretton"

Haworth Road,  
Burnley  
Lancs.

Dear Sirs

I shall be glad if  
you will kindly  
forward by return a  
copy of your guide  
to Wicklow, to the  
above address.

yours faithfully,

E. Martin.



Summer Hill

Wicklow

~~211~~ yds

average height 6ft

11/9/37

Mr. M. Grath

Town Clerk.

6 yds sand 9/- = £1-10-0

1 Ton Cement. 3-10-0  
5-

Dear Sir

I inspected Wall on Fitzwilliam Road from opposite Kanes to Telegram pole at end of bank.

I agree to rake out & point same supplying all labour, for the sum of £22-10-0

Council to supply all materials

Yours Faithfully

Peter Byrne.

Say from Suggans  
to Jesuit Laie — 90yds  
@ 4' 6"

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*Eín-shreagra ar an litir seo, is mar seo  
ba chóir é stiúradh :—*

*(Any reply to this communication  
should be addressed to :—)*

AN RÚNAÍ.

*fé'n uimhir seo :—  
(and the following number quoted :—)*

M.S. 3079.



SAORSCÁT ÉIREANN

**ROINN TIONNSCAIL AGUS TRÁCHTÁLA**  
(Department of Industry and Commerce),

**BRAINSE IOMPAIR AGUS MAIRNEALACHTA**  
(Transport and Marine Branch),

**14 FAITHCHE SAN STIOFAÍN, THUaidH**  
(14 St. Stephen's Green, N.),

**BAILE ÁTHA CLIAITH**

11th September, 1937.

A chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce remind you again of the letter addressed to you on the 1st February last regarding the question of the renewal of an expired lease of certain foreshore or land formerly foreshore at Wicklow, held by your Council, and to state that your early attention to the matter would be appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

*ak*  
Town Clerk,  
Urban District Council,  
Wicklow.

PR.



The Town Clerk read letter received from J. W. Lane, Solicitor for Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd., and dated 28th July, 1936, referring to the Contract documents, inquiring as to date on which Loan was sanctioned, whether the Council had cleared their indebtedness on foot of Loans, asking for an assurance that there would be no delay in paying when Architect's Certificates issued. They also questioned the method of payments as provided for in Clause 14 of the Specification and the retention money being held for 12 months. The Town Clerk intimated that he proposed replying, assuring them that the Council had paid all instalments of Loans and that there would be no undue delay in paying the amounts certified, that he could not advise a departure from terms of Specification at this stage, and further, that he proposed sending Mr Lane copy of the Committee's recommendation of the 28th July, 1936.

The Committee was of opinion that the proposed action was satisfactory.

Item 3. (Housing Contract - 120 Houses).

A letter from Messrs Dempsey's Solicitor, dated 4/8/36, stating Tenders were invited on basis of 9d per hour and asking Council to take responsibility for increase to 1s/- per hour, and Town Clerk's reply of 6/8/36 having been read

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed unanimously

That the correspondence dealing with the Contract be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their advice, as to what steps the Council should take to expedite progress of the Scheme, and that Messrs Everett, Hudson and Town Clerk go to the Department to discuss the matter.

Item 4. (Correspondence).

Letter G.140528/36 of 17th July, 1936, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of poundage to Collectors Byrne and Kennedy on lodgments of 1935/36 Rates.

Read.

Letter H.114922/36 dated 6/6/36 sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £350 on the Housing Capital Account (28 houses) pending a Supplementary Loan.

Read.

Letter S.152040/36 dated 20/7/36, from same Department agreeing to the application of balances of Sewerage Loans (1933 and 1935) to the construction of Water Extension to the entrance gate of Mr Delahunt's premises at Fern Hill.

Tenders to be invited on Specification.

Letter H.129849/36 of 20/7/36 from same Department stating it would be necessary to collect a rent of £1. 0. 4 from each of the four employed Allotment holders under the Allotment Scheme, and Town Clerk's reply of 23/7/36.

Town Clerk's reply approved.

Circular letter RU/203 dated 4/8/36 from same Department intimating a Grant of £305 from Unemployment Scheme Vote (1936/37) on the condition that the Council raise like sum, asking that a Scheme be submitted, and how the Council proposed to provide their contribution.

Refer to Town Surveyor to submit a Scheme: Department to be asked if they will give permission to raise a Loan in respect of the Council's contribution.

Read Town Clerk's Report as to the circumstances leading up to the carting, without permission, of 4 loads of stones the property of the Council from the Ball Alley to the houses at Abbeyfield, occupied by Mr Callinan and the Misses Fitzsimons.

Mr Callinan and Misses Fitzsimons to be charged at the rate of 5s/- per load for the stones.

Read Town Clerk's Report as to the circumstances that led up to Mr Jack Courtenay being given a space on the Murrough (Clarkes' Plot) on the 2/8/36 and the difficulty in getting him to vacate, and asking for a ruling on matters arising thereunder.

Reports from Medical Officer of Health on cases of Scarlatina at Church Hill and Strand Street and Measles at Main Street.

Correspondence between Advertising Films Ltd., and Electricity Supply Board and Town Clerk as to the supply of free litter baskets and receptacles suitable for attaching to lamp standards.

Correspondence to proceed.

Submitted Collector Kennedy's Account for stamping Rate Receipts and amounting to £3. 1. 4.

To be paid.

Submitted quotations from County Printing Works and Monument Press (Wicklow Post Printing Works) for printing of Scheme under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Town Clerk's acceptance of Monument Press as lowest Tender approved.

County Secretary's letter of 5/8/36 asking for instalment of Demand.

Read.

Read correspondence dealing with occupation of the Murrough on 14/7/36 by a Cycling Corps of the Army.

Letter dated ~~10/~~ 10/7/36 from the United Farmers' Protection Association on the effect of the Butter Levy on the Wicklow Market.

Read.

Memorandum from Surveyors' Association on the Employment of Quantity Surveyors.

Read.

Application from D. Allen & Sons Billposting Ltd., for permission to erect an Advertising Hoarding at Market Street, on the wall surrounding the Builder's Yard of Mr John Kane.

Refer to Engineer for Report.

Letter from Mrs McDonagh as to trouble she experienced with tenants of her houses, Leitrim Cottages, and inquiring if Council had reached a decision.

Read.

Letter from Great Southern Railways (Omnibus Department) in reply



to Town Clerk's representation for a weekly Bus Excursion to Glendalough stating matter was having attention.

Read.

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan,  
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins,

That the Caretaker's Agreement with John Duffy of house recently occupied by Thomas Murphy at Ball Alley be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan,  
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins,

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Deed incorporating the exchange of fields with the Dominican Convent which they held under yearly tenancy from the Council.

Circular letter from the Council to secure the trial of Michael Conway in the Civil Court dated the 4/8/36.

Read.

Item 6. (Reports).

Read. Arising out of Report of S.S.O., directions were given (1) that the carriage of the surface water around the premises known as the Foresters' Hall be referred to the Town Surveyor, and that the County Council be asked to make a contribution towards the cost, (2) that the Public Urinal near the steps on the South Quay be flushed twice weekly during Summer months and (3) that the river at Abbey Hill be cleaned once a week during the Summer.

*James Everett*  
*1/9/36*

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, held on Tuesday, 1st. September, 1936, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 27th. August, 1936.

Dear Sir: The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 1st. September, 1936 at 7.30 p.m., to transact the Following business:-

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 4/8/36 and 7/8/36 (Copies herewith).
2. Consideration of Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee from their monthly meeting on 28/8/36.
3. Any matters arising in connection with the Contract for erection of 120 houses that may arise including letter from the L.G.Dept. on the Council's order on the matter at meeting on 7/8/36.
4. To consider application of Wm. Sutton, Main Street, for
  - (a) Lease of Plot at Summer Hill (portion of Miss Wall's field) and if granted to make the necessary consequential orders.
  - (b) Advance under Small Dwellings.
5. To consider application of Messrs. Haskins for Lease of Plot at Bond Street.
6. To execute Leases to D. Tyndall, Thomas James and Alice McGrath of premises at High Street.
7. To consider Schemes formulated and forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for relief of Unemployment and if agreed on to make provision for raising loan from the Council's Treasurer for £310 (Council's contribution) repayable according to Department's ruling in three years.
8. To consider Town Surveyor's plans and scheme for improvement of existing waterworks.
9. Correspondence (including notices of intention to apply for Dance Hall Licences by John J. Clarke and Thomas J. Doran).
10. Reports of S.S.O., Veterinary Inspector and waterworks Overseer.
11. Rate Collection.
12. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W.O. Grady, J. Waldron, A. Dunne, J. Clarke, C.W. Hudson

Item 1. Confirmed.

Item 2. It was reported that the Finance and General Purposes Committee monthly meeting called for 28th. August, 1936, fell through for want of a quorum only Councillors C.W. Hudson and J.O. Connor attending.



The Committee dealt with the following matters before taking up the Agenda:-

The Bank Pass Books were examined and also the Petty Cash Book, Proposals for payment were examined and passed.

It being reported that on the evening of the 1st. September, 1936, delegates from the I.T. & G.W. Union (Wicklow Branch) had called out the Council's ordinary workmen because Richard Kavanagh, one of the Council's men, was not a member of the Union, it was recommended that the Union be asked to defer action until Saturday morning, 5th. Sept. 1936, and that in the meantime the Town Clerk be asked to look up the Minutes and call R.Kavanagh's attention to any Resolution (if found there) relative to the employment of Trade Union labour by the Council.

The Town Clerk read correspondence he had with the Departments of Valuation and Finance in reference to a balance of claim ~~on~~ for Harbour Charges and a supplemental claim arising out of the default of the Harbour Board to pay loans and it was recommended that the replies from the Departments be awaited.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 19th. August, 1936, dealing with the Council's suggestion to acquire area in Dispensary Lane, it was recommended that the Chairman and Town Surveyor take an early opportunity to discuss the matter with the Department.

Counsel's opinion on the question of the rateability of premises at Quarantine Hill in the occupation of John McLoughlin was read and Councillor Wm. O'Grady intimated his willingness to hand in Notice of Motion to have Mr. Carroll's name inserted in the Rate Books in lieu of John McLoughlin.

The Town Clerk read a letter he had sent to the Solicitor for Mr. J. Carr and dated 31st. August, 1936, intimating if Transfer of land were not executed in 14 days from ~~that~~ date Specific Performance would be asked for from the Courts. The Town Surveyor was heard on the matter and the letter was approved.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

Item 3. There was a letter dated 22nd. August, 1936, (H.167229/36) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read in which the Department declined to receive a Deputation and to interfere on the delay of the Housing Contract and stated that as the rents suggested would involve a cost of 1/10 to 2/3 in the £ on the rates there could be no question of increasing the cost at this stage.

A letter dated 31st. August, 1936, from Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey, Contractors, was also read in which they ask for particulars of tonnage that may be got in at Wicklow Harbour, and state they are daily expecting a communication from the Wicklow Branch of the I.T. & G.W. Union and on receipt of same they would execute the documents and commence work as soon as possible.

It was ordered that the relevant extracts from both letters be sent to the Union and that they be asked to co-operate with the Council to expedite progress of the scheme.

Item 4. (a) Correspondence from Wm. Sutton and Miss Wall was read and the Draft Lease as submitted with tracing was approved of, the rent to be reserved being fixed at £2 : 0 : 0. Mr. Sutton was also given permission to erect an out-office immediately, in a position and of such kind, as to be approved of by the Town Surveyor.

(b) An advance under the Small Dwellings Acts on the

provisional estimate of the market value being £600 was approved and amounting to 80% of the market value, subject to the usual conditions and to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

An advance of £240 was approved for James Carroll to purchase the unincumbered fee simple of his house at Main Street, was also approved of subject to ~~the~~ like conditions and to Department's approval.

Item 5. Messrs. Haskins' application in view of the demolition of the Fishermen's Shelter was referred to the Harbour Commissioners for their observations - Messrs. Haskins to be asked to supply plan of plot.

Item 6. It was proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously

"That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Leases and Counterpart Leases to David Tyndall; Alice McGrainor and Thomas James of their premises in High Street."

Item 7. The Town Clerk informed the Council that in response to the Department's Circulars re Grants for the Relief of Unemployment of 4/8/36 and 8/8/36, he asked the Town Surveyor to prepare schemes (a) Road Works and (b) development of Housing Sites and that he had furnished those schemes estimated to cost (a) £610 and (b) £4,720, to the Department intimating that they had not yet been approved by the Council. He also requested the Department's sanction to raise by loan the Council's contribution (£305) to the road works and the Department had replied under date 20th. August, 1936, (RU/203/132) that the amount could not be borrowed from Local Loans Fund and that the Loan would not be for a longer period than three years.

The matter was adjourned to the adjourned meeting on Friday 4th. September, 1936, the Council to consider meanwhile whether it would not be better to abandon the road works scheme in favour of increased grant for Housing or for Waterworks improvement.

Item 8. The Town Surveyor submitted Plans and Specifications and Bills of Quantities for improving of Waterworks and gave his Estimate of the cost £3,000.

The matter was left over to the adjourned meeting to be held on 4/9/36.

Item 9. Letter G.176322/36 of 27/8/36, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating in regard to the illness of Thomas Fox, Council's workman, that in the absence of Statutory Provision the matter was not one in which the Minister can give a ruling.

Read.

Circular (RV.221/12) of 13/8/36, transmitting Weigh-bridges Order, 1936.

Read.

Complaints from Mrs. White, Castle Street and Mr. Moody, Victualler, as to unsanitary conditions of Mr. Moody's Slaughterhouse on South Quay and letter from Dr. Beckett, asking for report of S.S.O. thereon.

Report to be supplied to County M.O.H.



Copy Resolution of the Glommel Corporation protesting against the atrocities perpetrated against Christians and Catholics in Spain.

Adopted.

The Town Surveyor notified his intention to take his annual leave from 7th. inst. to 5th. prox., and the Town Clerk intimated that he would be absent for a week of his annual leave in the near future.

No objection made.

Letter from Mr. H. Hamilton asking for tenancy of yard space on South Quay recently surrendered by Mr. R. Conway.

Granted a yearly tenancy at £5 per annum, space to be enclosed by Mr. Hamilton by a concrete wall to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor and he to clear out the space to his own satisfaction.

Claim for Bounty in Lieu of Rates submitted and signed by the Chairman as required.

Notices of Applications for Dance Hall Licences to be made by John J. Clarke and Thomas J. Doran on 16th. September, 1936, were submitted and it was ordered that it be represented to the Justice that the hour of 11.30 p.m. be adhered to and not to have too many all night dances.

Letter from the "East Coast Express", The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow, dated 31/8/36, asking for a share of the advertising issued by the Council.

Share of all advertising to be given.

Letter dated 8/8/36 from Electricity Supply Board, stating in connection with the erection Litter Baskets on their poles that they could not allow their property to be used for advertising purposes.

Read.

Item 10. Reports read.

Item 11. It was reported that to date the Town Rate Collector had collected £368 : 11/9 of the Warrant for £3,796 : 4/5, and the Poor Rate Collector had collected £219 : 4/8 of his Warrant for £2,399 : 0/6.

Item 12. Ruled on.

The meeting adjourned to Friday night, 4th. September, 1936, at 7.30 p.m.

*RB*  
*9/10/36*

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (September)  
Meeting held on 4th September, 1936, at 7.30 p.m.,

Councillors Present: James Everett, T.D., (Presiding), J. Clarke, W. O'Grady, A. Dunne, C. W. Hudson and M. McMahon.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke,

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease and Counterpart thereof granted to Mr William Sutton of the plot at Summer Hill on 1/9/36.

Submitted samples of Fire Hose from Mosley & Co., and Dixon & Co., and ~~prices~~ prices at £3. 4. 6 and £3. 7. 6 per length.

Six lengths of Hose at £3. 7. 6 to be ordered from Dixon & Co.,

Submitted Draft Release of Friar's Hill Plot for £30.

The Department to be consulted.

Submitted Analyst's Reports on two samples of water taken from the Town Water Supply (a) at Public Fountain at High Street and (b) Public Fountain at Strand Street.

Report on sample of Water (a) High Street.

In my opinion this water is suffering from slight vegetable contamination and would need to be filtered before being used as a drinking supply.

Signed Phyllis Ryan.

Report on sample of Water (b) Strand Street.

In my opinion this water is suffering from vegetable contamination and would need to be filtered before being used as a drinking supply.

Signed Phyllis Ryan.

To be considered with Scheme for improvement of supply.

Item 7. (adjourned)

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon,  
Seconded by Councillor A. Dunne,

That the Department be requested in view of the terms of their letter (RU/203/132) of 20/8/36 to allow the Council to apply the Grant available for roads and footpaths to the Council's Scheme for (1) Improvement of Water Supply and (2) for the Development of Housing sites according to Circular H.151078/36.

Proposed by Councillor J. Clarke,  
Seconded by Councillor M. McMahon,

*JE*  
*9/10/36*



That the Plans, Specification and Estimate for the Improvement of the Water Supply as submitted this night be approved, with the addition of mechanical filters, and and forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their approval, that a Loan be applied for to finance the Scheme, and that the Department be asked to give a Grant in aid.

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke,

That the Town Surveyor be asked to prepare Plan and Estimate for a weir between the Stone Bridge and Wooden Bridge.

The Town Clerk reported, arising out of Minutes of last Meeting he had looked up Minutes and called Workman Kavanagh's attention to a Resolution of the 3/8/30 relative to Trade Union Labour, and the Workman Kavanagh informed him that he (Workman Kavanagh) was applying to be a member of the Union as and from 7/9/36.

Item 3. (adjourned). Read letter of 2/9/36 from the Town Clerk to the Local Branch of the I. T. & G. W. U.,

Adjourn to next Meeting.

*JG  
6/15/36*

Minutes of Monthly (October) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1936, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member:-

Dear Sir: The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday the 6th October, 1936, at 7.30 p.m., to transact the following business:-

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1/9/36 and adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 4/9/36.
2. Consideration of Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee from their Meetings on 2/10/36 and 6/10/36.
3. Correspondence.
4. To make arrangements for School Meals for 1936/37.
5. Any matters arising in connection with the erection of 120 Houses, including the consideration of steps to be taken to expedite same.
6. To execute Lease to Mrs Rice, High Street.
7. To consider advisability of accepting Government's offer of Grants to relief of unemployment.
8. Waterworks Improvement Scheme.
9. Reports of Waterworks Overseer, S.S.O., and Veterinary Inspector.
10. Rate Collection.
11. Free Milk Applications.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee will meet on the same evening at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council, of which you are a member will be held on Friday 2nd October, 1936, at 7.30 p.m.,

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, M. McMahon, R. B. Haskins, J. Clarke, J. Waldron, E. Lalor, J. O'Connor and D. H. Haskins.

Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. It was reported that on the 2/10/36 the Committee transacted no business as only four members attended (Councillors J. Everett, W. O'Grady, J. Clarke and J. Waldron) and they adjourned until 7 p.m., on Tuesday 6/10/36.

The following Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which met on 6/10/36 was adopted :-

It was recommended that no further action be taken on the



complaint of Mr H. Hamilton of the 29/9/36 re Corn Company's alteration, in view of the Report of the Town Sergeant of 30/9/36.

It was recommended that the inquiry of Nora Kehoe re an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be adjourned pending receipt of her formal application.

Letters dated 22nd and 26th September from R. Kavanagh (Council's Workman) and the Local Union were marked read and it was reported that Mr R. Kavanagh had now joined the Union.

Notice from J. Wilkinson of termination of tenancy in No. 4, Dunbur Road.

It was recommended that a letter dated 17th September, 1936, from Wicklow Branch I. T. & G. W. Union, dealing with workman Andrew Clarke being in two jobs, and inquiring as to publicity of Council's Meetings be referred to public Meeting.

It was recommended that Doctor Beckett's report on 17/9/36 on complaints arising out of Mr Moody's Slaughterhouse and Mrs White's premises be copied and sent to each party named.

The Town Clerk read correspondence he had continued with Minister for Finance re a supplemental claim in aid of Harbour Charges and it was recommended that the inquiries and correspondence be continued.

Mr W. Sutton to whom the Council had leased a Building plot at Summer Hill, applied by letter of 6/10/36 for the Council's assistance in securing the laying of a Sewer through Wynne's field, and after the matter had been gone into and relevant terms of Lease were read, it was recommended that the matter be allowed to stand adjourned.

The list of decisions on the Valuation Appeals was examined by the Committee and the letter from the Valuation Office in reply to Town Clerk's inquiry as to why Mr J. Smith's was not listed.

The Bank Pass Books, Petty Cash Book and proposals for payment were examined and payments were recommended accordingly.

It was recommended that the interest that had accrued on the Account for the New Housing Scheme amounting to £47 odd be paid to the Bank out of that Account.

Item 3. Letter G.192283/36 of 26/9/36 from Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the Conveyance of plot at Friar's Hill to Earl Fitzwilliam and intimating that the procedure prescribed in Section 140 of the 1840 Act would have to be followed.

Read.

Letter G.175807/36 dated 23/9/36 from like Department dealing with the rateability of a Caretaking Occupier and stating that there was no Statutory Authority to amend in the case under consideration the Poor Rate made.

Letter H.176983/36 dated 29/9/36 from like Department giving particulars of how the amount recouped on the Allotment Scheme was made up, and showing that in one case the claim forwarded on behalf of one officer of the Council was reduced by 50% and in the other refused altogether.

Order: The Department to be written to again and informed of the duties performed by the Officers in respect of whom a claim was made.

Circular dated 1/10/36 from Department of Local Government and

and Public Health asking Council to formulate their Allotment Scheme for 1937 Season.

The same Scheme to be operated as last Season.

Letter T.I.E.813 of 9/9/36 from Department of Industry & Commerce in reply to question raised by Town Clerk in his letter of 11/6/36 stating that while it was for a Court of Law to give a decision on the matter, the Minister is advised that Workers engaged on Street Scavenging do not come within the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936.

The matter was left over as the Chairman stated he believed there would be test cases on the Act soon.

Mr Thomas Doran, Secretary, Ball Room Marquee Committee, notified by letter of 18/9/36 that the Committee had closed down the Marquee on 6th September, and asking that same arrangements be made as last year.

Order: Mr Doran to be Caretaker until further Notice.

Letter from Wicklow Branch of I. T. & G. W. Union of 12/9/36 stating that at a Meeting of the Committee of the above, it was decided to let the Wicklow Urban Council work for Carters go in turn setting out a list of the Union Carters and Rates.

The Town Clerk stated that the letter was unhappily worded, as it was not for the Union to employ the Carters for the Council, but that he had given the list to the Road Overseer.

The letter of 17/9/36 from the Union which was referred to public meeting by the Committee was read, and the Town Clerk pointed out that no Order had been made changing the arrangements for attendance of the public at Council's Meetings, but that the Council were not obliged to admit the public and that they were obliged to admit the Press.

Read.

Free Milk Scheme. Analyst's favourable Report.

A Report from the Analyst on a sample of Milk taken on 11/9/36 from Milk supplied under the Free Milk Scheme by J. Lalor, Abbey Street, was submitted. The Report stated that the Milk was found genuine.

Read.

A complaint of L. Reilly, Ballyguile, as to use being made of Quarry Lane and field adjoining as a Dumping Ground was read, and also report of S.S.O., thereon. The latter stated he found no cause of complaint on 25/9/35.

Read.

Letter dated 8/9/36 from Mr A. E. Carroll stating in reply to Town Surveyor's Notice that he was having the dangerous wall at Market Street attended to as soon as possible.

Letter dated 12/9/36 from Electricity Supply Board pointing out the many advantages of the Council arranging now for the installation of Electricity in the Council's Scheme of 120 Houses.

Read and adjourned.

Item 4. It was arranged that the School Meals Scheme begin this



Season on 19/10/36 on same lines as last Season: tenders to be considered at adjourned Meeting on 13/10/36.

Item 5. The Town Clerk reported that Messrs Dempsey Bros., the declared Contractors for the Housing Scheme had telephoned him that day that they had now settled terms with the local Union and that they would be ready to begin work on 19/10/36. They also stated that a letter might be expected from their Solicitor on the following day returning the Contract Agreement approved of.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that it was yet open to the Council not to execute the Contract with Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Bros., but that it would probably be unwise not to proceed with it. The Council could make up their minds definitely on Tuesday 13th inst., if and when Messrs Dempsey Bros., had executed the documents.

Allowed to stand until 13/10/36.

Item 6. Adjourned.

Item 7. After full consideration the Council directed the Town Clerk to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow them to apply the offered Grant of £305 for Roads to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Item 8. Adjourned until 13/10/36 for final details.

Item 9. Reports read.

Item 10. It was reported that out of a Warrant for £3,796. 4. 5 Town Rates the sum of £1,123. 17. 9 was collected to date, and of a Warrant of £2,575. 12. 3 Poor Rates the sum of £787. 13. 6 was collected to date.

On the Proposition of Councillor O'Grady,  
Seconded by Councillor McMahon,

Congratulations and Good Wishes were tendered to J. Olohan a member of the Council on the occasion of his recent marriage.

On the Proposition of the Chairman,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Grady,

The Council voted sympathy with Councillor McMahon on the occasion of his brother's death.

On the Proposition of Councillor Lalor,  
Seconded by Councillor McMahon,

The Town Clerk was directed to convey to the relatives of the three Fire Brigade-men in Dublin who had lost their lives in the recent fire there, the Council's deep sympathy and appreciation of their heroic deeds.

*W. O'Grady 3/11/36*

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (October) Meeting  
of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday,  
13th October, 1936, at 7.30. pm.,

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady,  
D. H. Haskins, M. McMahon, R. B. Haskins, A. Dunne, J. Clarke and  
J. Waldron.

Housing Scheme (120 Houses).

The Town Clerk reported his conversation over the telephone with the Contractors Solicitor on the 7th inst., and the arrangements he made for execution of the documents on Friday 9th inst., and that Contractors had then refused to execute the Contract pending receipt from the local Labour Union of confirmation in writing of the terms reached. He also read a letter of his to the Solicitor of the 7th October, forwarding documents and pointing out that the Council might not now execute in view of the delay. The Town Clerk also read letter of 9/10/36 from Contractors Solicitor acknowledging receipt of documents and reported the telephone communication of the 13/10/36 in which Mr Lane (Contractors Solicitor) stated that subject to amendments (1) as to time for paying on Engineer's Certificate and (2) a new Clause making it clear that the Conditions of Employment Act applied to the Contract, the Building Agreement will be sent on the 14/10/36 executed.

It was agreed that the amendments were reasonable and that the Meeting should further adjourn to Friday 16/10/36 to enable Council to execute the documents.

The Town Clerk reported that he had invited quotations for the grazing of the Building Site at Ballynerrin Lower up to 19/10/36 and had received offers as follows:-

M. Olohan.	12s/-
P. Brien.	10s/-
John Lalor.	£1. 10s/-

The Clerk's acceptance of Mr Lalor's quotation was approved.

Letter of 6/10/36 from Department of Agriculture re Weeds on Allotments.

Read.

Circular 108/36 dated 7/10/36 from Department of Local Government and Public Health re Monthly Rent Returns.

To be furnished.

Letter dated 12/10/36 from J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., inquiring on behalf of the Board of Health if the Council was prepared to sell for the purposes of site for County and Fever Hospital, a field on the Dunbur Road containing 6 acres and the price per acre.

Adjourned for further consideration to the Meeting to be held on Friday 16/10/36.

The Town Clerk reported the extent of Road Work up to



30/9/36 and pointed out that only a sum of £86. 4. 0 remained of the Road Estimate.

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Waldron,

That the Leases to Messrs Stone and Shaw of their premises at Main Street be signed and sealed.

School Meals. Proposed by Councillor W. O'Grady,  
Seconded by Councillor M. McMahon,

That the following Tenders (the lowest in all cases) be accepted for supplies to School Meals:-

Coal : Wicklow Gas Co., at 2s/8d per 10 stone bag.  
Stewing Beef : Mrs E. Dunne at 6d per lb.,  
Groceries : N. Haskins + Cocoa at 10d per lb.,  
                                    Jam 3s/11d per 7 lb. jar.  
                                    Sugar at 3½d per lb.,  
Vegetables : R. Brennan - Potatoes at 7d per stone.  
                                    Onions at 1s/- per stone.  
                                    Carrots at 1s/- per stone.  
                                    Turnips at 4d per stone.  
Bread : Mrs Mary Kennedy at 9½d per 4 lb. Loaf.  
Milk : John Lalor at 1s/4d per gallon.

The Meeting was then declared adjourned to Friday night 16th October at 7.30 p.m.,

*W O'Grady 3/11/36*

Minutes of Further Adjourned Monthly (October)  
Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on  
Friday, 16th October, 1936.

Present: Councillors, J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady,  
J. Clarke, J. Waldron, D. H. Haskins and A. Dunne.

Read letter dated 14/10/36 from J. Lane, Solicitor for Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd., Contractors for the 120 houses, enclosing Building Agreement executed in duplicate, adding that the executed Bond would be forwarded in course of a day or two. The Agreement was read in full and the two amendments to the original draft were discussed and it was

Proposed by Councillor W. O'Grady,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Agreement with Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd., for the erection of 120 Houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, on the sites at Ballynerrin Lower, Upper Monkton Row (also known as St. Dominick's Road) and Castle Street for the sum of £40,242.

James Everett, 16/10/36.

The Agreement was accordingly signed and sealed in duplicate.

The Town Clerk submitted quotations for the supply of coal to the Town Hall and Waterworks as follows:-

Wicklow Gas Co.,	Town Hall,	41s/- per ton.	Waterworks	42/-
Joseph D'Arcy,	" "	44s/- " "	" "	44/6d.
H. J. Hamilton,	" "	44s/- " "	" "	45/3d.

The quotation of the Wicklow District Gas Co., Ltd., was accepted for both.

The Town Clerk reported that he had called the School Meals Committee to a Meeting that evening at 4 p.m., when the following attended: Mrs Everett, Miss Fitzsimons, Miss Kavanagh, Miss Corcoran, Mrs McCall, Miss Carroll, J. O'Connor, Brother Gregory and M. Olohan; that a list of 78 girls from the Convent School and 64 boys from the Brothers' School was examined and that 68 girls and 51 boys were admitted to the benefits of the Scheme; that Miss Fitzsimons and Miss Kavanagh had agreed to again act as Honorary Secretaries to the Committee, and that the ladies had arranged to attend in rotation for supervision at the distributing centre.

Approved.

The further consideration of the disposal of a field at Dunbur to the Board of Health for Hospital Sites was adjourned to a Committee Meeting to be held on 20/10/36 when the price would be arranged, and also when offering an alternative site would be under consideration.

*W O'Grady 3/11/36*



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 3rd November, 1936, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member :-

Dear Sir: The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday the 3rd November, 1936, at 7.30 p.m., to transact the following business:-

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings of 6/10/36, 13/10/36 and 16/10/36 (Copies herewith).
2. Consideration of Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee from their Meetings on 30/10/36 and 3/11/36.
3. Correspondence.
4. To consider the position as regards the transfer of land from J. Carr to the Council.
5. To consider the steps to be taken to clear unhealthy dwellings in view of the erection of 120 houses under the Slum Clearance Scheme.
6. Waterworks Improvement Scheme.
7. Reports of Waterworks Overseer, S. S. O., and Veterinary Inspector.
8. Rate Collection.
9. Free Milk Applications.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee will meet on the same evening at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be held on Friday 30/10/36 at 7.30 p.m.,

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors W. O'Grady, (Presiding), D. H. Haskins, T. J. Doran, C. W. Hudson, E. Lalor, J. Waldron, J. O'Connor, R. B. Haskins.

Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. The following Report of the Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the 20/10/36 was read and adopted:

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), M. McMahon, A. Dunne, J. Waldron, D. H. Haskins, J. Clarke and W. O'Grady.

The letter from J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., dated 12/10/36 written on behalf of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance and inquiring if the Council would dispose of a

field on the Dunbur Road for a Hospital Site and at what price, was under consideration, and it was recommended that the Town Clerk offer this field and also the newly acquired land at Ballynerrin Lower at the rate of £100 per statute acre.

It was recommended that about 100 cubic yards of sand be provided for the filtering at the Waterworks, that depots be made for such sand there, and that tenders be invited for the supply and delivery of such sand.

No meeting of the Committee was held on the 30/10/36 as only one member (Councillor O'Grady) attended.

The Committee which had examined the proposals for payments and Bank Pass Books on the 3/11/36 recommended payments of £990. 4. 3 on the General Account (The Town Clerk pointing out that of the amount the sum of £743. 12. 1 was to repay Loans) and of £71. 4. 0 on the Housing No. 3 Account, and payments were authorised accordingly.

Item 3. Circulars of 1/10/36 and 21/10/36 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with allotments were read, and it was ordered that same procedure be followed as last year.

Circular P.H.111/36 of 21/10/36 dealing with Milk and Dairies Act, 1935.

Order: Necessary Notice to be published.

Letter H.196093/36 of 17/10/36 from the same Department pointing out that having regard to the Report of their Inspector on the house in question, they could not sanction an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to James Carroll and enclosing copy of the Report

Order: Inquire of Mr Carroll if he will state in writing that he will remedy the defects, and send his reply to the Department with a request for re-consideration.

Letter dated 23/10/36 from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers asking Council to do all they can to have the Housing Contractor make all Joinery in Wicklow.

Order: Send a copy to the Contractors for their information.

Long Report dated 2/11/36 from Town Surveyor dealing with complaints of Mr Carr in the matter of interference with water on his field.

Order: Proceedings to be taken to compel Mr Carr to complete his Contract.

Submitted three tenders for the supply of 3 tons Cement for Waterworks.

The Town Clerk's acceptance of the lowest Tender, viz. that of Mr S. V. Delahunt at £2. 19. 6 per ton was approved.

Letter of 2/11/36 from Town Surveyor enclosing copy of his



letter to the Contractors (Messrs Dempsey Bros., to begin with the Contract in accordance with the Specification.

Read.

Application of J. Canavan for liberty to take water from the Main to his House at Bond Street.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this was one of the Council's houses to which it was proposed at one time to carry out repairs and subsequently they were inspected for condemnation and reported on.

Order: Granted permission - the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of Town Surveyor.

Letter from Mr W. Sutton asking for an advance of the amount of the Loan on house in course of construction by him.

The Town Clerk stated he was awaiting sanction from the Department.

Money to be advanced as soon as possible.

Tenders for the structural alterations of the 10 houses at Dunbur Road were next considered. The Town Clerk reported that the work was advertised in local papers in two succeeding weeks and he had received three tenders. He advised that the Town Surveyor look at the Tenders to see if they were in order and in excess of his Estimate. The Town Surveyor reported that the lowest tender was in excess of the Estimate and more than 10% in excess.

It was Proposed by Councillor A. Dunne (but not seconded)

That the lowest tender be accepted.

The Town Clerk warned the Council that it was for the Engineer to advise whether the tenders were excessive or not.

On being asked by a Councillor if he could have the work carried out by direct labour within his Estimate the Town Surveyor said he could.

It was Proposed by Councillor T. J. Doran,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson *and passed unanimously*

That the work as prescribed be carried out by Mr J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, by direct labour, the amount not to exceed his estimate (£76. 10. 0) the alternative of a swing door to be adopted.

Item 4. See Order made on Town Surveyor's Report to this Meeting on the subject of Mr Carr's complaints.

Item 5. This matter was adjourned to a Meeting to be held on 17/11/36, Doctor Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health and Doctor A. A. O' Connor to be present.

Item 6. Adjourned to give Town Surveyor a further opportunity to get figures of cost of different systems of filtration.

Item 7. Reports received from Waterworks Overseer and S.S.O., were read, and it was ordered that the S.S.O., be provided with his annual Uniform and an Overcoat.

Item 8. The following Report was read on the Rate Collection:-

Town Rate : Warrant £3796. 4. 5. Collected £1323. 3. 6

Poor Rate : Warrant £2575. 12. 3. Collected £1005. 12. 3

Item 9. Ruled on.

It was Ordered :-

(1) That the S. S. Officer's attention be called to alleged filling of holes in High Street with Jeyes Fluid.

(2) That new trees of type advised on by Mr Cullen Horticultural Instructor be planted where other trees failed in existing protection cages.

(3) That the Town Clerk call the Department's attention to the documents for the better-class House Scheme.

*James Everett*  
*1/12/36*



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday, 17th November, 1936, pursuant to the following Notice sent each Member on the 12th November, 1936 :-

Dear Sir: You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council on Tuesday the 17th November, 1936, at 7.30 p.m., to transact the business set forth in the sub-joined Requisition.

Yours faithfully,  
John McGrath.

REQUISITION.

To/ The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow Urban District Council,  
Town Hall, Wicklow.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby requested to summon a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council for Tuesday the 17th inst., at the hour of 7.30 p.m., to deal with the following business:-

1. To consider Reports of Medical Officers of Health and Town Surveyor on the houses inspected by them as being likely to be unfit for habitation and to hear their views, (Doctors Beckett and O'Connor and Mr O'Byrne to be in attendance) and to pass any Resolutions or take any steps under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts that the Council think proper regarding the houses.
2. To consider (a) the Town Surveyor's Estimate and Specification for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme as adjourned from last Meeting and (b) tenders for supply and delivery of sand for Waterworks and (c) any business adjourned from Council's last Meeting.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1936.

Signed:- James Everett, William O'Grady, John Olohan, Michael McMahon, James Clarke, Councillors.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), D. H. Haskins, J. Clarke, R. B. Haskins, C. W. Hudson, A. Dunne, J. Waldron, T. J. Doran, J. O'Connor, W. O'Grady and J. Olohan.

Also in attendance : Dr G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, Dr A. A. O'Connor, M.O.H., and J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor.

The Town Clerk read the Notice convening the Meeting and with regard to the inspection and ~~condemnation~~ condemnation of unhealthy dwellings, pointed out that they had already considered 79 houses, 68 of which were tenanted, and that since then arrangements had been made for further inspections and they had to consider at that Meeting the Reports by their Inspecting Officers on 89 houses inspected since May 1936. He intimated that it was not a matter of finding a certain definite number of houses that had to be condemned to make up the number for their New Housing Scheme, but they were to consider the cases on their merits and ascertain what number (if any) of the inspected houses were definitely unhealthy, and to take steps accordingly.

Detailed Reports were then read as follows:-

By Dr Beckett, Dr O'Connor and J. T. O'Byrne, on 44 houses in Castle Street, owned as to 15 by Repts Mrs B. Wall, as to 15 by Repts M. Hamilton, as to 6 by William Murphy, as to 5 by Misses Kinsella and as to 3 by Thomas O'Carroll.

By Dr Beckett, Dr O'Connor and J. T. O'Byrne, on 6 houses in Upper Strand Street, (tenanted by Mrs Doran, John Kilbride, Henry Murray, - Doyle, P. Whelan and J. Downes, and 8 in Bond Street, owned by the Council and tenanted by J. Canavan, Mrs Mernagh, J. McGrainor, M. Gregory, Mrs Vickers, Mrs Mullen, N. White and J. Donnelly.

By Dr Beckett, Dr O'Connor and J. T. O'Byrne, on 10 houses at Woodenbridge owned by Mrs McCarroll and all tenanted.

By Dr Beckett on 11 houses at Friar's Hill and by J. T. O'Byrne on 7 of those houses.

By Dr Beckett, Dr O'Connor and J. T. O'Byrne, on 3 houses at St. Patrick's Road (tenanted by Mrs Rourke, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Barlow), 1 at Ballyguile tenanted by A. Reilly, 2 at Marlton Road tenanted by Mrs James and Edward O'Brien.

By Dr Beckett and J. T. O'Byrne, 1 house or backhouse at Summer Hill, (Vacant) but owned by J. Waldron.

By Dr Beckett and J. T. O'Byrne on 2 houses (Leitrim Cottages) at Sea Front (tenanted by Miss McBride and Miss Condren) and 1 at Strand Street Lower, tenanted by David Doyle.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor W. O'Grady,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously,

That the Doctors and Engineer prepare from the Houses as inspected and reported on to this Meeting, a list of say about 50 of the houses that they consider the worst, with their recommendations thereon, and submit same to next Monthly Meeting of the Council, and that the further consideration of this matter stand adjourned to the Monthly Meeting to be held this day fortnight.

Letter dated 16th November, 1936, from Town Surveyor stating that owing to the continual bad weather he was unable to complete his final Estimate and plans for Improvement of Waterworks, and asking the Council to allow the matter to stand for some further 10 days.

He also intimated verbally that he had not yet fully tested the samples of sand for filtration for which tenders were invited.

Order:- Consideration of Town Surveyor's Estimate and Specification for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme be further adjourned until December Monthly Meeting.

The three tenders received (one late) for supply of sand were not opened and consideration of same was adjourned to next Monthly Meeting.

Letter dated 31st October, 1936, from Town Surveyor setting out the facts of the service of the Notices on Mr Alex. E. Carroll and Mr John Kane with regard to a dangerous wall at Market Street, and their non-compliance with the Notices.

Town Surveyor to inquire if they propose to carry out the works as set out in his Notices.



The adjourned application of Messrs D. Allen & Sons, Billposting Ltd., for permission to erect a hoarding at Market Street on the wall referred to (John Kane's) or on his property inside it was considered.

Order: Council consider a hoarding in the locality is objectionable.

As a matter of urgency the application of Mr W. Sutton for portion of the advance given him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was considered as well as the Town Surveyor's Certificate for £180.

The Department's letter of 5th November, 1936, sanctioning a total advance of £400 was read and also Mr Sutton's letter of 17/11/36 in which he pointed out that the Scheme limiting the first instalment of the advance to 50% of the work done, made it impossible for him to carry on, and also asked the Council to reconsider the question of laying the sewer.

A discussion followed and Mr Sutton who was present retired before any decision was taken, whereupon the matter was adjourned to the Monthly Meeting, and the Town Clerk was instructed to call attention to the provisions in the Lease as to the sewer.

*James Swerell*  
11/12/36

Minutes of Monthly (December) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday, 1st December, 1936, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member:

Dear Sir: The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday the 1st December, 1936, at 7.30 p.m., (to be preceded by a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee at 7 p.m. on same date and place) to transact the usual monthly business and in particular

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings of 3/11/36 and 17/11/36 (Copies herewith).
2. Consideration of Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee.
3. Correspondence.
4. To consider the list of 58 houses prepared by Dr Beckett, C.M.O.H., in consultation with Dr O'Connor, M.O.H., and Town Surveyor, which he considers the worst of the houses (85) recently inspected, and to take any steps under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts that the Council think proper regarding such or any other houses inspected. (List of 58 houses subjoined below).
5. To consider (a) The Town Surveyor's Estimate and Specification for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and (b) Tenders for supply of sand.
6. Reports of Waterworks Overseer, S.S.O., and Veterinary Inspector.
7. To examine the list of arrears of Head Rents due to Council contained in Main Rentals.
8. Rate Collection.
9. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend both Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Woodenbridge	7 houses	(Mrs McCarroll).
Marlton Road	2 "	(Ml. Murphy).
Upr. Strand Street	6 "	(Several).
Leitrim Cottages	2 "	(Mrs McDonagh).
Friar's Hill	11 "	(Several).
Bond Street	8 "	(Wicklow U.D.C.)
Ballyguile	1 "	(A. Reilly).
Lr. Monkton Row	6 "	(Reps. M. Hamilton).
Castle Street	5 "	(Reps. Mrs Wall).
Castle Street	10 "	(Do. )
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Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), A. Dunne, W. O'Grady, J. Clarke, R. B. Haskins, J. Olohan, C. W. Hudson, J. Waldron, J. O'Connor, E. Lalor and M. McMahon.

Also: J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor.



Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee which met at 7 p.m. had examined the Bank Pass Books and lists of payments and had recommended payments as follows:-

On General Account	£426.	3.	10
On Poor Rate Account	£583.	18.	6
On Housing Account No. 3.	£1040.	7.	3

It appearing that the General Account would, after payments recommended be overdrawn owing to arrears of Head Rents, slow progress in Rate Collection and amounts due from Government Funds, the Committee recommended approval of the Town Clerk's letter to the Department requesting permission to overdraw up to £300 to the 31st December.

It was recommended that the Town Clerk negotiate a settlement with Mrs Ellen Dunne under which she continue to retain a weekly tenancy in the field at Ballynerrin which she held for a fixed period up to November for £8. 0. 0.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and payments authorised accordingly, including payment up to 50% of the Town Surveyor's Certificate to Mr W. Sutton under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Item 3. Circulars P.H.116/36 and 119/36 dated respectively 25/11/36 and 28/11/36 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health explaining the Orders enclosed therewith dealing with the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935.

Read.

Letter dated 19/11/36 (H.222233/36) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of the Council's proposal to have the structural alterations to the 10 Houses at Dunbur Road carried out by direct labour and returning the Tenders sent them.

Read.

Letter (215,775/36) of the 5/11/36 from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating no Grant from the Unemployment Fund would be made available for developing the sites for the 120 housing Scheme.

Read.

Letter (P.H.218458/36) of 27/11/36 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health inquiring under what circumstances the samples of water were sent for analysis and what remedial action was taken.

Town Clerk to reply.

Letter (M.C.236421/36A) of 30/11/36 from Department of Local Government and Public Health inquiring as to the steps being taken by the Council to secure compliance with the law by Vaccination Defaulters.

Notices to be served.

Circular letter (118/36) of the 30/11/36 from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing and explaining the Local Government Act, 1936.

Read.

Letter (F.62/7/35) dated 12/11/36 from Department of Finance giving reasons why the Grant in aid of Harbour Charges for the year 1934/35 was not paid in full.

Read.

Letter from Irish Tourist Association received on 20/11/36 applying for sole rights to issue Official Guide to the Town for years 1937/40.

Adjourned.

Copy resolution from Carrickmacross U.D.C., dated 5/11/36 requesting the Government to introduce legislation that will compel the Landlords to sell out their property to the Town Tenants.

Adopted.

Copy Resolution from Ennis U.D.C., asking the Government to introduce legislation enabling Councils to give to a labouring man who wished to build a house a free Grant of £70 together with a free site, a free Government Grant of £70 and a Loan of £150 repayable over 35 years.

Adopted.

Submitted copy Loan Application Form as forwarded to the Department over the signatures of the Chairman and Town Clerk for Loan of £450 to clear overdraft on Housing Schemes completed and to carry out the alterations to the 10 houses.

Approved.

Letter dated 25/11/36 from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers calling attention to the failure of the Housing Contractors to employ local tradesmen.

Order: Send copy to the Contractors.

Application from Mr E. Kennedy, Poor Rate Collector, dated 1/12/36 for payment of Poundage on the Moiety of his Warrant lodged.

Order: Payment to be made when moiety lodged, subject to sanction.

Item 4. This item was adjourned to a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on Wednesday the 9th December 1936, at 7.30 p.m., and it was ordered that the County Medical Officer of Health and the Town Surveyor be instructed to inspect the block of houses in High Street where Joseph Ronan lives and also Mrs Reilly's house in New Street.

Item 5. (a) The Town Surveyor submitted two letters, one dealing further with the Scheme of bringing the Main through the Marlton Glen and putting a branch to new storage tank at Ballynerrin, and the other of same date (1/12/36) dealing with the improvement of filtering arrangements at the Waterworks. The following are the letters referred to:-

"Ardcairn," Wicklow, 1st December, 1936.

To/ Sean McGrath, Esq., Town Clerk,

A Dhuine Uasail, As you are aware the L.G.D., suggested a 9 inch main in portion of the pipe line proposed to be laid from the Old Reservoir to Ballynerrin, and I estimate the addition cost of this to be £180 (One hundred and eighty pounds). I suggest that you ask the Council to adopt this.  
Yours faithfully, J. T. O'Byrne.



"Ardcairn," Wicklow, 1st December, 1936.

To/ Sean McGrath, Esq.,

Wicklow Waterworks.

A Dhuine Uasail, I have given consideration to the question of the efficient filtration of the Town Water Supply and I report as follows:-

At present, the existing filtration plant consists of three filtering units each giving a surface of about 650 super feet. Taking the consumption at 100,000 gals per day of 24 hours, it is obvious that even using two units for filtering at the same time there is a flow of about 77 gals. per super foot per 24 hours. The maximum rate should be not more than 45 gals. Again, even when 3 units are in use, (which is not possible as one must be kept as a Stand-by) the rate of filtration is about 51 gals. per sup. ft.

These figures, therefore, indicate that there is insufficient area of filtration in the existing plant, and additional units must be provided, and this extra area must be as great again as the existing.

There are two methods of doing this :-

Scheme No. 1. To construct three further filtering units with or without the usual storage reservoir for clean water. I strongly recommend this reservoir, as the existing tank holds only about two-thirds day supply. I submit Plans and Estimate for the erection of the new filters complete with clear water storage reservoir, and my all-in estimate of the cost of these works is as follows:-

Amount for 3 Filters in Mass Concrete as in Plans ... ..	£1,478. 0. 0
Amount for Concrete Service Reservoir as in Plans ... ..	714. 0. 0
Cost of Pipes, valves, sluices, bends, collars etc., ... ..	410. 0. 0
Total ... ..	£2,602. 0. 0

In addition, as you know, it is advisable to provide a special sandwashing machine, which, whilst the initial cost may seem high, will ensure the more efficient and economical cleansing of the dirty sand. At the moment the cleaning of sand is a slow, clumsy process, and involves 8 to 10 weeks work during the year and even this does not mean the complete clearing of the whole bed to the bottom. The new machine which I propose would consist of an elevator to raise the sand to the ground level, outside the bed, where it would be washed by water forced through it from a small suction engine, and about 4 tons sand per hour would be efficiently treated: the material in all three beds could be cleaned, therefore, in about 10 to 12 working days. The cost of the machine would be about, but not more than £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds).

If the Council decide on the additional concrete filter beds, it will become obviously necessary to provide a mechanical means of sand washing such as I suggest. Another matter which must be attended to is the question of the road or lane leading from the Caretaker's Cottage to the toe of the embankment. If ~~the~~ works are to be carried out there, a roadway is necessary, and as the length of this is about 300 lin. yards I estimate the very minimum cost at £135 for 250 cub. yards stones.

This makes the total cost of my first proposition to be, inclusive of all other charges :- £2,900. 0. 0

Scheme No. 2. This alternative scheme provides for mechanical sand filtration to include the installation of 4 Cast Iron Units or Filtering Drums between the existing Reservoir Embankment and the existing filters. The latter would then be used as finishing filters and on account of the rapid pre-filtration units, would have much less work to do and consequently less frequent cleaning. The mechanical filters would cost about £1,100. Cost of building to be erected to house these and the necessary pump £350. 0. 0.

More frequent attention and cleaning would be necessary by the Overseer would be required, but unskilled labour would not be necessary except for the cleaning in the usual way, as at present, of the slow sand filters, the cost of which work would be halved.

To this add cost of road £135. 0. 0 and including all other charges I estimate this proposal to cost £1,700.0.0.

It will be noted that this scheme does not provide for any additional storage of clear water, and I think this is necessary afurther £700 should be added making a grand total of £2,400.

My intention in recommending the Council to provide extra clear water storage is that I could then afford to release the water from the existing old filters inside the embankment and thus get at the inside of the concrete face wall in Reservoir and have it pressure grouted.

Yours faithfully, J. T. O'Byrne.

In the first Scheme the Town Surveyor's Estimate (£3,072. 10. 6) and plans had already been submitted and approved and the documents were with the Department. In the second he submitted his plan at the Meeting. After discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and passed  
unanimously

That No. 1 Scheme estimated to cost £2,900 be adopted and an item be added for the cost of a new house for the Overseer and Caretaker (cost not to exceed £350) and that this be in addition to the Scheme of changing the course of the Main through the Glen and Storage Tank at Ballynerrin estimated to cost £3,072. 10. 6 and that a Loan of £6,500 be applied for and also a substantial Grant in aid - the Loan to be reduced by the amount of Grant made available.

Samples of Sand were submitted by John Murphy, W. Dickenson and tenders were received from them at 7s/6d and 12s/- respectively, and from G. Jenkinson at 8s/-.

The tender of John Murphy was accepted at 7s/6d.

Item 6. Reports of Waterworks Overseer, and S.S.O., were read.

Item 7. The Town Clerk reported that he had gone through the Main Rental and that up to 25th March last he found that

On 33 holdings there is due 1 year's rent, i.e. £57. 15. 3.