

Circular from Womens' Defence League of 1/12/37.

Read.

Letter of 20/11/37 from Solicitor for Messrs Dempsey Ltd., and Town Clerk's reply of 26/11/37 re delay in Contract.

Read.

Town Sergeant's Report on Church Hill Cemetery.

Read.

Letter from Electricity Supply Board of 26/11/37 showing number and position of new lamps on Map enclosed and dealing with charges.

Read.

Notices from Electricity Supply Board re lights proposed on Roads.

Read.

Letter from G. Sillery a tenant of house in Castle Street, complaining of condition of his house.

Read.

Applications from Miss Wall, Annie Kennedy and Elizabeth Kinsley for Dairy Registration with Veterinary Inspector's recommendation.

To be registered.

Item 8. Read.

The Christmas Fowl Market was fixed for Saturday 18th December 1937.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday 17th December, 1937, at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the following Requisition signed by five Members:-

To:- The Town Clerk.

You are hereby requested to summon a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council to meet on Friday 17/12/37 at 7.30 p.m., to deal with the following matters:-

1. To allot the available new houses (31) to tenants (list of available tenants herewith) and arrange for taking over those houses, and to adopt report of Committee recommending rents as follows:- 5s/3d per week for end four-roomed houses - 5s/- for all other four-roomed houses, 4s/9d for end three-roomed houses and 4s/6d for all other three-roomed houses.
2. To consider an offer to be made to Reprs. Mrs Hamilton and Reprs. Mrs Wall for site value of the houses in Lower Monkton Row and Castle Street respectively.
3. To deal with surrenders by Ball Alley Tenants.
4. To hear owners of houses at New Street and Strand Street and to consider reports on houses inspected.
5. To make payments required.

(Signed) James Everett. W. O'Grady. Thomas J. Doran.
M. McMahon. C. W. Hudson.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, M. McMahon, D. H. Haskins, J. Olohan, A. Dunne, C. W. Hudson.

Item 1. The following Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which met (after Notice to each Member) on Friday 10/12/37 was submitted :-

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., W. O'Grady, C. W. Hudson, M. McMahon and J. Olohan.

The Town Clerk having reported that the total all-in-cost of the houses would be approximately £46,028 and that the economic rent was 5s/1d, it was recommended that (1) All four-roomed houses which are end houses be let at 5s/3d per week inclusive (2) All other four-roomed houses be let at 5s/- per week inclusive (3) All three-roomed houses that are end houses be let at 4s/9d per week inclusive and (4) All other three-roomed houses be let at 4s/6d per week inclusive.

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

That the recommendation of the Committee be varied and that the rents for the various classes be reduced and be as follows:- (1) 5s/2d, (2) 4s/10d, (3) 4s/7d and (4) 4s/3d per week inclusive, the proper proportion of such rents to be yearly allocated to Rates.

The three new roads in the new Housing Scheme at Ballynerrin were then provisionally named for purposes of identification as

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follows:-

Concrete Road (Top) - St. Laurence's Road.
Second Road (Middle) - Glenview Road.
Third Road (Lower) - Fairview Road.

and houses were allocated as follows :-

FAIRVIEW ROAD :-

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| No. 21. | - | Robert Everett. |
| 20. | - | Miss C. Condren. |
| 19. | - | James Wynne. |
| 18. | - | Miss McBride. |
| 16. | - | James Jameson. |
| 15. | - | John Malone (Provisionally). |
| 11. | - | Mrs Kirwan. |
| 10. | - | Mrs E. Kavanagh. |
| 1. | - | Mrs Manning (Provisionally). |
| 2. | - | Mrs Jane Hanlon (Do.) |
| 3. | - | Thomas Byrne (Do.) |
| 4. | - | James Kilty (Do.) |
| 25. | - | John Murphy (Do.) |
| 24. | - | James McDermott |
| 23. | - | Thomas Ward |
| 9. | - | William Vickers (Provisionally). |

GLENVIEW ROAD :-

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| No. 31. | - | James Brien. |
| 43. | - | James Cahill. |
| 41. | - | James McGrainor. |
| 39. | - | John Rutledge. |
| 29. | - | Myles Murphy (Provisionally). |
| 27. | - | John McCormack. (Do.) |
| 25. | - | John Brien (Coates Lane). |
| 33. | - | John Robinette (Provisionally). |
| 35. | - | Miss Maggie Quinn. |
| 37. | - | Miss Kavanagh. |

Item 2. The Report of the Committee above referred to included a recommendation "That we still adhere to the proposal to build 20 houses under the Slum Clearance - 10 on new ground at Ballynerrin and 10 on sites to be acquired from Repts. Mrs Wall and Repts. Mrs Hamilton and that at next Meeting the Council decide on a figure to be offered the parties for the site value of the houses at Castle Street and Lower Monkton Row respectively."

The Item was not reached and that portion of the Report was adjourned with the item to next Meeting.

Item 3. Adjourned.

Item 4. Mr Joseph Wynne attended and undertook to remove or demolish the house occupied by J. Kearns or otherwise not to re-let it.

Order : The Undertaking when put in writing to be accepted.

Mr T. Duggan attended as Agent for Peter Dunne owner of houses in New Street and Mrs O'Reilly's wife of occupier also attended. The Report of the Town Surveyor and County Medical Officer of Health and the written statement of Mr Peter Dunne dated 15/12/37 were read in full and the parties attending were heard. Mr Duggan on behalf of the Landlord undertook to (1) Repair floor in parlour (2) Remedy the complaint about the well to the satisfaction of the Engineer (3) put a new wooden floor in kitchen (4) Remedy the complaint re smoke in a manner to the satisfaction of the Engineer and as specified by him

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(5) Plaster back wall to the satisfaction of the Engineer (6) Repair ceilings where necessary (7) Have the roof properly flashed against the gable at the upper end and otherwise made water tight to the satisfaction of the Engineer (8) Repair and make good Window Frames.

Asked when those works would be done Mr Duggan was not in a position to give a definite time.

Order : It was decided to refer back reports to County Medical Officer of Health and Engineer and also the Undertakings and ascertain from them their views as to whether the above will remedy any complaints and if they can be carried out at reasonable expense and to make further special reports for next Meeting.

Mr W. Bunn who had recently acquired a house in Bond Street that had been inspected appeared before the Council and undertook to (1) Put in water and Flush Closet (2) Repair Floors (3) Put on Eaveruns (4) Repair windows and do general repairs to roof within four months.

Undertaking when given in writing to be accepted.

Item 5. Outstanding Accounts were authorised and also payments on foot of work proceeding (under Grant) at New Road Ballynerrin.

The question of erecting a folding partition across Council Chamber was again under consideration and prices for same and as they were considered excessive the Engineer was authorised to have it done at a price not exceeding £70 in all. X

A letter from the Department re the proposal to sell the Dynamo in Mill Yard to Daniel Jameson for £20 was considered and it was decided to sell the Dynamo to Daniel Jameson if Mr O'Byrne, Town Surveyor gave a report to the effect that £20 represented the fair value of the article in all the circumstances.

The usual all-night lighting for Christmas Eve was authorised.

The Town Clerk reported that a sum of £50 could be spent preparing material for roads and it was agreed to spend this at Christmas and so employ some of the deserving people not eligible under the other Scheme.

On the Proposition of Councillor J. Olohan,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

The Power of Attorney to B. Kavanagh, Town Agent,
for collecting Rents etc., was sealed with the Common
Seal of the Council.

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Minutes of Monthly (January) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on 4th January, 1938, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on 30th December, 1937:

Dear Sir: 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 Tuesday the 4th January, 1938, at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 4th January, 1938, at 7.30 p.m., to deal with the following business:-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings of 7/12/37 and 17/12/37 (Copies herewith).
2. To consider Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
3. To consider Report on further inspections of houses by County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor and all complaints re houses and applications for new houses.
4. To consider special reports by County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor on house at New Street occupied by John O'Reilly and to take any necessary steps by way of Demolition Order or otherwise in connection with same.
5. To consider condition of houses in Dispensary Lane and hear what has to be offered by the owners thereof as to improving same or as to use of same pursuant to Sec. 23 of Housing Act, 1931.
6. To consider adjourned recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to the effect that 20 additional houses for Slum Clearance be constructed, involving the acquisition of sites in Monkton Row and Castle Street (the property of Repts. Hamilton and Wall) and if so decided on to have the necessary Loan Form completed.
7. To consider Scheme for erection of 10 five-roomed houses and to make provision by way of Loan for erection of same and also make provision for Supplementary Loan for present Scheme of 120 houses.
8. To make arrangements re taking over any further new houses, allotting same, and for accepting surrenders of Ball Alley Sites.
9. Correspondence.
10. Reports of Officers.
11. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, J. Olohan, D. H. Haskins, J. Clarke, C. W. Hudson, A. Dunne and M. McMahon.
Also Present : J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Town Surveyor.

Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. The Bank Pass Books and the proposals for payment having been examined in Committee and payments recommended, payments were authorised on the

General Account	£215.	18.	7
Housing No. 3 Account	£515.	0.	0
Waterworks Improvement Scheme A/c.,	£373.	0.	0
Dividend Account	£232.	1.	1
Relief Grant Account		37.	17. 4

Item 3. Reports of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor on their inspections of 6 houses of Mr Doolittle at Lower Monkton Row, 2 houses of Mrs Delahunst at High Street, 3 houses of Mrs Murray at High Street, 1 house of Mrs Ring at Strand Street, were under consideration, and an Order was made that the owners of all be served with Notice under Sec. 23 of the Housing Act, 1931.

Applications for new houses were received from A. Kavanagh, 1, Strand Street, W. Kavanagh of Quarantine Hill, S. D. Conroy of Main Street, W. Byrne of High Street, Michael Byrne of Strand Street, Mrs Cullen of Lower Mall and John Canavan of Castle Street were read, and adjourned.

A complaint from Cha. Sillery of 7, Castle Street, re condition of his house was read and it was ordered that it be inspected.

Item 4. Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins, Seconded by Councillor W. O'Grady and passed unanimously,

That the owner of the house be required to sign an Undertaking to carry out the repairs, alterations and improvements as required by the Town Surveyor, after consultation with County Medical Officer of Health and within the time he prescribes and give an undertaking to offer it again to existing tenant when repairs, improvements and alterations are done - otherwise to use the house other than for human habitation - the undertaking to be in writing and be before Council at next Meeting. And that having regard to the reports of the County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor John O'Reilly be offered a new ~~house~~ house at Ballynerrin i.e. No. 5 at front row.

Item 5. The Town Clerk reported that Notices under Sec. 23 of the Housing Act, 1931, had been served on the owners as follows:-

R. B. Haskins (4 houses).
Mrs Murray (4 houses).
John Murphy (1 house).
R. Wilkinson (1 house).
A. Dunne (2 houses).

Messrs Dunne and Murphy were in attendance and an Order was made that their undertakings not to permit their houses to be again used as human habitations were accepted.

The Town Clerk was directed to inquire if like undertakings would be given from Mr Haskins and Mrs Murray and on the assumption that such undertakings would be forthcoming in all cases it was ordered that arrangements be completed for transfer of all tenants, to houses provisionally allotted to them and that further consideration

be adjourned.

Read letter dated 23/12/37 from the Department of Local Government fixing Inquiry on 7/1/38 into Friar's Hill, Bond Street, Upper Strand Street and Woodenbridge Clearance Orders.

Owing to the advanced hour the remainder of the business was adjourned to a Meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m., on 11/1/38.

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Minutes of adjourned Monthly (January)
Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council
held on Tuesday 11th January 1938, the following
reminder having been sent to each Member on the
10th January, 1938 :-

Dear Sir: This is to remind you that the part of the Monthly Meeting held on the 4th inst., from Item 6 to the end was adjourned to a Meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m., on tomorrow 11th inst.,

The adjourned business includes (a) the final consideration of the proposal to erect 20 additional houses for Slum Clearance, (b) the proposed acquisition of sites from Reps Hamilton and Wall, (c) the final consideration of plans, estimates etc., for 10 five-roomed houses, (d) Correspondence including some important correspondence with Messrs Dempsey, Housing Contractors, etc.,

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, M. McMahon, J. Olohan, J. Clarke, T. J. Doran and J. O'Connor.
Also Present : J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Town Surveyor.

Adjourned Item No. 6. A letter from the Town Surveyor dated 11/1/38 was read in which he stated that the sites of Hamilton's houses were not suitable unless additional land was taken in at the back, and recommended that 2 of the 20 houses be built on sites to be acquired at Northern end of Bachelor's Walk. After prolonged discussion it was decided to offer Reps. Mrs Wall at the rate of £8 per house and failing acceptance of that, Compulsory Acquisition proceedings were to be instituted and that in the case of Hamilton's sites the necessary additional land be taken in and that they be offered £8. 10. 0 per site, failing acceptance of that, Compulsory Acquisition proceedings be instituted.

Adjourned Item No. 7. Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan,
Seconded by Councillor M. McMahon and passed
unanimously,

That we hereby approve of the plans, specifications and estimate for the 10 five-roomed houses at Ballynerrin as submitted to us this night and that same be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval - provided that the breadth of the kitchen be reduced one foot and added to the living room and that a Loan of £5,856 be applied for and also a Grant in aid of development.

Adjourned Item No. 8. It was reported that 31 houses had been taken over from the Contractors and 16 Tenants had been put in and that it was expected that 16 further houses would be handed over before the end of the week. The Town Clerk reported that he had arranged temporary cover with the Hibernian Insurance Co., for houses taken over and they had asked for a five years agreement.

It was decided to divide the Insurance of the houses between the Ocean Accident Company and the Hibernian Insurance Company and give each five years agreement.

It was left in the hands of the Town Clerk to tenant the

The Deputation appointed on the 27/8/38 and consisting of the Chairman, Councillor McMahon, the Town Surveyor and Town Clerk met Mr Moylan the head of the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government at the Custom House Dublin on Friday the 3rd inst @ 3.30 p.m.

The Deputation were informed that the Department considered that the cost of the houses was too high and that the Slum Problem had not yet been sufficiently solved to permit of even their provisional approval of the Scheme and that it would be useless to recommend it to the Department of Finance.

A suggestion was made by the Deputation that the Council might build with the 20 about 10 or so more houses for the occupiers of unfit houses etc and that by doing so the all-in cost per house might thus be reduced. This suggestion appeared to appeal to Mr Moylan and he said if the scheme were modified in any way so as to reduce the cost per house substantially they would be prepared to consider it.

houses taken over this week with the most urgent cases from those now eligible.

Proposed by Councillor J. Clarke,
Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan,

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to Deeds of Surrender by John Byrne, Sarah Doyle, John Davis and Michael Gibbons of their houses and premises at Ball Alley - the parties to be caretakers only in said houses henceforth until transferred to new houses.

Adjourned Item No. 9. (Correspondence). The following letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were submitted and ruled on accordingly:

Letter RU/204/132 of 8/1/38 approving of the proposals to construct new road between Convent Road and St. Patrick's Road, and adding that under the terms of his appointment fees are not payable to the Surveyor for the work.

Read.

Letter (H.38239/37/2) of 6/1/38 submitting signed Copy of Order confirming without modification The Wicklow Urban (Colley Street) Clearance Order 1937.

Read.

Letters (G.106102/37 and G.54/38) of 30/12/37 and 6/1/38 inquiring about payment of County Council Demand and Town Clerk's reply of 31/12/37.

The amount to credit of the Poor Rate Account to be transferred to the County Council as a payment on account of Third Instalment, (Payment of £286. 8. 10 was authorised accordingly).

Circ. (92/37) of 3/1/38 re Revision of Bonuses.

Read.

Letter G.103887/37 of 24/12/37 authorising overdraft up to £800 up to 31/1/38.

Read.

Letter (S.44809/37 of 17/11/37 asking for Sealed Undertaking for maintenance of Foreshore Works.

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan,
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously,

That pursuant to Order of the Council made on the 2nd day of March 1937, the Wicklow Urban District Council, in consideration of the Grant of £775 received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health towards the cost of the Scheme of Coastal Defence Works carried out by the Council in 1937, the Council will maintain the said works in good condition for a period of ten years - excepting extraordinary and heavy damages arising from storms, riot and civil commotion and Acts of God, AND THAT the Seal of the Council be attached to this Resolution.

Letter from Messrs Dempsey, Contractors, to Town Surveyor of 31/12/37 and letter of Town Surveyor thereon enclosing same, in which Contractors ask for a reduction of retention money provided for in the Contract.

Order : Application to be adjourned for the present. Contractors to be informed that the case will be favourably considered if and when the Contractors are found to comply with the Contract, including the condition re employment of local men.

Letter of 23/12/37 from Town Surveyor enclosing copy letter from Messrs Dempsey of 21/12/37 in which they indicate their intention to claim £1,200 to £1,400 under the conditions of Employment Act and £300 for increased wages to Plasterers and £150 for increased wages to Painters and £270 for water. Also copy of letter of 29/12/37 from Town Clerk to Messrs Dempsey denying liability for increased wages or water and Messrs Dempsey's further letter of the 30/12/37 reiterating their claim for the items.

Order : The Council decline to entertain claims re increased wages and water.

Complaints from Plasterers, Carpenters and Painters of 20/12/37 that Messrs Dempsey dismissed them from the job and retained men in like trades who were not local.

Messrs Dempsey Ltd., to be asked to employ all available local men at once as per specification.

Letter from Electricity Supply Board of 6/1/38 pointing out that for the lamp on Dunbur Road there would be an initial charge of £6 for erection as well as maintenance charge of £3 per annum.

In view of the application of Golf Club for lamp it was agreed to incur the cost, the one lamp to serve the two applications made.

Letter from County Medical Officer of Health of 6/1/38 notifying new procedure in connection with notification of diseases.

Read.

Letter from Town Surveyor of 11/1/38 stating that £20 was fair value for Dynamo in Mill yard.

Noted.

Letter from Town Surveyor dated 11/1/38 stating he had inspected the wall on South Quay and found it in a dangerous condition and should be taken down for a distance of 39 feet and rebuilt.

Letter dated 10/1/38 from Peter Dunne owner of house in New Street recently occupied by John O'Reilly, contending that the Council had no authority to ask him to undertake to re-let the house to O'Reilly when repaired, alleging that the condition of the house was due to O'Reilly's default and denying that the house was in a serious condition.

Adjourned.

Letter dated 11/1/38 from Mrs Quinn of Woodenbridge complaining of condition of her house.

Report of Dr Beckett and Mr O'Byrne as already asked for on this and two adjoining houses be submitted to Mrs McCarroll without delay.

Letter of complaint from Mrs Leahy, Strand Street, and Mrs Brien New Street, about condition of their houses.

To be inspected.

Letter from Dr. Beckett asking if a new house could be given to P. O'Toole, Strand Street, as he was living in only one room and he was threatened with Tuberculosis.

House to be inspected.

Adjourned Item No. 10. Reports read. Town Surveyor to report on condition of Woodenbridge.

Adjourned Item No. 11. Applications ruled on.

James Everett
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Minutes of Monthly (February) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 1st February, 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on 29/1/38.

Dear Sir: 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 Tuesday the 1st February, 1938 at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 1st February, 1938, at 7.30 p.m., to deal with the following business :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings of 4/1/38 and 11/1/38 (Copies herewith).
2. To consider Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee from the Meetings of same held on 22/1/38 and 1/2/38.
3. To fix a date for a Special Meeting to deal with Housing.
4. To consider applications for Allotments for 1938.
5. To consider vacancies on the Council and take appropriate action in connection therewith.
6. Correspondence.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Free Milk Applications

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, A. Dunne, J. Clarke, M. McMahon, E. Lalor, C. W. Hudson and J. O'Connor.
Also present : J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Town Surveyor.

Item 1. Confirmed.

Item 2. The following Report of the Committee from its Meeting on 22/1/38 was submitted :-

In response to a notification sent to each member on the 20th January, 1938, the Finance and General Purposes Committee met on Saturday 22/1/38 when the following Councillors attended:

W. O'Grady, J. Clarke, C. W. Hudson, M. McMahon and J. Olohan.
Also present J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Town Surveyor.

It was pointed out that arising out of the Storm on 15/1/38 representations had been made to the Town Clerk by tenants Doran and Doyle of Upper Strand Street, that they could not with safety remain in their dwellings - that the Town Clerk had the representations of the tenants confirmed by the S.S.O., and Town Surveyor (after inspections by them) and had let the tenants in question vacant new houses on the front row (Nos. 7 and 12). The Town Clerk reported that the owner of Doyle's house repaired the storm damages and re-let it to a family of Byrnes who were tenants of a house of Mrs Doyle in Strand Street. The Town Sergeant had warned the owner that he might incur serious consequences but, it was not

yet definitely known whether the letting was being persisted in.

As a result only five of the houses in the front row remained untenanted. James Downes of Upper Strand Street had now applied for one of the five and it was recommended that he be allotted No. 14 on the understanding that he retains tenancy in his existing house until Clearance Order became operative.

It was also recommended that J. Murphy be given the key of No. 25 provided he retained tenancy in Bond Street House until the Bond Street Clearance Order became operative.

It was recommended that J. Cullen, Lower Strand Street, be offered a house in front row in lieu of holding him over for a house in Castle Street as he desired.

It was recommended that the remaining houses in front row be retained until further order.

The demands of Michael Kelly, Strand Street, Jane Whelan, Coates Lane and Mary Hollingsworth for houses were under consideration and adjourned.

It was reported that 47 houses in all had been taken over from Messrs Dempsey and that all with the exception of the houses referred to in the front row and three in Glenview Road were allotted.

It was recommended that No. 31 Glenview Road be retained for Kavanagh of Woodenbridge and that No. 1 be given to J. Brien, Upr., Strand Street, and it was further recommended that Block 34 to 44 be retained for Ball Alley Tenants and that otherwise houses be allotted in the order in which Clearance Orders etc., mature.

Correspondence dealing with the wiring of houses was read and it was recommended that the E.S.B., gang be requested to withdraw until houses were handed over.

Correspondence dealing with working hours of men on new road, from local Union Branch was read and left over until next Monthly Meeting.

The Town Surveyor submitted altered plans of new houses and same were approved.

Payments to men on new road and Council's men were authorised.

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

That the Report be adopted.

Item 3. It was decided to have a Special Meeting of the Council to deal with Housing on Friday 25th February, 1938.

Item 4. The Town Clerk reported that to date he had received 55 applications for Allotments and that 34 were qualified as being in receipt of Unemployment Assistance and Unemployment Benefit.

Letting to be made to all qualified applicants.

Item 5. Proposed by Councillor W. O'Grady,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed,

That we hereby declare the seats held on this

Council by Matthew Turner and the late James Waldron to be vacant because of absence and death respectively and that notice of the vacancies be posted on the Notice Board and kept published there for 14 days at least.

The Notice was signed by Councillors O'Grady, Hudson and Lalor and Countersigned by Town Clerk.

Item 6. The following letters from the Department of Local Government were submitted and ruled on as shown :-

Letter (G.92810/37) of 9/12/37 transmitting Sealed Order fixing pension of W. M. Byrne Retired Town Rate Collector and Town Agent at £69. 18. 10 per annum.

Read.

Circ. Letter No. 14/1938 of 26/1/38 dealing with Art. 8 of Public Bodies Order 1925 and the transmission of Minutes and decisions and resolutions requiring the Minister's sanction.

Read.

Letter H.72846/37/2 of 21/1/38 transmitting signed copy of the Minister's Order confirming without modification the Wicklow Urban (Morton's Lane) Clearance Order 1937.

Read.

Circ. (D.S.F.) of 19/1/38 dealing with the progress and finances of Public Health Works which are being undertaken with the aid of Grants.

Read. Copy sent to Town Surveyor.

Circ. No. 13/1938 requesting a return for the purpose of making Special Orders excepting Subsidiary Employments from Compulsory Insurance.

Return furnished.

Letter H.187/2/38 of 31/1/38 transmitting report of the Inspector who recently visited and reported on the Scheme for the erection of 120 houses.

Refer to Engineer.

Also submitted : Copy of Resolution of Youghal U.D. Council of 15th January 1938 dealing with necessity for introducing legislation to control Co-operative Creameries and make them liable for taxation etc., as private individuals.

Adopted.

Letter of 28/1/38 from Irish Tourist Association asking the Council to make provision in the Estimates for a contribution in aid.

Read.

Letter of 14/1/38 from Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company with the object to remove the prevailing impression that the Company is English controlled.

Read.

Adjourned application of Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd., for a reduction of amount of Retention Money and the period of Retention by one half.

In this connection letters were received from the firm pointing out (20/1/38) that all terms of the Contract re employment of local labour were being adhered to by them. (same date) that they were not aware that any plasterers, woodworkers or painters who were local were unemployed, and (25/1/38) dealing with their efforts to find employment for the local plumber and complaining that tradesmen left their employment when they had work for them.

The Town Clerk also reported that he had pursued the correspondence in which the Contractors claimed extras because of increased wages paid plasterers and painters and finally had an interview with Mr W. Dempsey and as a result had had a telephone message to the effect that they were prepared to withdraw those claims if the Retention Money was reduced. He reported that if this step were ~~taken~~ to be taken it would need to be done by a formal endorsement on the Contract and after notice to the sureties.

Order : The amount of the Retention Money to be reduced by 5% : the question of reducing the retention time to be adjourned until houses were complete : the Town Clerk to take steps to safeguard the Council in making the change.

Correspondence read at Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 22/1/38 with regard to hours of work of Council men on Relief Grant Works on new link road at Ballynerrin and then adjourned was again read. There was also read a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (RU/204/132) of 27/1/38 in which the Minister stated that the wages paid on the work should not be greater than that paid to the Council's ordinary staff.

Order : Council to request the Department to allow the casual rate of pay in all the circumstances.

Letter from Mr E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, of 20/1/38 stating his client Miss MacPhail had now made a sale to J. Sheane of the three houses now vacant in Morton's Lane the subject of the confirmed Clearance Order and requesting the Council to permit of the houses be allowed to stand for use by Mr Sheane as stores, he undertaking to remove all internal walls but one.

Order : Adjourn for favourable consideration later.

Application of Mrs Annie Clarke of Convent Road for letting of 15 yards of the Bank at the back of the Convent Road.

Order : The entire angle of land to be let at 5s/- per year.

Complaints of Thomas Kelly and Jane Hall, Castle Street and D. Doyle, Strand Street, as to the condition of their houses.

Serve Notices on Landlords.

Copy of Town Clerk's letter of 19/1/38 to Mrs E. Kavanagh re using house No. 10 on Front Row as a shop.

Read.

Application of Mary Hollingsworth for a house.

Adjourned.

Letter from A. Reilly, Ballyguile, in reply to Notice to Quit his condemned house, stating he was getting a cottage in the country.

Adjourn.

Report of Dr. O'Connor, M.O.H., on condition of house at Bath Street,

tenanted by J. F. McCarthy in which he stated that the house was unfit for habitation.

Order : Send copy to Landlord.

Application of J. McCarthy, Bath Street, for No. 7, Dunbur Road.

Also application of Maurice O'Brien for same house.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr O'Brien's application was long standing, that he had offered the house to Keoghs of The Mall, who declined same, and that he had let the house to Maurice O'Brien.

Approved.

Application from Mary Murphy of High Street, for a house, supported by a recommendation from Dr. O'Connor.

Refer to Special Meeting.

Application of Mrs B. Finlay of the Murrough dated 18/1/38 for one of the better class houses proposed to be built.

Adjourn.

Correspondence between Town Clerk and Mrs O'Reilly, No. 5 Front Row (new houses) in which Mrs O'Reilly undertook not to take in lodgers.

Read.

It was agreed that the front row of houses (1 to 25) be called Kilmantin Road.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received written undertakings from all owners of Dispensary Lane houses (except one) not to use or permit to be used the said houses as human habitation.

Item 7. Reports read. - the part of the S.S.O's. Report dealing with the dangerous wall at Upper Strand Street be referred to Town Surveyor.

Item 8. Ruled on.

J. Finlay
1/27/38

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday 25th February, 1938, pursuant to the following Requisition sent to each Member on 22nd February, 1938 :-

To/ The Town Clerk, Wicklow.

You are hereby requested to summon a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council for Friday 25th February, 1938 at 7 p.m., to deal with the following matters :-

1. (a) To consider again the position with regard to 7 houses at Lower Monkton Row (the property of H. J. Hamilton) and the 15 houses at Castle Street (the property of Miss Wall) and any replies received to the Council's offer to purchase sites and the question of passing resolutions in respect of those 22 houses and proceeding with Compulsory Purchase Orders. (b) Reports of recent inspections by County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor.
2. To hear Mrs Delahunt of Furzeditch, Mrs Murray, Wicklow, Mrs Ring, Carlow, George Doolittle, Reprs. Pim and T. O'Carroll who have been notified under Demolition Order Section of the 1931 Act to attend and show cause why their houses at High Street, Lower Strand Street, Monkton Row, High Street and Castle Street should not be made the subject of Demolition Orders.
3. To consider the proposed Scheme of ten 5-roomed houses and the estimated rents of same (13s/10d and rates) and a suggestion to enlarge the Scheme into 20 houses.
4. To consider draft bye-laws to be made to relieve overcrowding in houses and the estimated results of such.
5. To consider erection of 20 additional houses under a Slum Clearance Scheme.
6. To deal with matters under Allotments Scheme including lettings, tenders etc.,
7. Any other pending matters relating to Housing, taking over of new houses and old houses etc.,

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1938.

Signed : J. Clarke. R. B. Haskins. John Olohan. M. McMahon.
D. H. Haskins.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, D. H. Haskins, J. Clarke, C. W. Hudson, J. Olohan, E. Lalor, J. O'Connor, T. J. Doran, M. McMahon.

Item 1. (a) A letter dated 19/2/38 from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Arklow, on behalf of Mr Hamilton declining the offer made and offering to do all that Mr Hamilton possibly could to improve the houses, was read and after discussion Councillor J. O'Connor handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

"I hereby give notice that the Council's decision of the 5/1/37 to adopt the Report of the County Medical Officer of Health condemning the houses in Lower Monkton Row the property of Mr Hamilton be rescinded."

After consideration of the Reports on Miss Wall's houses

It was Proposed by Councillor J. Clarke,
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Doran and passed unanimously,

That having considered the Reports of Dr G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health and Joseph T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor, on the condition of the houses and premises in Castle Street (15 houses) in the Town of Wicklow the property of Miss Elizabeth Wall and now occupied by tenants named Reilly, Phillips, Sillery, Vickers, Hayden, Patchell, Sillery, Hill, Troy, Goodman, Cleary, Yeates, McClean, Foulkes and Doyle, and being satisfied that they constitute an area that is unhealthy and that the conditions in such area can be remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health and said area having been defined on a Map The Wicklow Urban District Council hereby resolve and declare such area as so defined to be a Clearance Area and the land comprised in said Clearance Area be purchased by Agreement or in default of agreement that the said land be acquired or purchased by a Compulsory Purchase Order to be made by the said Council - said Council being satisfied that they can provide the accommodation referred to Sec. 14 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, as amended by Sec. 23 (1) of the Housing Financial And Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1932 and that the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purposes of this Resolution.

J.E., 25/2/38.

- (b) Notices to be served under Sec. 23 of the 1931 Act in cases of the following houses recently inspected by Order of Council :-

Owner.	Occupier.
F. Murphy.	Mrs Leahy, Strand Street.
-	- Sillery, " "
Miss Wall.	George Byrne, Monkton Row.
Reprs. S.E.Pim.	Martin Brien, New Street.
D. H. Haskins	P. O'Toole, Up. Strand Street.
M. Dawson.	A. Kavanagh, Up. Strand Street.

Item 2. The only Owner represented in reply to Notices served was Reprs. S. E. Pim, in the person of Mr T. Duggan, Agent, who stated that subject to the sanction of the Court the Committee of the Estate considered improving those houses at High Street by making on out of every two, and this suggestion was left over for consideration by the Town Surveyor, Mr Duggan to be asked to attend the Monthly Meeting at 8 p.m., on 1/3/38.

It was decided that ~~the~~ in the case of the house owned by Mrs Ring and occupied by D. Doyle at Lower Strand Street a Demolition Order was to be made.

The case of George Doolittle's houses was adjourned in view of the possibility of he being at sea and not getting the Notice.

Mrs Delahunt and Mrs Murray were to be notified again.

Item 3. Proposed By Councillor J. Clarke,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and passed unanimously,

That we hereby approve of the plans, specification and

estimate for a Scheme for erection of 10-five-roomed houses and 10 four-roomed houses at Ballynerrin at an estimated all-in cost of £10,120 and that a Loan be applied for.

Item 4. It was Ordered that the draft Bye-laws be submitted to the Minister for his provisional approval.

Item 5. Adjourned for 12 months.

Item 6. Tenders were received from Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Sons (for Seeds, Manures and Implements) S. V. Delahunt (Part Seeds, Manures and Implements) and R. J. Alcorn (for Seeds and Implements).

The Tender of Mr S. V. Delahunt for Manures being the lowest was accepted.

The Tender of R. J. Alcorn for Seeds and Implements being the lowest was accepted.

Item 7. The Five-year Agreement with Ocean Accident Insurance Co., and Hibernian Insurance Co., for insuring the 120 houses in equal shares were signed.

Reports were received from Town Surveyor and Rent Collector as to dirty condition of houses in Kilmantin Road tenanted by Mrs O'Reilly and T. Kelly.

Order : Refer to Town Agent and Collector to serve Notices to Quit.

The Town Clerk reported that it had come to his notice that Mrs Kavanagh was keeping a shop at No. 10, Kilmantin Road.

Order : Refer to Town Agent and Collector to serve Notice to Quit.

Copy of the Loan Application Form for Supplementary Loan of £2,500 for the Housing Scheme of 120 houses as signed by Chairman and Town Clerk was submitted and approved.

Correspondence between Town Clerk and Mr McCarroll, Solicitor, dealing with the three houses at Bachelor's Walk (Occupied by Quinn, Dunne and Barlow) and under consideration for demolition was adjourned to next Monthly Meeting.

Letter from Mrs Wall of Leitrim Place re future use of house occupied by Kilbride at Upper Strand Street was adjourned.

Reports submitted by Dr Beckett on his inspections of houses at New Street owned by Miss Kathleen McCall and occupied by Nalty, Thompson and Fox at New Street were read and it was ordered that copies be sent to owner.

Councillor D. H. Haskins who left early after Meeting began advocated houses in front Road (Kilmantin Road) for Vickers of Bond Street and Sillery of Strand Street.

It was agreed to retain one of the vacant houses in Kilmantin Road for Vickers when his present house is finally dealt with. The other case was left over for future consideration.

Proposed by Councillor J. Clarke,
Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan,

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Deeds of Surrender by Mrs Fox, Mrs Mary Malone, James Malone, William Murphy and Repr. Mary Quinn to the Council of houses and premises at Ball Alley for £6 each.

Letter of 16/7/38 from J. Conway asking for a new house as accommodation in present house too scanty for family.

Adjourn for new Scheme.

Letter of 17/2/38 from P. Merrigan, High Street, complaining of condition of house.

Order : To be inspected.

Like Orders were made re complaints in writing from Stephen Devlin, Kilmantin Hill, Mrs J. Kavanagh, Castle Street (Owner Mrs May), James Thompson, New Street, (Owner Miss K. McCall).

Letter dated 11/2/38 from P. Dunne, O'Connell Street, Waterford, re house at New Street recently occupied by Mrs O'Reilly stating he was attending to necessary repairs, but would not offer house again to O'Reillys as they were responsible for condition.

Read.

William O'Grady
5/4/38

Minutes of Monthly (March) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 1st March, 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 22nd February, 1938 :-

Dear Sir: 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 Tuesday 1st prox., at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 1st prox., at 7.30 p.m., to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting of 1/2/38.
2. To consider Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee from Meetings held 19/2/38 and 1/3/38.
3. To consider any further applications for allotments.
4. Any matters adjourned from Special Meeting of 25/2/38.
5. Correspondence.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Lettings of fields for 1938/39 Season.
8. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, C. W. Hudson, E. Lalor, J. Clarke, A. Dunne, J. Olohan.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee which met at 7 p.m., recommended as follows:-

Payments on General Account	£440.	7.	8
" " Housing No. 3 A/c.,	446.	2.	0
" " Relief Grant Account	103.	14.	0
" " Waterworks Account	383.	5.	0

and payments were subsequently authorised accordingly.

Correspondence between the Department of Local Government and Public Health

(Department's letters G.75310/37 of 3/11/37 and G. of 19/2/38) and the Council's Solicitor as to the interpretation to be put on latter's appointment in so far as costs of Leases and Mortgages are concerned. The Department agreed, if the Council were willing to raise no objection, where the Council's Solicitor acted for both parties in Sales, Leases or Mortgages to allow him to retain half profit costs.

Recommended : Agreed - to operate from 31/3/37 and for Small Dwellings Acts from inception.

The Committee had also under consideration letter P.H. 104107/37 of 12/2/38 from Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject of Mr Power's grievance re damage to house by an alleged sewer, in which it was stated that the matter was one in which the Minister had no functions as regards sanctioning or refusing sanction.

It was recommended that the matter be put on the Agenda for next Meeting.

Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. It was reported that the Committee which met on 19/2/38 and which consisted of Councillors W. O'Grady, J. Olohan and C. W. Hudson, merely recommended that plots be first given to qualified persons who had plots last year.

The Report was adopted.

The recommendations of the Committee of 1/3/38 were not finally adopted.

Item 3. The Town Clerk reported progress made in letting of Allotments and read names of parties who had applied and who had not yet received allotments.

The Matter was left in hands of Town Clerk to arrange to give the remaining plots to most deserving cases, special attention being directed to the case of John McCormack, Glenview Road.

The case of Gerard Kavanagh, Kilmantin Road, was specially mentioned and his late application was rejected.

Item 4. The Town Clerk was directed to again communicate with Thos. O'Carroll, Summer Hill, who had been served with Notice re his houses at Castle Street (Sec. 23 of the 1931 Act) for 24/2/38 and had not attended.

Item 5. Letters from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

P.H.Circ. 32/38 of 24/2/38 re Free Milk Grant (£253. 5. 6 for 1938/39 and conditions.

Order : Meeting to be held on 15/3/38 or 19/3/38 to consider Tenders.

H.568/3/38 of 17/2/38 sanctioning £60 to J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor for inspecting houses.

Read.

Circular letter No. 21/1938 re Rates on Fisheries.

Read.

Letter S.186/3/38 of 10/2/38 re Waterworks Improvement Scheme requesting to have progress expedited to complete Scheme before 31/3/38.

Read.

P.H.Circ. of 8/2/38 re appointments of Bacteriological Examiners under Dairies Act, 1935.

Read.

Letter P.H.99,800/37 of 5/2/38 re Veterinary Inspectors leave of absence.

Read.

Letter G.5963/38 of 10/2/38 sanctioning Overdraft to 28/2/38 and urging that Collector should be asked to expedite collection.

Read.

Letter from Mrs Kearney (28/2/38) stating she hoped to be soon able to pay rates.

Read.

Letter from Frances Cunningham, High Street, of 1/3/38 complaining re her house.

Read.

Letter from Dr O'Connor re advisability of giving a house to Mrs Brien, New Street, - also letter from Mrs Brien on same subject.

Read.

Application of Mary Hollingsworth for house.

Adjourned.

Letter from Mrs Rice re payment of rates due by her.

Read.

Letter from Electricity Supply Board of 16/2/38 re arrangements between them and Messrs Dempsey re damages etc. in wiring of houses.

Read.

Letter of 4/2/38 from Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board enclosing Demand £41. 17. 0 payable by Wicklow U.D.C., for 1938/39.

Read.

Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (RU/205/132) offering Grant of £648 against a local contribution of £90 for Summer and Spring work on Roads - subject to conditions.

Also Town Surveyor's letter of 28/2/38 submitting Scheme for expenditure by making a new link road between St. Laurence's Road and Terret Lane and grading latter.

Order : Offer accepted and Scheme approved : Local contribution to be charged to Housing.

Report from Town Agent that he had served Notices to Quit on 28/2/38 on T. Kelly, Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs Kavanagh, Kilmantin Road, and also written explanations from former. Mrs Kavanagh attended and defied the Council and told them to do their best.

Orders : Town Agent to report again (1) in cases of Kelly and O'Reilly (2) in case of Mrs Kavanagh adjourn to hear report of Collector as to whether possession will be given on 15/3/38.

Complaints from local Painters and Messrs Dempsey's reply to same of 1/2/38; also heard Messrs Dunne and Byrne.

Order : Request Messrs Dempsey to re-employ men as from Monday next without fail.

Letter of 29/1/38 from Town Surveyor enclosing Estimate of £2330

for extension to 200 feet of Foreshore Works.

Order: Forward to Department with a Request as to how much Grant will be given in aid of the work.

Item 6. Report of S.S.O., and Road Overseer was the only report received and this was read.

No further business was transacted.

William J. Brady
5/4/38

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (March)
Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council
held on Tuesday 22nd March, 1938, pursuant to
the following Notice sent to each Member on
18/3/38:-

Dear Sir: The adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday 22nd March 1938, when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Consideration of Tenders for Free Milk for the year 1938/39.
2. Matters arising on letting of houses and condemnation of unfit houses.
3. Payments to be made before close of year.
4. Any urgent matters.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), C. W. Hudson,
R. B. Haskins, W. O'Grady, J. Olohan, A. Dunne, J. Clarke, M. McMahon,
J. O'Connor, E. Lalor.

Item 1. Only one tender was received in response to invitation in "Wicklow People" of 12/2/38 and Posters, viz. that of John Lalor at 1s/6d per gallon for non-tuberculin-tested milk.

Accepted subject to sanction.

Item 2. It was decided to offer the following houses in Ballynerrin failing acceptance of which steps were to be taken to recover possession of their existing houses.

- (a) Mrs Mary Cannon Colley Street.
- (b) J. Duffy, Carroll's Bank. and
- (c) Miss McBride, Leitrim Cottages.

Letter from Mrs Annie Ring asking Council not to make a Demolition Order in respect of her house at Strand Street occupied by D. Doyle and that she would give an absolute guarantee that it would not be again used for human habitation.

Accept Undertaking in writing.

Item 3. Adjourned to a Meeting to be held under Department's directions on 29/3/38.

Item 4. Application from Mr A. Dunne for space on Murrough for Dance Marquee from 1/4/38 to 30/9/38.

Granted on same terms as last year.

Application from A. Finlayson for lease of small field held by Mrs Murray at Dunbur for building site stating he had come to an agreement with Mrs Murray.

To be put on Agenda for next Meeting - Mr Finlayson to submit further particulars of proposed buildings, sewers etc.,

Circular letter D.S.F. (Payments) dated 16/3/38 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health directing a Meeting to be held on 29/30th of 31st March 1938 to make payments for Public Health Works subsidised by Government Grants.

Meeting to be held 29/3/38.

Letter from County Librarian dated 3/3/38 requesting increase in Rate for Library and Town Clerk's reply of 10/3/38.

Adjourn to next year as too late for this year.

Letter from James Thompson re condition of his house at New Street.

House to be inspected.

Letter from Jane Hall, Castle Street, re her house.

Adjourn.

Letter dated 21/3/38 from Mrs Nellie Kavanagh of 10, Fairview Road with reference to Notice to Quit and Demand of possession in respect of said house, asking to be allowed money to repair house vacated by Miss Condren, otherwise she had still the house she left.

Adjourn to Monthly Meeting.

The Town Clerk submitted figures to show that for the past four years the Department of Finance had not paid balances on the Harbour Charges recoupment claim amounting to £187. 2. 6 and read copy of a letter he had written that Department on the subject.

Await reply.

Arising out of a discussion re coming tourist Season and better travelling facilities, Councillors O'Grady and Hudson were appointed with Chairman and Town Clerk to interview the Railway Company on the points raised.

William O'Grady
5/4/38

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 29th March, 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on 26th March, 1938:-

Dear Sir: Pursuant to direction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and by arrangement at last Meeting of the Council a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday 29th inst., to deal with the following :-

1. Make payments up to date in connection with Waterworks Improvement Scheme and all other possible payments that are due to be made within the financial year now closing.
2. To consider again and finally adopt Bye Laws dealing with overcrowding of houses.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

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

Item 1. Payments and Transfers were made on the several Accounts as follows:-

General Account	£537. 14. 0
Poor Rate Account	4. 2. 6
Housing No. 3 Account	23. 2. 8.
Waterworks Improvement Account	624. 10. 1

Letter from J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor on Waterworks Improvement Scheme as follows:-

Dear Sir, Herewith I enclose Certificate No. 9 in favour of Patrick Blake, Contractor, for above works for an amount £602. 15. 10 being a total amount certified to date of £5,750. 15. 10.

These works are practically completed now and I hope will be entirely finished in the next four weeks.

As you will observe from the Certificate there are certain extras and additional works arising out of this scheme. The chief items of which are 156 lineal yards of A.C. main, 40 lineal yards of 12" concrete pipe, and 120 cubic yards of sand for filters, the provision of scour valves and pipes to each filter and the rock excavation was somewhat more than was originally anticipated.

The value of the works carried out to date is £6,389. 15. 10 and when the caretaker's cottage will have been completed the total value of the work will then be £6,439. 15. 10.

There still remains to be provided the sand washing machine the necessity for which I have already indicated to the Council and obtained their approval. I have been endeavouring to obtain estimates and details of the best and most suitable types of machines, but up to the present and until the filters were completed I was not in a position to finally decide. The cost of the machine together with the tram rails and steel wagon for conveying the sand from the toe of the bankment to the edge of the filters will be approximately £193.

With regard to the old filter beds I desire to point out that these were not provided originally with a filter outlet control, which is very desirable in order to obtain efficient filtration. I would suggest that whilst the Contractor is still on the site that this apparatus should be installed so as to make the old plant as efficient as the new. The work would entail the construction of a small concrete tank adjoining the old filters to enclose the apparatus and certain inlet and outlet pipes and valves would have to be provided in addition. I have obtained an estimate of £195 from the Contractor Mr Patrick Blake for the carrying out of the work which I think is reasonable, having regard to his existing rates for work in his quantities, and I would suggest that the Council agree to have the work completed.

The total value of the works would then be as follows:-

Value of work done to date by Contractor	£6439. 15. 10
Cost of Sand Washing and Tram Rails and Steel Truck	193. 0. 0
Provision of Steel filter outlet control with concrete tank and all necessary pipes etc.,	195. 0. 0
Total Value	£6827. 15. 10.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.

The Town Clerk reported that he had computed the all-in-cost of this Scheme and found that against receipt from Loan and Grant amounting to £7100 they had expenditure incurred and prospective amounting to £7107. 2. 11 and that therefore no money was available for the extra of £195 suggested by the Town Surveyor.

Order : The extra not to be proceeded with.

Item 2. Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon, Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed unanimously

That we hereby make and adopt the Bye Laws with respect to houses divided into separate tenements etc., (designed to relieve overcrowding in such tenements) as provisionally approved by letter from the Department dated the 23rd March, 1938, (No.P.H.9188/38) Wicklow U.D.(A). and that the Common Seal of the Council be attached thereto and we direct the necessary Notice to be published.

Additional Business.

Correspondence between the Town Surveyor and Town Clerk and Messrs E. & W. Dempsey as to latter's breach of Contract in not employing local tradesmen read in full, also complaint from Carpenters' Union re same.

Order : Final Notice to be wired to Messrs Dempsey that Council are not satisfied with explanation as to carpenters and that penalty be inflicted on foot of his next Certificate due on 5/4/38.

Letter from Miss McBride of Leitrim Cottages, complaining of hardship on her in leaving her house, asking for time and stating that the only one of the new houses suitable (if forced to leave) was the bungalow at end of Upper Monkton Row.

Order : Miss McBride to be notified that she can have any of the available houses vacant in Ballynerrin and that she must make her choice and arrange to leave on or before 5/4/38.

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

That we direct the Department's attention to the delay in giving their decision on the Housing Inquiry held on 7th January last and the consequent loss of rents to the Council, and also that we request an early decision on the Scheme of 20 houses sent them.

William O'Grady
5/4/38

Minutes of Monthly (April) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 5th April, 1938, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 1st April, 1938:-

Dear Sir: 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 Tuesday 5th April, 1938, at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 5th April, at 7.30 p.m., to deal with the following business:-

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings of 25/2/38, 1/3/38, 22/3/38 and 29/3/38 (Copies herewith).
2. To consider Reports of Finance and General Purposes Committee from Meetings held on 1/3/38 (Report on Minutes of 1/3/38 and 5/4/38).
3. To deal with Department's letter on Mr Power's grievance re alleged sewer and Council's offer of £65 (without prejudice).
4. To consider condition of the following houses:-

(a)	House at Upper Strand Street	occupied by	P. O'Toole.
(b)	House at New Street	"	" M. O'Brien.
(c)	" " Strand Street	"	" A. Kavanagh.
(d)	" " Monkton Row	"	" G. Byrne.
(e)	" " Lower Strand Street	"	" Mrs Leahy.
(f)	" " Lower Strand Street	"	" John Sillery.
- and to hear owners served with Notices under Sec. 23 of the Housing Act, 1931.
5. To consider owners reply (if any) on three houses at Woodenbridge.
6. (a) To consider the following Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Connor

"I hereby give notice that the Council's decision of the 5th January, 1937, to adopt the report of the County Medical Officer of Health condemning the seven houses in Lower Monkton Row the property of Repts. of Mrs Hamilton be rescinded."

(b) To make Compulsory Acquisition Order re sites of houses at Castle Street the property of Miss Wall.
7. To consider applications for letting of Council's fields and Caretaking Public Convenience.
8. To consider what action to be taken re breach of Agreement by Mrs E. Kavanagh in respect of her tenancy of house No. 10, Kilmantin Road.
- 8a. To consider application of A. Finlayson for Building Lease of field on Dunbur Road now let to Mrs Murray at £5. 18. 6 containing 2 acres 2 roods, Poor Law Valuation £3. 15. 0.
9. Correspondence.
10. Reports of Officers.
11. Rule on Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.
Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors W. O'Grady, (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. Clarke, J. Olohan, A. Dunne, T. J. Doran, E. Lalor and M. McMahon.

Committee Meeting.

The Bank Pass Books and Books of Account were examined. Proposals for payment on the following Accounts were submitted as follows and payments were recommended :

General Account and Housing Account.

The Town Clerk pointed out that it was the first time for a number of months back that the General Account was in credit and that as a result he had received an account for £82 odd from the Treasurer for Interest. This, he believed was due to the mistaken view that was gaining currency that Rates are not payable until March. As a result of such the Ratepayers would have to bear an additional 2½d in the £. next year.

Item 1. Minutes confirmed.

Item 2. It was Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan and passed unanimously,

That the recommendations contained in the Committee's Report of 1/3/38 as entered on Minutes of that date be adopted.

The recommendations made as above by Committee on this date were adopted and payments authorised accordingly.

The Town Clerk stated that he had got in touch with Messrs Dempsey on the 30th ult., as to employment of local Carpenters and that on that date he verbally undertook to offer employment to at least one of the two local unemployed Carpenters.

Item 3. The matter was discussed and the Town Clerk pointed out that the Auditor would review any payment made but that he gave it as his view that in the undefined circumstances the Council would be justified in making the settlement already agreed on viz. £65 subject to conditions.

Adjourn for attendance of Engineer on 12/4/38.

Item 4. (a) Adjourned to 12/4/38.

(b) Mr Duggan attended on behalf of Repts. S. E. Pim. Reports were read and he stated that the Committee of the Estate would be prepared to repair if he were given copy of the Reports.

Copy to be furnished.

(c) Mr Dawson attended. Reports were read and Mr Dawson undertook to put in water and W.C., and do general repairs on or before 1st October, 1938.

Accept Undertaking if works carried out to satisfaction of Engineer.

(d) Mr A. Cullen, Solicitor, attended on behalf of Miss Wall - also Miss Wall. The reports were read in full and discussed. Mr Cullen agreed that his client would do any necessary repairs.

County Medical Officer of Health and Engineer to

send Mr Cullen the minimum requirements to put house in a fit and sanitary condition.

(e) Mr F. Murphy attended: the reports of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor were read and Mr Murphy undertook to have the necessary repairs carried out.

County Medical Officer of Health and Engineer to send Mr Murphy a statement of their minimum requirements with regard to the house.

(f) A letter was read from E. Canavan now resident in Liverpool and also copy of Town Clerk's letter in reply. The reports of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor were read.

Order : Demolition Order to be made.

Item 5. The Town Clerk read the correspondence and stated no reply or undertaking was received from the owner.

Owner to be again asked for reply by the 12/4/38 when the matter was to be finally dealt with.

Item 6. (a) The Town Clerk pointed out that as Councillors had not received seven clear days notice from him of the Motion, he did not think it would be in order to have it moved at this Meeting.

Motion adjourned by consent to Meeting at 12/4/38.

(b) Adjourned for attendance of Engineer on 12/4/38.

Item 7. The highest tenders were accepted in all cases viz.

1. Field at Ballyguile - E. Doyle at £6. 5. 0 and Rates.
2. 2 fields at Ballyguile - Mrs E. Dunne at £5. 0. 0 and Rates.
3. 2 fields at Ballyguile - Mrs A. Clarke at £7. 7. 0 and Rates.
4. 2 fields at Ballyguile - P. Brien at £6. 0. 0 and Rates.
7. 1 field at Glen - T. O'Carroll at £6. 10. and Rates.
8. 1 field at Ballyguile - J. Carr at £8. 10. 0.
9. 1 field at Ballyguile - J. Thompson at £3. 10. 0.
10. 1 field at Ballyguile - M. Manning at £6. 5. 0.
11. 1 field at Ballyguile Mrs M. Clarke at £1. 0. 0
12. 1 field at Ballyguile - M. Manning at 2s/6d per week.

Mrs Doran was the only applicant for Caretaking Public Convenience and she was appointed on same terms as last year viz. she to pay £1 for the takings from Slot Machines.

Letter from Dominican Convent dated 30/3/38 giving six months notice of surrender of Delahunt's field at Dunbur held by them on yearly tenancy at £7. 13. 6.

Accept.

Item 8. Adjourned to Meeting on 12/4/38. Rent Collector to be asked for a report as to whether the Agreement is being carried out.