

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday the 9th January 1940 pursuant to Requisition received on the 6th January 1940 and to the following notice sent to each Member on the 6th January 1940.

Dear Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council on Tuesday the 9th inst to consider the matter of the following requisition received by me to-day signed by five members :-

On considering the Meeting to-day and all it pertains to, we consider that it is most irregular when such a sum is at stake. We hereby request you to call a Special Meeting to regularise matters connected with the Housing Scheme and to discuss details of same.

(Note:- The meeting held to-day was a Committee Meeting called to hear report of Deputation to the Department in connection with the proposed Housing Schemes of 34 & 10 Houses).

You are hereby requested to attend said Meeting.

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C. Yours faithfully,
J. McGrath, T.Clerk.

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

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

The Town Clerk ~~stated~~ read the extracts from Minutes of Meetings from the 7th November 1939 and gave a history of the proposals for the Housing Schemes in contemplation. He also reported that the Chairman and Town Surveyor reported on the morning of the 6/1/40 to an informal meeting of Councillors (consisting of Councillors D.H.Haskins, J.Olohan, M.McMahon C.W.Hudson, and J.Clarke) and himself that they had interviewed officials in the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government on the ~~11th~~ 5th inst and that they had been informed that the Department could not agree to the departure from the settled Schemes of 24 and 10 Houses at this stage and that they would have to drop 10 of the houses and that Provisional sanction had been obtained for 24 & 10 and the money required for same. The Contractor was present at the informal meeting on the 6/1/40 and after discussion it was agreed that 10 of the Slum Clearance Houses (34) should be dropped and the Contractor (Mr O'Brien) agreed and said he would look into the substituted figures which, he said, appeared to be alright. It was also agreed to accept his personal sureties (J.J.O'Hara and R.H.Monks) instead of the Insurance F.G.Bond at the informal meeting on Saturday the 6th January (morning). The Town Clerk commented that a Special Meeting was necessary to regularise matters. A prolonged discussion then

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followed (at Special Meeting on the 9/1/40) on the advisability of abandoning the 10 houses proposed for Normal needs instead of 10 of the Slum Clearance Houses principally on the ground that the minimum rent that could be charged for the 10 for normal needs (16/10 per week) would not be realised. The Town Clerk pointed out that it was hoped to get from that scheme of Normal Housing the local contribution for the Territ Lane Sewer and ~~to~~ to recoup the General account to the extent of £240 amount spent for roads in developing the site. He stated that he had framed his estimate for the current year taking credit for the £240.

X PROPOSED by Councillor D. H. Haskins and SECONDED by Councillor E.Lalor That we build 34 Houses for Slum Clearance Purposes and adjourn the building of the 10 Houses for Normal Needs (or if the Contractor is not agreeable, to proceed with the 24 houses for slum Clearance purposes) X

PROPOSED by Councillor T.Doran that the Schemes of 24 and 10 houses be proceeded with. There was no Seconder to this amendment and the Chairman declared it had fallen through for want of a seconder and he then put the original Motion of Councillor D.H.Haskins and calling for "ay's" and "no's", he declared the Original Motion or Resolution passed unanimously and without anyone dissenting.

It was decided then to get in touch with Mr O'Brien on the telephone and when same was done and it was learned that the new decision of the Council was not very acceptable to him but that he would consider it, the Council adhered to the Resolution and appointed the Chairman, Town Surveyor and the Town Clerk to interview the Contractor on the following day and explain the position to him.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Olohan and SECONDED by Councillor E.Lalor and passed :- "That in the event of Mr O'Brien refusing to proceed according to the resolution above (just passed) the 34 Houses be re-advertised for new Tenders "

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the work of laying the sewer through Territ Lane and availing of the Grant of £280.

The house vacated by Wm. Dunne at Glenview was given to Mrs Windross. The S.S.O. having made a special report on the condition of the house at Glenview Rd. occupied by Jane Whelan, it was agreed that if Dr O'Connor

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failed to persuade her to go to the County Home, proceedings for her eviction be instituted on the ground that she is abusing the house.

Read letter dated the 9th January 1940 from J.T.O'Byrne Town Surveyor in which he outlined the fees now due to him for the Plans and Specifications of the 34 Slum Clearance House and the 10 houses for Normal Needs viz £102 and £50 :17:6 respectively.

Order : Submit to the Dpartment of Local Government and Public Health for their views.

The Council agreed to accept the personal sureties offered by Wm. O'Brien, Contractor (viz , J.J.O'Hara and Mr Monks of Cosgrave and Monks) instead of calling on him to get a F.G.Bond from an Insurance Company or Corporation.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk.

Confirmed

CHAIRMAN.

James Swerett

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday the 24th of January 1940 pursuant to Requisition signed by five Members and to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 20th of January 1940.

20th January 1940

Dear Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council on Wednesday the 24th of January 1940 (pursuant to Requisition) at the hour of 8 p.m. to execute the Contract with Messrs Wm.O'Brien & Sons for the erection of 34 Houses for Slum Clearance Purposes and to make arrangements for the appointment of a Clerk of Works.

Yours faithfully

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.Council John McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors W.O'Grady (Presiding), J. Olohan, J.Clarke, C. W. Hudson, A. Dunne.

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

Read letter of the 19th of January from Messrs Wm. O'Brien & Sons returning the draft Agreement and Bond sent them by the Council's Town Clerk & Law Agent on the 12th idem for their approval --stating that they approved of same .(The Agreement and Bond being the Contract documents for the erection of 34 Houses for Slum Clearance Purposes).

The Town Clerk reported that Mr O'Brien had arranged to attend that evening at 4 p.m. but that he had a telephone message from him to the effect that he could not come but would be in Wicklow certain to execute the documents on Thursday the 25/1/40 at 4 p.m. The Town Clerk then submitted the Engrossments of the Agreement and Bond and read the relevant portions thereof and named the sureties submitted by Messrs O'Brien & Sons.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan and 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 Wm. O'Brien & Sons for the erection of 34 Houses for the sum of £14,557 subject to the War Clause in paragraph No.1 thereof (as read).

It was decided to advertise for a Clerk of Works to supervise the Housing Contract he to be paid at the Rate of £5:5:- per week during the period of the Contract , to be a qualified Engineer with B.E. degree or otherwise qualified according to Departments regulations his duties to be as defined by the Engineer in charge of the Works.

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The Town Clerk reported that as Solicitor to the Council he had had the Warrant for possession of the house at Friars' Hill executed against Patrick Byrne and that this case disposed of all the houses included in the Friars Hill Clearance Order of 1937.

The Town Clerk also reported that as Law Agent he had obtained Warrants for the possession of the Council's Houses No.s 28 and 44 Glenview Road against W. Canavan Jr. and Wm. Canavan Sr. respectively but that as reported to a Committee of the Council on Saturday the 20th inst he had settled it by taking and getting without recourse to bailiff or Sheriff possession of No.28 from Wm. Canavan Jr and getting his undertaking in writing as to arrears of rent.

Approved.

The Town Clerk also reported that Jane Whelan tenant of No. 22 Glenview Road had been persuaded to go to the County Home for treatment : that she had also been served with a notice to quit because of the state of her house and the danger to her life and the health of the locality : that the Town Sergeant had obtained the key from her and that it might not be safe to let her house for some time.

The Town Clerk then mentioned the following applicants on the books for houses : Mrs Hodgkinson, C. Sillery, Castle St., L. Kavanagh Glenview. : Mrs Dunne of Bond Street.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed :-

That the House No. 28 Glenview Road be given to Mrs Hodgkinson

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-

That the house No.14 Glenview Road be given to Mrs Dunne of 6 Bond Street.

The Town Clerk had pointed out that the Tenant of 6 Bond Street had already been warned about the bye-laws as to overcrowding and that a tenant (P.Connor) had already been removed from there for overcrowding.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr Delahunt had adhered to the figure of £40 for his interest in the field at Dunbur Road and that the

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loss to the rates on that figure, allowing for recoupment at £1 per plot and for £20 for the building plots would be at least £16 :10:-

It was agreed to proceed with the acquisition and ploughing of the field --Mr Delahunt to be paid £40 when recoupment for the allotments would be made in August 1940.

It was reported that Estimates had been obtained for the outside boundary fences of the 6 houses on the Murrough as follows :-

To fence with iron standards and wire ---£90

To surround with 4ft 6 ins wall in concrete ---£200.

The Town Clerk was directed to apply for a grant in aid of the work and for sanction to a loan in any event.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor W. O'Grady and passed in silence, all members standing :-

" That the Council extend to their Chairman, James Everett T.D., their deep sympathy with him on the occasion of the ~~late~~ death of his father, Robert Everett, and that all further business be adjourned as a mark of respect. "

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Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly (February) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 6th of February 1940 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 2nd of February 1940. :-

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Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on the 6th inst at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst. at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held on 2/1/40, 9/1/40 and 24/1/40.
 2. To execute the Mortgage Deed for a Supplementary Loan of £1555 for 120 Houses.
 3. H O U S I N G including (1) consideration of any complaints or of inspections of houses (2) Letting of Council's houses that are vacant and (3) any matters arising in connection with the Council's houses.
 4. Allotment Scheme for 1940 Season.
 5. Any matter arising in connection with the proposed lettings of Council's fields for 1940/41.
 6. To appoint a Clerk of Works for New Housing Scheme (34 Houses) and to consider any matter dealing with the said Scheme before work on same is begun.
 7. Correspondence including adjourned letter from the Department of Local Government on the proposal to repair and strengthen the Promenade.
 8. Reports of officers . 9. Free Milk applications.
- You are requested to attend said Meetings.
Yours faithfully
John McGrath, T.Clerk
- To :- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, E. Lalor, J. Clarke, M. McMahon.

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

Item 1.
Minutes Confirmed.

Item. 2.

Proposed by Councillor Charles W. Hudson and Seconded by Councillor E. Lalor

and passed unanimously :-

That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £1555 proposed to be advanced by them under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

On the motion of the same Councillors the other Resolutions submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works were also passed (dealing with the Loan).

Item 3.

Applications were read from the following for houses vacant at Ballynerrin-

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- (a) Larry Kavanagh of 8 Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow
- (b) Mrs J. Barlow of Kilmantin Hill
- (c) Margaret Murphy of Strand Street Wicklow
- (d) Mary Green of 3 Monkton Row
- (e) Kate Doyle c/o Mrs C. Dunne of No .5 Convent Road
- (f) Mrs K. Hanlon of 5 Glenview Road (looking for a transfer).

The Town Clerk also mentioned the cases of Charles Sillery of Castle St and Mrs McCarthy of Bath Street

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon , Seconded by Councillor C.W.Hudson and passed :-

That we allot the vacant houses at Glenview Road and St Lawrence's Road to L. Kavanagh and Mrs Barlow respectively on the grounds of overcrowding in the first case and that the house occupied by Mrs Barlow requires repairs and that same cannot be done while ~~the house~~ occupied.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that it was expected to provide at least 106 Allotments for the 112 applicants for Free Allotments. The Town Clerk was given authority to enter into negotiations with Mr H. Wynne for the purpose of taking up a field from him to let to employed applicants at 5/- per annum

Item 5.

It was ordered that the Council's fields be advertised for next Meeting.

Item 6.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson , ~~SECOND~~ED by Councillor Lalor and passed :-

That of the 32 applications before us, our Engineer be empowered to make inquiries about the two names he has suggested viz J. McNulty and Michael Donnelly) and recommend one of them for Departmental sanction Subsequently Mr J. T. O'Byrne , Town Surveyor , recommended Michael Donnelly ~~Sheares~~ B. E. , Sheares Villa, ~~Glasheen~~ Glasheen Road, Cork for the position of Clerk of Works.

Item. 7.

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

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G. 4015/40 of the 29th of January 1940 sanctioning Temporary Borrowing up to the 29th of February 1940 to the limit of £1000

Read

3046/23/32 of the 20th December 1939 approving of the employment of the Waterworks Overseer on the New Sewer at Territ Lane for an inclusive sum of £20 on the satisfactory completion of the Works.

Read

G. 4014/40 of the 29th January 1940 sanctioning payment of Poundage to Collector Kennedy at 1/- in the £ in respect of his lodgment of the amounts equivalent to the 1st moiety and arrears of the Poor Rate Warrant for 1939/40

Read

The adjourned letter from the Department of Industry & Commerce, Transport & Marine Branch M.S.3079 of 18/12/39 inquiring what use the Council propped to make of the land being leased to them between the two piers on the Foreshore. was submitted and the Town Clerk was instructed to reply that it was to preserve the amenities of the place and to safeguard the rights of the Council to their other property to the land side of same.

Letter of 5th January 1940 from W. Brennan of Bath Street complaining of the dangerous condition of a wall at Bath Street

Order : Town Surveyor to inspect and serve notice, if necessary

Letter of the 2nd February 1940 from Thomas Murphy of Kilpoole asking for Lease of Plot at Dunbur to build a house on

Proposed by Councillor Hudson, Seconded by Councillor Lalor and passed :-

That the plot be given to ~~Thomas~~ Thomas Murphy on a building Lease for £10 and £2 : 2 : - annual Rent.

Joint letter of the 6th February 1940 from the permanent road men and scavengers (D.Tyndall, R. Jenkinson, R. Kavanagh, D. Hanlon and A. Clarke) in the Council's employment of the Council asking for an increase in wages of 8/- per week. because of increase in cost of living.

Adjourn.

The Town Clerk submitted a Bill of expenses incurred by the Council in getting possession of houses in Friars Hill Clearance Order totalling £20 :9:- and asking for directions as to the recovery of same.

Adjourn

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Item. 8

Reports were read from the Town Sergeant, the Rent Collector, the Water-Works overseer and on Rate Collection.

Item 9.

Applications ruled on.

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Town Clerk

Confirmed

CHAIRMAN.

W. J. Murphy

Minutes of Monthly (March) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 5th of March 1940 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 29th of February 1940.

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Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th prox at 7 p.m.

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

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting of 6/2/40.
2. To consider reports of Finance & General Purposes Committee
3. To consider Tenders for Council's fields for 1940/41 as advertised.
4. To execute Lease to Thomas Murphy of Building Plot at Dunbur Road and consider any correspondence re same.
5. To consider steps re Foreshore Works and any other works for 1940/41.
6. To consider expenditure on School Melas to date and question of discontinuing same.
7. Correspondence.
8. Reports of officers and on Rent Collection.
9. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully

To : Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

J. McGrath

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, D. H. Haskins

W. O'Grady, J. Clarke, A. Dunne, J. O'Connor and J. Olohan.

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

Item 1.

Minutes Confirmed.

Item 2.

The Town Clerk reported that after notice to each member the following Councillors attended a meeting on the 24th February 1940 viz J. Everett, J. Olohan and W. O'Grady. Payments were authorised for Foreshore Works, Road Works and Territ Lane. It was also decided to authorise payment to Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd of the amount ~~xxx~~ certified in the Engineer's final certificate (£303 :16:10) in view of the Engineer's views and he having presented the Certificate and also other liabilities on foot of the Scheme of 120 Houses. ~~Thad~~ only tender for the ploughing of Wynne's field for allotment

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for Employed applicants was from Wm. Dickenson £3 :10 :- and as this was considered too high the Town Clerk was authorised to offer him £1 : 5 : - for ploughing same. It was agreed to allow the Engineer to proceed with the repair works on the Foreshore and to leave further consideration of the financing of same over to the monthly Meeting (the Engineer having reported that his revised estimate for the works was now £1800 and that he required £200 to arrest further probable damages to the promenade and retaining wall)

The Report was adopted.

ITEM 3.

Tenders were received and ruled on as follows :-

Lot 1. (4acs & 2rds :P.L.V. £6 :15:-) E. Doyle @ £6:5:- and Rates
ACCEPTED

Lot 2. (6 acs. 3: 3 ::P.L.V. £9;5 :) P.Brien @ £6;10 :- & Rates
L. Sutton @ £7:00 :- & Rates
Mrs E. Dunne @ £5 :- & Rates
M. Manning @ £7: 10 :- & Rates
Tender of M. Manning ACCEPTED

Lot 3. (6acs 3rds½ : P.L.V. £10) W. Rooney @ £10 : 15 : - & Rates
ACCEPTED

Lot 4. (10 acs. 2 rds & 27 pers. P.L.V. £15) : P.Brien @ £6 and Rates
Accepted

Lot 5. (9 acs 1 rood :P.L.V. £11) : W. Dickenson @ £7 & Rates
ACCEPTED.

Lot 6. (12 acs. 2rds & 6 pers P.L.V. £11) : T. Carroll @ £6:10:- & Rates
ACCEPTED

Lot 7. (2 acs & 20 pers : P.L.V. £3) : E. Dickenson @ £2 and Rates
ACCEPTED.

Lot 7 A. (1 ac. 1rd & 29pers P.L.V. £1:15:-) : Miss D. Wall @ £1 and Rates
ACCEPTED.

Ex The above for grazing for 11 months from the 1st of May '40 the tenant to keep fences and herd stock as advertised.

Lot 8. (about 3½ acres) J. Carr @ £10 & No Rates
L. Sutton @ £9 " " " "
M. Manning @ £10 :10:- " " " "

Tender of M. Manning ACCEPTED

Lot 9. No. Tender : To be re-advertised.

Lot 10. Two parcels at Ballynerrin on a weekly Tenancy: M. Manning @1/- per week.
ACCEPTED

The above for grazing --tenant to keep fences and herd stock from 1st of May for (with exception of 10.) for 11 months.

Lot 11. (6 acres for meadowing and aftergrass from the 11th March 1940 to

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the 31st of December 1940 P.L.V. £9

J. Carr @ £7 and Rates

W. Dickenson @ £15 and Rates

E. Doyle @ £22 :10 :- and Rates

Tender of E. Doyle ACCEPTED.

The Town Clerk had, prior to opening of Tenders ~~last~~ ^{year} last year's figures and asked the Council to fix the minimum for lot ~~xxx~~ 11 (Eleven) and the Council fixed £18 and Rates. The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that Tenants would have to keep the fences themselves and could not call on the Council to repair during the tenancy.

Item. 4.

Read letter signed by Robert Conway and Thos. Murphy dated the 28/2/40 asking that the frontages of their plots be increased to ~~Sixty~~ ^{Sixty} Feet from the 54 already agreed on ; after discussion the following order was made :-

Council have already adjusted frontage here and decline to alter further what has been settled by them after full consideration.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor W. O'Grady, SECONDED by Councillor J. Olohan and passed unanimously :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease and Counterpart to Thomas Murphy of building Plot at Dunbur Road, as mapped for 75 years from the 25th March 1940 for £10 and £2 : 2 :- rent per annum.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk read the correspondence to date dealing with the breach in the old promenade and the steps being taken to repair and improve it and reminded the Council that the Engineer's Estimate for carrying out the necessary works there was now £1800 and that he required £200 to arrest any further damages and loss.

Order :- Work of temporary protection to proceed and be financed out of Revenue temporarily up to a limit of £100; in the meantime a Grant of at Least £900 be applied for to the Department of Local Government.

Item 6.

The Town Clerk reported that the expenditure on the School Meals Scheme for the current season up to the 2/3/40 was £96 :16:10 and that the amount that was provided for was £100.

Order :- The Scheme to proceed to the Easter School Holidays.

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ITEM .7.

The following letters from the Department of Local Government were read and ruled on as shown :-

P.H. Circ. 18/1940 of the 24th February 1940 dealing with the National Free Milk Supply Grant for 1940/41 stating that the amount was the same as last year viz £253 : 5:6 and giving the conditions of the Grant.

Advertisement to issue for Tenders

Letters of 8/2/40 and 29/2/40 (H.519/40) dealing with the estimates for the 34 houses and particularly the cost of land and Town Clerk's replies of the 12/2/40 and 4/3/40

. Read and approved of .

C.L. No. 11/40 of 8/2/40 dealing with economy in Local Administration.

Read in full.

Circ. No.L.16/40 of 23rd February 1940 pointing out that the rate of interest on money borrowed from the Local Loans fund would be 5½% instead of the amount stated in Circular of the 27th 27/9/39.

Read.

Letter (H.1751/3/40) of the 20th February 1940 approving of the Allotments Scheme submitted for 1940 and stating that the fees payable to the Town Clerk and Town Sergeant will be considered on completion of the Scheme.

Read.

Letter G.1145/35(A.63) of the 27th February 1940 from the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE dealing with the recoupment for seeds etc for 1939 and transmitting £105 : 19:2 instead of claim of £108 :11 :8 and accounting for the difference. The Town Clerk stated that this was outstanding since August 1939.

Read.

Letter of 28/2/40 from the Valuation office transmitting Revised Lists and also the result of the Railway Company's Circuit Court Appeals. The Town Clerk reported that he had put up the necessary notices and reminded all Ratepayers that his responsibility for increases in valuations ended there.

~~XXXX~~ ANNUAL DEMAND from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for 1940/41 amounting to £59 :14:6 and pointing out that there was an increase on last year's figures.

Read.

Letter from the Cavan U.D.C. of the 21/2/40 asking the Council to support their Resolution for the application to sanitary works ~~for the~~ of future Grants for the Relief of Unemployment.

AGREED.

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Letter of the 15th February 1940 from the Irish Tourist Association ~~xxx~~ asking for support for the objects of the association.

Adjourn to Estimates.

Letter of the 5th March 1940 from Brother Gregory, H.B.Hopkins and W.J. Haskins asking for the provision of a light in Wentworth Place .

Refer to the Engineer and adjourn for further consideration.

Letter from W. Bird tenant of No.10 Dunbur Terrace protesting against the proposed gate into the new allotment field (Wynne's) near his house.

Committee to inspect at 12 noon on Saturday 9th March.

Letter of the 9th of February 1940 from the Great Southern Railways Company pointing out that as a result of the Circuit Court appeals the Company claimed a refund of £317 : - : 10 of Rates overpaid for the years 1937/38 1938/39 and 1939/40.

Adjourn to April Monthly Meeting.

Further letter of the 4/3/40 from the G.S.Railway Company stating that they could not allow the question of the Refund of Rates to be associated with the Railway Company's Contribution to Foreshore Defence Works,

Read
Letter from E. J. H. Hopkins Solicitor asking for an endorsement ~~xxx~~ on a Lease to the late T.P.Newbold Deceased.

Inquiries to be made.

Reports of Inspections made by B.O'Toole on Shops under the Shops Act 1938.

Read.
Letter from S. D. Conroy of 23 Kilmantin Road asking for a reduction of his Rent in view of the recent lettings made by the Council.

Read. and adjourned to next meeting.
Correspondence between the Chief Engineer of the G.S.Railways Company and Town Clerk re Removal of sand and gravel from the Foreshore .

Read
Letter from T. Duggan as agent for Fim Estate asking to be allowed to let house and yard at New Street for a store --the house having been condemned for human habitation pending the execution of certain repairs & improvements.

Agreed.
Copy letter from Town Clerk to Wm. Sutton pointing out his breach of his undertaking under the S.D. A. Acts in letting his house built with the aid of an Advance prior to the expiration of the three years on the 7/3/40--he having let the house in January. the condition

The breach being trivial/was waived .

Letter from Town Surveyor of the 26/2/40 pointing out that he had to undertake urgent work on the Foreshore on the 24/2/40. NOTED.

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Signed undertaking from Mrs Jane Morgan of Kilmantin Hill to do the necessary repairs and improvements to her two houses at Kilmantin Hill recently occupied by Devlin and J. Barlow and to complete before two years from date.

Accepted.

Applications for houses from John Reid, James Phillips, John Jameson Denis Byrne and Richard O'Donnell.were read and noted for any vacancies that may arise.

Letter of the 5th March 1940 from Jas. Brien of 1 Glenview Road for a new Trivet Bar and a new Bottom in the range in his house.

To be provided .

Complaints from Tenants of Murrough Houses as to fencing of their gardens

Council's Engineer to have work carried out at a cost not to exceed £50.

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson , SECONDED by Councillor R.B.Haskins and passed :-

That this Council protest against the continuation of the High charges for Electric Light in the Town of Wicklow for private and public purposes and we request the E.S.Board to remove the 25% increase which was added some years ago and which we were led to believe was to be removed in recent years.

Item 8.

Reports were read from Town Serageant S.S.O., Rent Collector, a Waterworks Overseer and Veterinary Inspector (the latter giving dates of his inspections of 4 Slaughter Houses and Seven Dairy premises and the numbers of animals inspected at the Slaughter Houses) were read. The Veterinary Inspector notified his absence from duty for 10 days and the nomination of Mr Richardson of Newcastle in his place.

Item 9.

Applications as listed in the Application Book were ruled on.

James Smereth

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T. Clerk

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CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on 28th of March 1940 pursuant to Requisition and to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 25th March 1940.

Dear Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council (pursuant to Requisition) on Thursday the 28th of March 1940 at 8 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To authorise any payments falling due during the Financial year ending 31st March 1940.
 2. To consider Tenders for Free Milk Supply for 1940/41.
 3. To consider claims for Refund and Remission of Rates.
 4. To consider Tenders for field at Black Castle and for portion of Land at Bayview recently in the possession of Mgt. Clarke
 5. To examine list-s of Rates and Rents in arrear.
 6. To execute Lease to Miss D'Arcy (renewal of expired Leases of property already held).
 7. To consider any applications for Registration of Dairies Slaughterhouses, Licences and Slaughter Licences and the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act 1935.
 8. Proposals for Works for 1940/41.
- To : Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.
- Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk.

Present :- Councillors W. O'Grady (Presiding), J. Clarke, A. Dunne and J. O'Connor. Also present J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E.

Item 1.

The following payments were authorised on the several accounts :-

General Account	£ 775 : 11 : 10
Poor Rate Account	546 : 2 : 9
Dividend Fund Account(To Redemption Fund) 26 : - : -	

Item . 2.

The Tender of John Lalor, the only Tender received, at 1/7 per gallon was accepted subject to sanction.

Item. 3. & 4, 5, & 6.

Adjourned owing to small attendance of Councillors.

Item. 7.

The Town Clerk explained the necessity for the yearly renewal of Licences for Slaughterhouses, the necessity for Revision of Dairies Register and the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act 1935 and the necessity for getting Licences to Slaughter etc. and he referred to the Notice which he had recently had inserted in the paper (Wicklow People of the 16/3/40) in connection with the matter.

True Copy

Item 8. ADJOURNED.

Confirmed *James Everett*
Chairman

Minutes of Monthly (April) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd of April 1940 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 30th March 1940.

Dear Sir,

30/3/40

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd prox at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of April 1940 at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on the 25th March 1940
2. To consider a letter from the Manager of the Hibernian Bank Wicklow asking for a renewal of letting of space for a movable hut at the Foreshore.
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C.W. Hudson :-
"I hereby give notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council that the Council's decision to give a Lease to Thos. Murphy be reconsidered and rescinded if necessary and that provision be made for the giving him and Robert Conway Leases so as to give them building sites with 60 feet frontage to Dunbur Road. 16.3.'40
4. Items adjourned from Special Meeting held on 28/3/40(5,6, and 8)
5. HOUSING--any matters arising in connection with existing houses or New Housing Scheme.
6. Correspondence .

7. Reports of officers. 8. Free Milk applications.
You are requested to attend said Meetings
To : Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.
Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, T. Clerk.

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

Item. 1.

Minutes confirmed.

Item . 2.

It was unanimously agreed (Councillor Haskins and Lalor not then being present) to renew the letting of the space for a portable hut at the Foreshore to Mr Culhane at £1 , the Town Surveyor to see its location and to see that it does not cause an obstruction or be unsightly .

Item 3.

On this item the Town Clerk read a letter dated the 2nd of April 1940 from Thomas Murpy Kilpoole Hill in which he stated that in view of the decision made by the Council at their last monthly meeting he desired to state that he was quite satisfied with the Lease for 54 feet frontage as it stands.
In view of the letter, Councillor Hudson, with the permission of the Council withdrew his Motion.

(2)

Items 4.

The letting of the Black Castle field was left in the hands of the Town Clerk, he to report later to the Council. Mrs Clarke's Tender for the grazing of the parcel of land hitherto held by her was accepted at £1 for the 11 months ending the 31st of March 1941.

The Town Clerk invited the Councillors to examine the Rate Books and the Rent Collector's Report on arrears of Rent. After discussion the Council expressed the view that the Collectors should be more energetic especially against defaulters from the previous year.

The Lease to Miss D'Arcy not being ready was adjourned.

Re : Proposals for Works for 1940/41 :- The Town Clerk reported that he had not received any intimation of Relief Grants so far and suggested that certain works of a Public Health Nature etc might be considered and forwarded for Grant purposes such as (1) Disposal of Town Sewerage into the river, (2) Provision of New Sewer at Summer Hill, (3) Foreshore Works and (4) ~~New~~ New Bridge at Woodenbridge.

It was agreed to press forward for the Foreshore Works and New Bridge the other items to be put on the Agenda for next meeting.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk reported that he had not yet received sanction to the acceptance by the Council of Messrs O'Brien's Tender for the erection of the 34 houses.

Item 6.

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

Letter L. 6126/3/40 of 26/3/40 dealing with the financing of the proposed works of repair and improvement at the Foreshore and requesting proposals for such and also requesting proposals for the technical aspects of the work.

Proposed by Councillor W. O'Grady, Seconded by Councillor A. Dunne and passed

That the Chairman, Councillor Hudson, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk interview the Great Southern Railways Co. and D. & W.

Manure Co as to their contributions.

Letter H. 5901/1940 of the 27/3/40 asking for particulars of defective grates and the representations made about them for 120 Houses
To be supplied

(3)

Letter H.519/10/40 of the 26th March 1940 sanctioning a Loan of £286 for the Terri Lane Sewerage to be borrowed from the Council's Treasurer repayable in 10 years at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Bank Rate subject to a minimum of 4%.

Loan to be obtained.

Advice of the 28th March 1940 that £13:13:2 had been lodged to the Treasurer by the Department as recoupment of Sanitary Salaries up to 30/9/39.

Read

P. H. 9655/40 of the 29th March 1940 sanctioning the Tender of J. Talor for supply and distribution of Free Milk for the year 1940/41 at 1/7 per gallon.

Read.

Letter of the 29th March 1940 from the Department of Finance forwarding £71:13:3 as balance of the Grant in aid of Harbour Charges for 1938/39.

Read.

Letter of the 1st of April 1940 from the Secretary County Council forwarding a Statement showing figures of Annual Demand for 1940/41.

As the Demand showed an increase of £600 over last year, the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain from other Urban Areas what if any increase in their Demands over last year.

Letter of the 2nd of April from the Town Surveyor reporting that he had spent £187 on the Foreshore and the position was now safe and stating that after consultation with Departmental Engineers he had altered the plans to their satisfaction.

Approved

Letter from the Secretary of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board with the Demand on the Council for 1940/41 (£59:14:6).

Read

Letter from the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners complaining of dampness in the office.

Town Surveyor to inspect and have repaired up to a cost of £5

X Letter from Laurence Smith of the 28th March 1940 asking for accommodation ground outside his premises at North Quay for the purpose of storing Timber (round).

Town Surveyor to mark out space and he to be charged £2 per annum for it free of Rates from the 1st of April 1940. X

(4)

Letter from John Murphy Kilpoole offering to supply and fit wheels for the Council's Crusher at Mill yard for £18. After consultation with the Town Surveyor the offer was accepted.

^{Drogheda Corporation}
The Resolution of the ~~Limerick County Council~~ of the 16th March 1940 re increase in Old Age Pension allowance because of war conditions was adopted.

The Resolution of the Limerick County Council re Legislation to enable Council to pay Railway Company's Demand for refund of Rates because of the reduction in valuation was adopted.

The Town Clerk was appointed as the Council's nominee at the Meeting of the I.P.Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd in May.

Letter from the Rate Collector (E. Kennedy) asking for an extension to the 30th of April to close his warrants and payment of part poundage for his lodgments for Town Rates for ~~1940~~ 1939/40.

Time to be extended and payment of £25 to be made subject to sanction.

The house at No. 4 Dunbur Terrace, likely to be vacated by Mr Doyle was allotted to R. O'Donnell, if he takes it: if not, the Town Clerk to let to the next suitable applicant.

The Town Clerk was directed to forward all Appeals received against Revised Valuations.

The application of the Council's Men for increase of wages was further adjourned to get further particulars.

The application of S. D. Conroy for a revision of the Rent under which he held at Kilmantin Road was further adjourned.

An order was made unanimously as follows :-
That we direct Dr Peckett's attention to the complaints that are current through the town about want of heating ventilation and space in the National Schools.

Item. 7.

Reports read from S. S. Officer, Rent Collector and Waterworks Overseer.

S. S. Officer to serve Notices re Manure Dumps to which he refers.

Item. 8.

Ruled on.

Certd. a True Copy

Town Clerk.

James Everett

Confirmed

CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday the 19th April 1940 (pursuant to Requisition) the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 16th of April 1940.

Dear Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council on Friday the 19th inst at the Town Hall Wicklow at the hour of 8 p.m. to deal with the following (pursuant to a Requisition received) :-

1. To consider the Report of the Deputation to the Great Southern Railways Company re their contribution to the cost of the proposed Foreshore Works and to take further steps in connection with the matter.
2. To consider letters from the Department of Local Government sanctioning Loan and Tender for New Housing Scheme.
3. To consider certain claims for exemption of Rates because of vacancy.
4. To let house at No.4 Dunbur Terrace.
5. To consider any works to be carried out in 1940/41 --the following being suggested (a) Disposal of Town Sewerage other than into the river as at present and (b) Construction of New Sewer at Summer-hill
6. To come to a decision as to whether the Council should elect to prove their claim for Rent in the case of a certain Arranging Debtor or rely on their remedies outside the arrangement.

Yours faithfully.

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

J. McGrath, T. Clerk.

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), W. O'Grady, J. Clarke J. Olohan, ~~and~~ C. W. Hudson and J. O'Connor.

Item 1.

The Town Clerk reported as follows:-

As arranged at the April Monthly Meeting, the Deputation consisting of the Chairman (James Everett T.D.), Councillor C. W. Hudson Joseph T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor and myself attended at Westland Row and waited on the Chief Engineer of the G. S. Railways on the 9th inst. The Company's District Engineer and another Railway Engineer were also in attendance.

We were told that the Railway Company were reluctant to give any money as a contribution to the cost of the works unless provision were made for an annual expenditure on the future maintenance of the works. We replied that the Government put us under a Sealed Undertaking to maintain when giving a grant in aid of such works.

We were informed that the Company would give a contribution towards the works but that the amount of such would depend on the amount to be contributed by the Government, the Council and the other property owners. The Chief Engineer stated that he would recommend acceptance of the proposals as outlined in my letter to the General Manager of the 28th of February 1940. I explained that the proposals outlined in that letter were personal ones and that I took care in the letter not to commit the Council to them.

The Deputation subsequently on the same day reported at the offices of the Local Government Department the result of our interview with the Railway Company.

18th April 1940.

J. McGrath

The Council were of the opinion that the Railway Company should give at least as much as they gave previously viz £195 and ordered as follows :-

Set out financial position to owners and the suggested contribution of 5/- in the £ and invite them to attend a meeting of the Council on the 26th April 1940.

(2)

Item 2.

Letters (H.519/16/40 and 519/4/40) dated the 11th April 1940 from the Department of Local Government and P. Health sanctioning the Loan for the sum of £15,347 and the Tender of Messrs William O'Brien & Sons of Bray (the sum being £14,557 subject to the "War Clause") for the erection of the 34 new Houses.

The letters were noted with satisfaction and the hope expressed that the Contractors would make an early beginning on the works.

Item 3.

The cases of the premises owned by William Clarke(at present occupied by L. Smith) and of the Wicklow Corn Company both at North Quay and the letters from their respective Solicitors were under consideration and were adjourned until the May monthly meeting.

Item 4.

The house at No. 4 Dunbur Terrace was let to William M. Ryan who was the only applicant for same.

Item 5.

It was agreed to renew the application for a Grant for the new Sewer at Summer Hill.

The letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of the 3rd of April 1940 intimating that for Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41 there would be required to be raised the sum of £150 and that Grants would be available for the carrying out of works of a high labour content was read and certain works as mentioned by the Town Surveyor were mentioned.

It was agreed to raise the £150 and to adjourn consideration of the Scheme of works.

Item 6.

In the case of S. J. Delahunt, an A. D. , and who owed the Council the sum of £34 :18:8 , it was decided not to accept the composition of 2/- in the £ but to avail of the other remedies outside the arrangement,

The Council then resolved itself into COMMITTEE when the following letters were read

Letter from E. & W. Dempsey Ltd of the 11th of April 1940 and Town Clerk's reply of the 12th idem

Letter of the 12/4/40 from the Department (RD/33) declaring the road through Bridge St a Main Road.
Certified a True Copy

T. Clerk

CONFIRMED.

Chairman.

Minutes of Monthly (May) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 7th of May 1940 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 2nd of May 1940.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th of May at the hour of 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th of May 1940 at the hour of 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held on the 28/3/40, 2/4/40 and 19/4/40
2. To let any houses that may be vacant and to deal with any other matter relating to the Council's houses.
3. To execute Mortgage for £15347 for New Housing Scheme -34 Houses.
4. To consider application of J. Haughton for Building site at Dunbur Road.
5. To consider further steps re Foreshore Works
6. To consider Estimates for Town and Poor Rates for 1940/41 (Statements herewith)
7. Correspondence
8. Reports of Officers .
9. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings

To : Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, T. Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), W. O'Grady, D. H. Haskins, A. Dunne, J. Olohan, J. Clarke, E. Lalor and J. O'Connor.

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

Item 1.

Minutes Confirmed .

Item 2.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan , SECONDED by Councillor J. Clarke

and passed unanimously :-

That ~~the~~ our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read , whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN POUNDS proposed to be advanced by them to us under The Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890-1932.

With the same Proposer and Seconder the Resolution ("B") as to the advancement of the amount in instalments when required was ~~passed~~ and the Undertaking as to payment or repayment was executed. The Town Clerk reported that the Clerk of Works for the Housing Scheme took up duty on Monday the 6th of May 1940 at £5 :5: - per week.

Item 3.

(2)

Item 4. (4) (see item 3 below)

Letter of the 1st of May 1940 from Mr J. D. Haughton of "Ardmara" Summer Hill Wicklow applying for building site at Dunbur Road Wicklow and adding that he desired to proceed at once to build. It was also mentioned by a Councillor that he required immediately a place to put building materials. The Town Clerk pointed out that the site the applicant required was under allotments.

Granted Lease of the plot at £2 per annum and £5 Fine -Mr Naughton to arrange with existing allotment holders --subject to sanction of the Departments of Local Government & Agriculture.

Item 4. (3)

The Town Clerk pointed out that the house at Glenview Road recently occupied by James Dunne was vacant and that though he had written back about the house his wife had given up the key and had since joined her husband in England.

Applications were read from Mrs Sheila O'Shea of Barrow Green and Denis Byrne of South Quay Wicklow --the latter stating that he required a four-roomed house.

The case of Mrs O'Shea to be inquired into and if satisfactory and qualified and is she pays arrears due she to be given Dunne's house

The Town Clerk read a letter dated the 1st of May 1940 from S. D. Conroy of Castle Street Wicklow which he stated he had received by hand from him on the 2nd of May 1940 together with the key of 23 Kilmantin Road in which he re-applied for 23 Kilmantin Road as he stated he was in a house in Castle Street with his brother and same was overcrowded.

Adjourn : Rent Collector to make inquiries re vacancy and the Engineer to examine house at Castle Street.

The Town Clerk also reported that the house at No.4 Dunbur Terrace which had been given to Mr Ryan Customs & Excise was not, he believed, occupied by him and read applications from G. Kenny, Mr Ryan Wicklow Head and Mr Lynch Customs & Excise for the house.

G. Kenny to be given the house when vacant possession acquired : Mr Ryan (Customs & Excise) to be given notice.

Item 5.

As the arrangement for the personal interviews with the property Owners concerned had not been carried out owing to Councillor Hudson's illness, it was agreed to leave the matter over to a special meeting to be called for this and other matters.

(3)

Item 6.

After some discussion and after the following report of the Town Clerk had been read it was decided to adjourn consideration of the Estimates to a Special Meeting to be held on Friday the 17th of May 1940.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON ESTIMATES

I present for your consideration and adoption, with or without amendments my Estimates for Town and Poor Rates for the Financial year ending the 31st of March 1941. I have already furnished you with an explanatory Statement showing how the proposed rates of 13/11 and 9/8 are arrived at. The corresponding rates made by the Council last year were 12/2 and 8/4.

Town Rates

The following observations may further assist you in respect of the Estimate for Town Rates :-

1. Estimated amount of Salaries, fees etc show an increase of £80 owing to an increment and salary as Shops Inspector of the Sanitary S. Offices -er and to the fact that fees to the Town Agent of about £60 are in arrear.
2. GENERAL EXPENDITURE :- Under this heading are grouped Scavenging, Public Lighting, Corporate Estate, Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insurances Town Hall, Artisans' Dwellings Repairs, Sewer Repairs etc., Disinfectants, Audit Fees, Discounts, Printing & Stationery, Law & Election Expenses, School Meals, Maternity & Child Welfare and Free Milk Scheme -s, and Collector's Poundage. Increases & some decreases are provided in the Estimate for some of those headings but the net increase over last year's ~~Estimate~~ Expenditure over all of them amounts to £194. The items necessitating the increases are (1) Public Lighting, due to cowlings operations (£20), (2) Rents, etc & Taxes due to the fact that there are £60 arrear of income tax (3) Sewers, due to £40 provided for a Hose (on order) (4) Audit fees due to the fact that there was no Audit last year and one is expected in the near future and (5) Law & Election Expenses because an election is anticipated this year.
3. ROADS :- The estimated amounts for Roads and Waterworks show reductions on last year's expenditure.
4. The Demand of the Burial Board is increased by £6 : 3 : 10.
5. The amount provided for the REPAYMENT OF LOANS must be increased as shown over last year's Expenditure because (a) of the supplementary Loan for the 120 Houses (b) Increase in the Waterworks Loan (c) provision for new Loan for Housing Development Works (Territ Lane), New Housing Loan (£90) and for Foreshore Loan (£30).
6. The principal item accounting for the decrease in estimated ~~expenditure~~ receipts over last year's actual receipts arises under the heading of Housing Subsidy. Last year there came to credit an arrear of £300 odd of Subsidy withheld pending furnishing Final Certificates of tenancies and disposal of the 120 Houses. Housing Subsidy payments in respect of existing houses can now be expected at the normal annual amount of about £1800.
7. A DEFICIT of £367 odd on last year's ~~revenue~~ working has to be carried forward to be met out of ~~last~~ year's revenue as compared with £194 for the previous year. The deficit is accounted for mainly by the loss of anticipated receipt of £240 from Housing Capital Account and by reduction in last year's Estimate.

POOR RATES.

I calculate that to meet liabilities for the current year there will be required to be raised by the Poor Rate the sum of £3768:3:10 this year off an Effective Valuation of £7827:1:- as against £3318 :13:8 asked for last year off an Effective Valuation of £7921:7:4. It will be noted from the Statement furnished that the item that accounts for the increase in my Estimate for Poor Rates this year is the increase of £600 in the Demand from the County Council. A deficit of £274 had to be met last year as against a deficit calculated at £163 this year. Hence the full effect of the increase in the said Demand is not represented in the increase this year over last year. The deficit arising this year arises from the failure of last year's arrears of Poor Rates to reach the figure estimated for same.

(4)

I estimate therefore that there will be required a Town Rate of 13/11 and a Poor Rate of 9/8 for the service of the year 1940/41.

IN ADDITION to the foregoing, owing to an adverse decision on Railway Valuation Appeals there appears to be a necessity for refunding £184:19:3 Poor Rates and £132 : 1 : 7 which would require additions of 5^d to each Rate.
6th May 1940. J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Item 7. (Correspondence)

The following letters from the Department of Local Government & P. Health were submitted and read and ruled on as shown :-

Letters H. /40 of the 25th of April 1940 and of 8th of April 1940 accompanying copy of Engineering Inspector's Report on his inspection of the 120 Houses and inquiring why house No 4 St Laurence's Road was not occupied. The Town Clerk Reported that he had sent a copy of the Report to the Town Surveyor on the 9th of April and that repairs etc were being carried out. He also reported that he had written J. McGrath to whom No. 4 had been allotted and had not received any reply.

It was agreed that J. McGrath should be asked to surrender the tenancy of No. 4 and that a Caretakership should be arranged for him on the Bond Street condemned houses the property of the Council he to be permitted to reside in one of them temporarily.
Letter G.4014/2/40 of the 26th of April 1940 sanctioning payment of £30 on account of Poundage to Town Rate Collector.

Read : to be paid.

Letter L. of the 26/4/40 dealing with the proposal for a new Sewer at Summer Hill asking for further particulars and for further details regarding the question of improvement expenses.

Adjourn to Special Meeting.

Letter A. 8392/40 with Auditor's Report on Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board .

Read

Letter H. 519/14/40 of the 22nd of April 1940 sanctioning the appointment of Michael Donnelly as Clerk of Works for the 34 Houses at £5 :5:- per week.

Letter RD/33 of the 12th of April 1940 stating that the road from Abbey Street via Fitzwilliam Place to the G.S.R. Goods Station Entrance had been declared a MAIN ROAD from the 1st of April 1940.

Read.

Letter L.7834/1/40 of the 19th April 1940 transmitting a instalment of £65 of the loan for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Letters H.1751/5/40 & 1751/6/40 of the 22/4/40 and 30/4/40 approving of ~~for~~ 109 persons for Free Allotments.

P. H. Circ. 30/40 dealing with the appointment of Bacteriological & Chemical Examiners under the Milk and Dairies Act 1935.

Read

(5)

Letter of the 22nd of April 1940 giving terms from Es S. B. for the maintenance of the 86 Public Lamps for 1940/41 and dealing with the Council's Resolution as to reduction passed at March Meeting. The quotation was for £258 for the year.

The Town Clerk to look into the terms of the letter and to inquire why any departure from former formal agreement

Letter from R. B. Conway of Bond Street dated the 3/5/40 asking for reconsideration of the application he made to have his site at Dunbur road increased.

Read.

Letter of the 9th April 1940 from P. T. Healy County Secretary enclosing circular letter of the 2nd idem from the Department of Defence giving the regulations as to payment for culling operations by the E.S.B.

Read.

Letter from Es. S. B. of the 24th April 1940 acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution as to reduction of Private Lighting Charges and stating that when possible the Council's representations will be given due consideration.

Read

Correspondence to date with the G. S. Railways Company re their claim for a refund of Rates amounting ~~£317~~ £317: - : 10;

Town Clerk to write and inform them that the matter was being taken up by the Municipal Authorities Association and by the General Council of County Councils.

Acknowledgment of the 29th of April 1940 from the Bus Dept of the G.S.Rys. ~~exchange~~ of Council's representations re change of Bus stops at Wicklow.

Read

Copy letter of the Town Clerk to Mr W. Sutton dated the 23/4/40 calling on him to pay Mr Wynne the amount due for Way-leave of Sewer as agreed.
Approved.

Letter from Dr Conway with Certificate that S. Conway V. Inspector was ill and would not be fit to resume duty until the 25/5/40.

Read

The adjourned application of the Council's men for an increase of wages was further adjourned.

Letters of application from R. Kavanagh and J. Leonard for leases of plots of ground at Cooper's Lane.

Plots to be inspected by a Committee of the Council (any Councillor free to attend) at 12 noon on the 11/5/40

The Town Clerk reported that he had invited applications for the Caretakership of the Public Convenience at the Murrrough and that he had not received any.

Adjourn to Committee Meeting

(6)

Better from Councillor C. W. Hudson apologising for his non-attendance owing to illness.

Read with regret.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed that the Chairman sign on behalf of the Council the Grazing Tenancy Agreement with E. Doyle, M. Manning., Wm Rooney, P. Brien, W. Dickenson, E. Dickenson. T. O'Carroll, D. Wall and Mrs Clarke as presented at this meeting.

Item 8.

Reports were read from the Rent Collector, S. S. Officer and Waterworks Overseer and the Collector was reminded to take action against anyone owing ~~more~~ £2 or over and to be in attendance at future meetings on the reading of his report.

Item 9.

Read on .

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Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
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RECEIPTS.

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- (7) A DEFICIT of £367 odd on last year's working has to be carried forward to be met out of this year's revenue as compared with £194 for the previous year. The deficit is accounted for mainly by the loss of anticipated receipt of £240 from Housing Capital Account and by reduction in last year's Estimate.

POOR RATES

I calculate that to meet liabilities for the current year there will be required to be raised by Poor Rate the sum of £3768 : 3 : 10 this year off an Effective Valuation of £7827 : 11 : - as against £3318 : 13 : 8 asked for last year off an effective valuation of £7921 : 7 : 4. It will be noted from the Statement furnished that the item that accounts for the increase in my Estimate for Poor Rates this year over last year is the increase of £600 in the Demand from the County Council. A deficit of £274 had to be met last year as against a deficit calculated at £163 this year. Hence the full effect of the increase in the said Demand is not represented in the increase of this year over last year. The deficit arising this year arises from the failure of last year's arrears of Poor Rates to reach the figure estimated for

~~IN ADDITION to the foregoing~~

I estimate therefore that there will be required a Town Rate of 13/11 and a Poor Rate of 9/8 for the service of the year 1940/41. IN ADDITION to the foregoing, owing to an adverse decision of the Railway Valuation appeal there appears to be a necessity for refunding of 184 : 19 : 3 Poor Rates and £132 : 11 : 7 Town Rates which would require additions of 5d to each rate. 6th May 1940. J. McGrath, T. Clerk.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held at 8. p. m. on Friday the 17th day of May 1940 pursuant to Requisition and to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 14th May 1940.
14. 5. 40

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to requisition a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Friday the 17th inst at 8 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To consider Estimates of Town and Poor Rates for the year 1940-1941 as submitted to the Council on the 7th of May 1940 (Town Rate 13/11 & Poor Rate 9/8).
2. To consider the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to recovery of cost or part of cost of new sewer at Summer Hill from owners of new houses that may be accommodated by it and any other matter dealing with the Council's Building Sites at Dunbur Road.
3. Any other matters adjourned from Meeting of the 7th May 1940. You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, T. Clerk

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

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

Item. 1.

After prolonged discussion it was agreed to (1) re-instate a receipt of £280 from Housing Capital Account on the understanding that the Scheme of Normal Houses at Ballynerrin would still be proceeded with (2) to delete from the expenditure an estimated amount of £40 for Elections and (3) to proceed with proposals for collecting £80 revenue from users of water for non-domestic purposes and from increased charges for Domestic Scavenging. The Estimate for Town Rates was accordingly reduced by £400 and it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett, SECONDED by Councillor M. McMahon and passed :-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby adopt and approve an Estimate for Consolidated Town Rate for the year 1940/41 making provision for a rate of 151 Pence in the £ leviable as Town Rates on the lands, buildings, tenements and other hereditaments in the Wicklow Urban District Area and that the Statutory Notice be published accordingly."

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby approve and adopt an Estimate for Poor Rates for the Wicklow Urban District for the service of the year 1940/41 as follows :- viz. 22d in the £ for Roads, 31.5 pence in the £ for County Services, 55 d in the £ for Poor Relief and 3.21 d in the £ for Board of Health Charges making a Total of 111.71 d in the £ for General Charges and 4.29 d in the £ for Separate Charges to include 4.04 d in the £ in respect of Wicklow Harbour Loan and .25 d in the £ in respect of Rathdrum Union Loans all leviable over the entire Urban Area of Wicklow as Poor Rates and we direct our Clerk to publish the Statutory Notice of intention to make Rates accordingly."

It was agreed to set aside £10 for repairs to the New Works at the Fore-Shore and to make a token payment of £10 to The G.S. Railway Company

(2)

on foot of their claim for £317 :- £10 for refund of Rates : no provision being made in the Estimates for the Claim or the payment proposed--it being understood that an Appeal was taken by the Commissioner of Valuation

Item. 2.

The letter (L. Wicklow U.D. (A) of the 25th April 1940 from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dealing with the proposal to construct a new sewer at Summer Hill was again read and after discussion it was agreed that a charge at the rate of £3:10:- per house be made for each house served by the new sewer in addition to the owner being responsible for the cost of connection.

Item. 3.

As the house to house canvass for contributions to the Foreshore Works had not yet been completed on the property owners concerned, it was agreed to allow the matter stand over until the June monthly Meeting.

Letter from the E.S.B. dated the 10th May 1940 dealing with the contract for Lighting the 86 Lamps for 1940/41 and giving their reasons for departure from the terms of the settled formal agreement entered into some years ago.

Order : Council consider that the terms of the original agreement should be adhered to.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
Chairman.