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of £256 : 19 : 8 was payable to the Council under Sec. 58 of the L.G. Act 1898 in respect of recoupment of Harbour Charges for the year ended the 31st of March 1942 and enclosing a Payable Order for £154 : 3 : 10 on account of same.

Read.

Estimate and Demand of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the year 1943/44 showing a sum of £55 : 2 : 6 as payable by the Council as compared with £54 : 14 : 6 last year.

Read.

Statement of amount to be demanded by the Wicklow County Council for the year 1943/44 showing a net figure of £3843 : 1 : 5 as compared with a sum of ~~£3202~~ £3202 : 7 : - for 1942/43. The Town Clerk stated that he had not closely examined the figures but that he believed that there was a substantial increase in the amount.

Adjourn to Estimates Meeting.

Letter from the Valuation office intimating that the Revised Lists of Valuations were forwarded. The Town Clerk reported that they showed an increase of roughly £100 on last year's valuation and that he had published the required Notices.

Read

Letter of the 2nd of February 1943 from the Irish Tourist Association asking for a contribution in the financial year 1943/44

Adjourn to Estimates Meeting

The following ~~letters~~ Resolutions from the Dundalk Urban District Council were unanimously adopted :-

- (1) That in the Cinema Halls throughout this country foreign-made pictures that show scenes of Crime, Gangsterdom, Sex-indelicacies, Schtreepachas, Divorce-Court scandals etc are doing untold harm to Irish children.

We call on the Government to provide a Censorship and proper supervision over all Pictures and Picture-Houses to which children are admitted, until such time as we have a national film industry of our own. We ask for the co-operation of the newly-elected Urban Councils of Saorstát Éireann in this vital and urgent matter of Clean Pictures for Irish Children

- (2) That the Dundalk Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government & P. H. to amend the existing legislation concerning the housing of the Working Classes, particularly the provisions governing payment of the full 66 2/3% subsidy, so that people at present debarred from this relief, though in dire need of it, may be brought within its scope; that the restrictions on letting of houses generally be relaxed so as to enable the public authority to let houses to any genuinely deserving cases; that the law be amended so that families unavoidably occupying rooms in Council houses of which they are not tenants may be eligible for subsidised houses; that in view of the urgent need of many of these people such amending legislation be immediate; and that copies of this resolution be

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transmitted to the Association of Municipal Authorities and all municipal authorities in Wick

the Wicklow Urban District Council desiring to add to to this latter

Resolution the following addition :-

"and that Urban Authorities be permitted to provide blocks of flats to deal with such cases as old age pensioners and other persons of meagre means who live alone".

Letter from Henry J. Hamilton Main St Wicklow applying for new Leases of his property at Castle Street and Main Street (letter dated 27/2/43)

Order :- To be put on agenda for next meeting.

Letter from Mr Bernard Kavanagh Town Agent & Rent Collector and dated the 6th of March 1943 renewing his application for an increase on his present Rate of Poundage (2 1/2%) on amounts of Rents collected and lodged.

PROPOSED by Councillor M. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed unanimously :-

That we recommend to the Manager that Mr Kavanagh's rate of Poundage be brought up to the same standard as other Collectors in the County and that he be permanently sanctioned at such rate.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated the 1st of March 1943 which he had received from the County Manager and copy of a letter of the 26th February 1943 received by the County Manager from the Department of Defence dealing with the storage of A.R.P. Equipment in the Town Hall.

Town Clerk to reply as per his observations at the meeting

Letter dated the 22/2/43 from the National Executive of the Gaelic League enclosing a resolution of protest against the appointment of a person to the Chair of education in the National University who had not a competent knowledge of Irish. After discussion and when Councillor O'Connor had proposed the adoption of the Resolution it was unanimously agreed that the following order be made on the matter:-

"That this Council consider that all persons appointed to Chairs or Lectureships in the National University should be expert Irish Scholars."

Read letter from the County Council Office Rathdrum dated the 12th of Feb. 1943 offering fire hose and Town Clerk's reply of the 1st of March.

Letter of the 12th of February 1943 from the Wicklow Corn Co. returning the yearly account for £2 for Water and pointing out that they used no water this year as the crane was no in use.

Read

Read Letter from the Electricity Supply Board dated the 22nd of February 1943 offering to erect a new Public Lamp at the Garage corner of Church St and

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and Wentworth Place would cost £18 for a steel Pole and £10 for a wood Pole and £3 per annum for maintenance

It was recommended that the offer be declined and that the present system of lighting in the locality be continued.

It was also recommended that unless the half hour's lighting in the morning is changed from 6.30 to 7 a.m. the morning lighting be discontinued as there is unnecessary waste in the half hour from 7.30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Letter of the 9th of February 1943 from the Great Southern Railway Co. (Omnibus Dept.) notifying the change of Bus Stop in Wicklow as and from the 15th February 1943.

Order :- That we support the Resolution of the Wicklow County Council passed by them at a recent meeting and protesting against this change and that all concerned be notified.

Confirmed

..... *John O'Lochan* ..... Chairman

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held (pursuant to Requisition) on Tuesday the 30th March 1943 the following notice having been sent to each member on the 26th March 1943 :-

Dear Sir,  
A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held (pursuant to Requisition) on Tuesday the 30th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall Wicklow to consider The Manager's Estimates for Town and Poor Rates for the financial year 1943/44. Sujoined you will find for your information copy of his report on same and copies of the explanatory statements therein referred to.  
You are requested to attend said Meeting.  
Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.  
& The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lochan ( Presiding ), W. Clarke, R.B. Haskins, J. D. Haughton, C.W. Hudson and J. O'Connor.

Also present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Co. Manager and J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor

The following report from the Manager was read :-

Gentlemen,  
I submit for your consideration Statements explanatory of the figures which will be placed before you in the new form of Estimate to be considered at your meeting on the 30th inst.  
While I will be ready to give at your meeting all details in connection with the subject, the following remarks may assist you in advance to understand the position.

TOWN RATES:- The Town Rate raised in your Urban Area for the three years ended the 31st inst has been at the following rates in the

1940/41	1941/42	1942/43
12/7	13/8	12/6

At the close of this year I anticipate an estimated deficit on General Revenue Account amounting to £1490 and this, I regret, will, with other necessary commitments, necessitate an increase in Town Rate. The Deficit is a cumulative figure and is due, as I believe, to under-estimating over a number of years.

The only new item of expenditure of importance which I have added is a sum of £90 for 200 yards of Fire Hose to be purchased to meet the requirements of the Fire Brigade Act 1940.

The ~~Scheme~~ Fuel Scheme, usually described as "The Free Fuel Scheme" has not affected the Rate position.

The utmost difficulty, however, is found in operating your other fuel Scheme in such a manner as to make it self-supporting. I have asked your Town Clerk to prepare and present a statement in that connection at your meeting on the 30th inst

POOR RATE :-

The Poor Rate raised in your Urban Area over the three years ending on the 31st inst has been at the following rate in the

1940/41	1941/42	1942/43
9/8	9/4	10/-

It is hoped that the figures in the statements herewith will otherwise explain the position as to both rates which you will note will require to be 16/7 for Town Rate and 10/- for Poor Rate

Yours faithfully  
P. T. Healy, Manager

Comments were made by several Councillors as to the inability of the Ratepayers to meet the proposed substantial increase and after some discussion The Manager offered to meet the Deficit by spreading it over four years making the net Town Rate for 1943/44 to be 13/7 in the £ and the Poor Rate 10/- in the £ .

It was then agreed to examine the ~~tax~~ items of receipts and expenditure in detail . On reaching the item of Housing Subsidy payable and the amount received last year it was considered that the matter should be cleared up before adopting the Estimates. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Department of Local Government & P. Health and ascertain, if possible, whether there was any deferred subsidy and the amount of subsidy usually payable and pending receipt of information on this matter and in order to give Councillors a better opportunity to examine the items it was agreed to adjourn the further consideration of the Estimates until the Monthly Meeting due to be held on the 6th April 1943.

The Town Clerk was directed to examine a suggestion of Councillor Haughton concerning the collection of casual fees by the Scavenger for occasional Domestic Scavenging with a view to increasing the receipts under the heading of Domestic Scavenging.

The Town Clerk's report on the operation of the Fuel Scheme up to the 30th March 1943 was read and discussed but no definite order was made in connection therewith.

Confirmed

This day of April 1943.

.....CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly ( APRIL ) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 6th of April 1943 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 2nd of April 1943 .

2. 4. '43

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst at 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 2/3/43, 9/3/43 and 30/3/43
2. Business transacted since last meeting as per Manager's Order Book
3. Adjourned consideration of Manager's Estimates for Town and Poor Rates for 1943/44
4. Housing .
5. Allotment Scheme and Tillage Scheme
6. Execution of Leases granted to Robert Howard , Mrs Williamson, Messrs J. P. Hopkins and Andrew Finlayson
7. Applications for Leases by Mr Hamilton, Mrs Hanzhan, Mrs Sealy and Mrs Wheeler ( Castle Street Property )
8. Correspondence . 9. Reports of Officers. Free Milk applications (10)

You are requested attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To :- Each Member Wicklow U.D.C. &  
The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan ( Presiding ), C.W. Hudson, J.D. Haughton, R. B. Haskins and J.O'Connor.  
Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager and J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor

Item 1.

The Minutes of the said Meetings were read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection.

Item 3.

The Manager's Report on the Estimates (as follows) was again referred to:-  
Gentlemen,

I submit for your consideration statements explanatory of the figures which will be placed before you in the new form of Estimates to be considered by you at your meeting on the 30th inst.

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Yours faithfully

P. T. Healy, Manager

Following on the discussion on the matter at the meeting on the 30th of March 1943 the Town Clerk ready copy of his letter of the 31st idem and of his statements ~~therewith~~ sent therewith to the Department of Local Government on the subject of Housing Subsidy and he also read the reply of the 3rd of April 1943 (H.7186/43) from that Department. He explained that while the reply did not disclose that there was any subsidy deferred that might be counted on as an extra receipt this year he had re-examined his figures for subsidy and was satisfied that unless exception were taken to some of the tenants his figures of estimated subsidy were correct.

The Manager ~~agreed~~ suggested that the Deficit on Town Rate should be raised over a four year period in instalments of £373. The figures of expenditure and receipts were re-examined and a deduction of £100 was made from expenditure (i.e. £35 from Roads, ~~£60~~ £30 from Fire Hose and £35 from Corporate Estate) and a sum of £300 was added to receipts as anticipated receipt under the heading of deferred subsidy. ~~AND~~ it was

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

That we The Wicklow Urban District Council, at the adjourned Estimates Meeting, specially convened for the purpose hereby determine and adopt a TOWN RATE of 12/6 (Twelve Shillings and six pence) and a POOR Rate of 10/- (Ten Shillings) for the service of the year ending the 31st of March 1944 and faced as we are with a deficit of £1490 we hereby decide to raise in our Estimates in the forthcoming financial year the sum of £373 and we undertake to raise the balance of the said deficit, namely, £1117 in three equal sums of £373 per year during the three financial years ending 1946/47.

The Chairman accordingly signed the Certificate on foot of Form of Estimates

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Item 4.

Nothing arose under this heading except ~~and~~ an application from a Mrs Mary Brien of Bond Street for a house and as there was no house available this application was left over.

Item 5.

It was reported that all the available allotments provided were let with the exception of three for Unemployed and three for Employed making a total of lettings to date to be 156 for Unemployed and 62 to Employed. The Town Clerk reported some difficulties in connection with the Tillage Scheme and asked for all the assistance that the Council could give in the matter of making it a success.

The County Manager announced that it was his wish to deal in detail ~~with the Councilors~~ at some meeting with the defaulters under Rent and Rates and it was agreed to have an adjourned meeting on the 20th of April 1943 for such business and any other business adjourned from this meeting. At this stage the Manager left the meeting.

Item 6.

As the Leases had not been yet mapped it was agreed to adjourn the execution of them until the 20th of April when, it was hoped, they would be mapped.

Item 7.

In connection with those applications for Leases it was recommended that the Town Surveyor be asked to report on the present condition of the property before considering the grant of renewals.

Item 8.

The following letters from the Department of Local Government & P.H. were read and dealt with as shown :-

Circular Letter dated the 12th of March 1943 (P.H.33/43) on the subject of National Free Milk Supply Grant.

Read : tender already accepted by Manager.

Letter H.21684/42 of the 15th March 1943 on the subject of alterations in the Engineer's ~~Estimate~~ Specification for improving Murrough Houses.  
Refer to Town Surveyor

Circ. Letter of 5/3/43 (31/43) dealing with recoupment of Sanitary Shambries

Read

Letter G. 131/4/43 of 11th March 1943 authorising Temporary Borrowing up to £2200 up to the 31st of March 1943

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson Seconded by Councillor J.D. Haughton

and passed :-

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That the Town Clerk make adequate provision for Temporary Overdraft not exceeding £2200 up to our next monthly meeting on the 4th May 1943 AND that he also make provision for overdraft on the Fuel (Turf) A/c.

Letter dated the 26th of March 1943 from the Department of Finance forwarding a Payable Order for £71 : 18 : 6 as balance of Grant in aid of Harbour Charges in respect of the year 1941/42.

Read  
Letter of 29/3/43 from the Department of Agriculture giving the final report on Test made by that Department on seeds supplied in 1942 by Messrs Hopkins & Sons  
Read  
Arising out of the consideration of the adjourned letter (dated 26/1/43) from the County Librarian asking the Council for an increase in their annual contribution, the following Resolutions were passed :-  
That we ask the County Council to re-consider the recommendation of this Council as to members of the County Library Scheme

AND That we call the attention of the County Library Committee to the necessity of a complete examination of the books in circulation under the County Library Scheme and that we consider that every book be examined by a competent authority before being put in circulation as we are of opinion that some of them should not be in circulation

Letter dated the 22nd of March 1943 from Dr G.P.G. Beckett C.M.O.H. in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 19th of March 1943 on the subject of the hearing etc of the Dominican Convent School in which he referred to his report of the 20th of ~~March~~ November 1941 as an answer to the Council's inquiry.

Read: the Chairman declared that this closed any further discussion on this subject.

Adjourned consideration of Town Clerk's report on the working of the Fuel Scheme as requested by the County Manager.

No Order

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated the 26th of March 1943 (L.6470/43) dealing with repairs necessary to Foreshore Works. Referred to Town Surveyor for attention

Letter of the 11th of March 1943 from the Traffic Manager G.S.Rys (Bus Dept. dealing with the stopping place for Buses in Wicklow

Read  
Account from Rialto Cinema C. giving account of proceeds (£6:14:11) in aid of School Meals Scheme and from Mrs Culhane (£10:17:3) from subscriptions. Also Copy of Town Clerk's letter thanking the Company, their staff and the School Meals Committee.

Read : Town Clerk's letter of thanks approved of.

~~Item 9~~  
Reports were read from the Rent Collector, Waterworks Overseer & V. Inspector.

Item 10.  
Applications were produced and no order made adding to or taking from the decisions of the administrative Officer.  
Arising out of a discussion on the Free Fuel Scheme it was PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Clor. J.D. Haughton and passed  
"That we recommend that the ~~original~~ scale of charges under the Free Fuel Scheme be restored to that prevailing before the 31st of March 1943 as we consider that Old Age Pensioners and such are not in a position to pay the new rates "

It was unanimously agreed to ADJOURN the meeting to 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 20th March 1943.

Dated the 4 day of May 1943

.....CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (APRIL) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 20th April 1943 pursuant to Order of Meeting held on the 6th April 1943 and to reminder sent to each member.

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C.W.Hudson, M. McMahon, R. B. Haskins and J. O'Connor  
Also present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager.

The County Manager explained that he had a letter from the Rate Collector asking for an extension of time to close his Warrants and that he had made an order on the 20/4/43 extending the time to the 30th of April and that in those circumstances he wished to defer the examination with the Council of the defaulting list of Ratepayers : the same applied to the Rent Collection. The Council considered the order reasonable and the matter of the arrears or Rates and Rents ~~xxxx~~ was accordingly left over to the Monthly Meeting in May. The Manager, having explained that as he had to attend another important meeting in the Courthouse and the Council not requesting his attendance any further, left at this stage.

#### Execution of Leases .

The Town Clerk explained that of the 4 Leases (Howard, Williamson, Finlayson and Hopkins & Son) only one had been mapped by the Town Surveyor viz that to Mr A. Finlayson : the Town Surveyor had that evening explained to him that they had been overlooked by him up to that evening and that the only Lease he had in readiness was that to Mr A. Finlayson.

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.D.Haughton and passed :-  
That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease and Counterpart to A. Finlayson of premises at South Quay for 75 years @ a Rent of £5 per annum

The Town Clerk pointed out that in the absence of the Manager the Seal could not be affixed but same could be done later now that the Resolution was passed.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk was directed to look into the law and regulations governing the use of the Seal and the custody of same --as the powers of Leasing reserved to the Council might be rendered ineffective in the absence of the Council's inability to operate the Seal.

The execution of the other Leases was adjourned to the Monthly Meeting to be held on the 4th of May 1943 .

~~Letter~~ dated

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A letter dated the 17th of April 1943 from with accompanying questionnaire from the County Librarian dealing with the Council's Resolution with regard to the supervision of books in circulation was read and it was agreed that the questionnaire should not be answered and the following order was made :-

The Librarian to be informed that the Council's Resolution was intended for the Library COMMITTEE and that the Council expressed the view as contained in the Resolution merely to be assured that there was in existence persons appointed by the Committee to deal confidentially with individual complaints ---that the Council did NOT complain of ALL books and fully appreciate the work done by the Committee by having such a large stock of good and useful books in circulation.

Confirmed

..... J. O'Lochan ..... CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting (MAY) of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 4th of May 1943 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 1st of May 1943 :-

1. 5. '43

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 4th inst at 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 6th of April 1943 & 20th April 1943
2. Business transacted since the 6th of April as per Manager's Order Book
3. Housing including letting of House at Glenview Road
4. Fuel Schemes
5. Execution of Leases to Robert Howard, Mrs Williamson, Messrs J. P. Hopkins and others.
6. Application for renewal of Leases from Messrs Lambert & Roche of property at Summer Hill
7. Renewal of Licences to Cinemas
8. Correspondence.
9. Reports of Officers
10. Free Milk Applications. 3(a) Examination of Lists of Arrears

You are requested to attend said Meeting  
Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C.  
& The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lochan (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Everett T. D., R. B. Haskins and ~~J. Clarke~~ J. Clarke.  
Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager.

Item 1.

The Minutes of the said meetings were read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection.

Item 3.

Applications were read for tenancy of the vacant house at Glenview Road and it was recommended that James Ronan of Castle Street be allotted the house. -- subject to his being qualified for same.

Item 3 (a).

A letter dated the 4th of May 1943 from Edward Kennedy Rate Collector was read in which he explained that owing to the death of his brother-in-law he was unable to complete his arrears sheets and asking for further time

Order :- Town Clerk to call on the Collector to complete his lists forthwith.

It was explained that owing to the absence of the Rent Collector on leave it would not be possible to have an examination of the arrears on his list and it was decided to leave over the matter to some further suitable date.

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The Manager explained that he had arranged to allow the Town Clerk to take a long deferred leave of absence from the 8th inst and that he would arrange a date on his return.

Item 4.

The following report from the Town Clerk on the Fuel position was read:-

I refer to my report on the above (i.e. Fuel Schemes) dated the 30th of March 1943 considered at your Meeting on that date and again on the 6th of April --no order being made on either occasion.

As far as the ordinary Scheme is concerned there is no fuel in stock and the prospects of getting any further into stock --until the new turf is harvested --are not promising. Again I request a direction as to whether the scheme is to be continued by the Council during the year. The County Manager has requested me to send him an estimate of requirements of Turf: I cannot commit the Council to any requirements until I know the Council's intentions with regard to the Scheme. At the present time our Turf Account with the Treasurer is £90:17:2 overdrawn while our Timber Account is £229:5:9 to credit. I anticipate that when all liabilities are cleared there will be little, if any, loss on both.

The Collector's Account in respect of Turf Sales has been checked to the 30/4/43 and shows that he has on hands or that there is due to him on credit sales the sum of £16:17:2. The Slaes on Timber have been checked only to the 31st of March 1943 --Abstracts for April have not been written up by the Collector--and then showed that there was due to him on credit sales or on hands the sum of £11:1:3. He states to me that he has still to collect those amounts.

As regards the Free Fuel Scheme there is a quantity of Athlone Turf in stock --about 8 or 10 tons --. There is no apparent source of supply for replenishing stocks in the near future. Accounts in this have been checked to date and are satisfactory.

34th May 1943

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

No order was made but it was anticipated that the Council would as a result of certain negotiations be in a position to abandon the ordinary Scheme.

Item 5.

PROPOSED by Councillor James Everett, SECONDED by Councillor R. B. Haskins and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Leases to Robert Howard and Mrs Frances Williamson of the their premises in the Main Street and the Leases, Counterparts and Memorial were executed accordingly

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor James Everett and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease to Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Sons Ltd of their premises at South Quay and Quarantine Hill at Rent of £25:4:- per annum and The Lease, Counterpart and Memorial were executed accordingly.

Item 6.

Applications from Mr Cullen Solicitor on behalf of Mr Lambert and from Mr Arthur Roche for renewal of Lease or rather separate Leases of the property which they held under the one Lease dated the 21st of June 1906

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A question was raised concerning an alleged innovation of restricting Leases to a period of ~~31~~ 31 years instead of ~~75~~ 75 years as heretofore. The Town Clerk pointed out that in his capacity as Law Agent to the Council he had had occasion to go fully into this matter some years ago and had settled the matter to the satisfaction of all concerned that an ordinary Lease could not be granted, without sanction of the Department of Local Government, for any longer period than 31 years and a Building Lease for any longer period than 75 years ~~xxThoms~~: he pointed out that the matter was not any innovation and that the matter was previously and fully reported to the Council and members should be aware of it.

It was agreed that future applicants be offered the concession of carrying out certain improvements or structural alterations to their premises with a 75 year Lease or an Ordinary Lease ~~xx~~ 31 years.

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

That separate new Leases be granted to James Lambert and Arthur Roche of premises held by them at Summerhill Wicklow and that the rent be 10/- per annum in each case (the rent being formerly 8/- each)!

Item 7.

This item was not reached.

Item 8.

Letter (RM/201/W) of the 20th of April 1943 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health referring to the Town Clerk's letter of the 6/3/43 dealing with the Manager's Order with reference to fixing emergency Bonus for non-clerical employees and sanctioning a maximum of 4/- per week for Labourers and 12/- for Carters (with horse & cart) to be reviewed at specified periods.

Noted

Letter from the Department of Supplies of the 28/4/43 declining to give permit for the purchase of coal for School Meals sooner than October 1943

Noted

Circular Letter of the 14th of April 1943 (No. 64/43) from the Department of Local Government & P. H. dealing with the Local Government (Remission of Rates) Act 1943.

Read

Letter of the 4th May 1943 from Town Surveyor asking permission to spend £25 on Achlors Walk and to get two tons of tar for same.

Order: That we recommend that £20 be allowed.

Account from the Town Agent for Fees on lodgment of Rents to 31/3/43 amounting to £44:9:9

Recommend that same be paid.

Letter dated the 17th April 1943 from Thomas Murphy Technical School Baltinglass complaining about the non-fencing of the plot adjoining his house at Dunbur Road

Order: Serve Notice on Robert Conway to give up plot on the 1st of June

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Item 9

Reports were read from the Town Sergeant, Waterworks Overseer, Veterinary Inspector and on Rate Collection.

With regard to the damages to property referred to in the Town Sergeant's Report it was ordered that a list should be furnished to the Guards for attention.

An order was made that the Town Clerk convey to the Department of Supplies the vital necessity that Dr O'Connor, Dispensary M. Officer should be given an adequate supply of Petrol having regard to the extent of his district and the number of cases he had had to attend to.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T. D., SECONDED by R. B. Haskins and passed :-

That the Council desire to convey to the relatives of the late Peter Malor their sympathy with them on the occasion of his death.

Item 10.

Applications were produced for inspection.

A letter from Mr D. O'Connell of the National Bank asking permission on behalf of promoters of a Swimming Club for facilities on the Foreshore and to be heard on the matter by the Council.

Order : Proposals to be submitted in writing and representatives will be heard at next meeting.

CONFIRMED

.....*J. O'Lohan*.....Chairman.

Monthly (JUNE) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 1st of June 1943 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 28th of May 1943 :- 28. 5. '43

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 1st prox at the hour of 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall Wicklow when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 4th of May 1943.
2. Business transacted since the 4th May 1943 as per Manager's ~~Order~~ Order Book.
3. Proposals from Promoters of a Swimming Club for the construction of facilities for swimming and diving on the Foreshore.
4. ~~Mousing~~ Fuel Schemes.
5. Housing.
6. Consideration of Lists of Arrears of Rents & Rates & other arrears.
7. Execution of Lease of Portion of the Foreshore between the two piers --lease from the Government to the Council @ 5/- per annum
8. Correspondence.
9. Reports of Officers.
10. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C.  
& The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lohan (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Sharke, W. Clarke, J. Everett T.D., R.B. Haskins & J. O'Connor.

Also present :- P.T. Healy Esq., Manager and J. T. O'Byrne Town Surveyor

Item 1.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Town Clerk explained the contents of the letters which he had had from Mr D. O'Connell of Wentworth Place and stated that, as arranged, he had notified Mr O'Connell to be present to discuss the proposals he had in mind. Mr O'Connell, who was present, was then heard. He pointed out that he and some others proposed forming a Swimming Club and to have it affiliated with the I. S. A. and that he deemed it a useful time to approach the Council to request them to consider the construction of the Foreshore north of the new pier a diving apparatus and other facilities which was a much-felt want in Wicklow and which would be calculated to add to the attractions of Wicklow as a Tourist Resort. He stated that he learned that what

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he had in mind would cost about £50. His intended club would have their own expenses and would not be able (he thought) to contribute anything towards the ~~extra~~ cost of the structure. After discussion the following Resolution was passed unanimously :-

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed :-

"That we hereby grant permission for the establishment of a Swimming Club as being promoted by Mr D. O'Connell to provide facilities for the public generally swimming on the Foreshore North of the new pier--the construction to be approved of by the Town Surveyor --the Council to have no liability for any damages to persons using the construction--the Council to consider at a future date what financial assistance it may be possible to contribute to the Club for the above facilities for the public."

Mr O'Connell stated that he proposed to have a public Meeting on Monday the 8th inst with a view to establishing a club. The Councillors undertook to pay off and collect the town for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for constructing diving board etc.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk explained that the Council had not yet come to a definite decision as to abandoning the Scheme for the provision of Fuel for the ordinary citizen of the town who had been buying from the Council at controlled prices for over 18 months. For that scheme there was now no Fuel in stock and he had no prospect of any coming into stock--except he might get a favourable ~~reply~~ reply from the Forestry Department. The accounts had now been completed to date in respect of the Turf and Timber Sales and showed that on the 1st of June 1943 the Collector had still to account for £11 \* - : 2 in respect of Turf Sales and had over-accounted for Timber sales to the extent of £1 : 14 : 4 or in other words that he had to account for a net sum of £9 : 6 : 10. He read a letter from the Collector pointing out that he had not yet been paid anything in respect of this work nor in connection with the Free Fuel Scheme. The Town Clerk also pointed out that he too was in the like position.--except that in the case of Collector Kennedy the Council had at the beginning offered him payment at the rate of 6d per ton. The Town Clerk also read a letter from Councillor R.B. Haskins in which he stated that he was now at liberty to go into the Fuel trade and he (Mr Haskins) stated that he proposed to go into same as early as possible.

It was agreed :- (1) That the scheme be continued pending some merchant going into the Fuel business so as to meet the wants of the Town.

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(2) That The County Manager be asked to arrange for payment to the Town Clerk and Collector --payment in the latter case to be subject to deduction of the £9 : 6 : 10.

(3) That notice be given to the Wicklow Corn Co. that the Fuel yard would not ~~be~~ be required after the 1st of July 1943.

Item 5.

Reports were read from Dr G. P. G. Beckett C. M. O. H. of his inspections of (a) ~~four~~ 4 houses in Castle Street the property of Mrs Hanrahan, Mrs Sealy and (3) Mrs Wheeler (b) 8 houses in Castle Street the property of Mr Hamilton (c) three houses at Hillside Cottages the property of Messrs Kane and Mrs Hayes and (d) two houses in High Street the property of Mrs Kearney. ~~His reports and inspection were made on the 31st of May 1943 and with respect to (a) & (b) he referred to his prior reports on the same houses in 1938 and stated that he adhered to the reports then made ---his recommendation that ~~the~~ each pair of houses should be converted into one. With regard to Mrs Sealy's house occupied by Jas Ronan, it was unfit and could not be made fit until the tenant was removed. Mr J. T. O'Byrne Town Surveyor also reported on his inspection on the 28th May 1943 of the house occupied by Jas Ronan.~~

Orders :- ~~Serve~~ Notices under Sec 19 of The Housing Act of 1931 on Mrs Sealy, Mrs Hanrahan, and Mrs Wheeler and renew the Leases to those with a covenant to put in repair in 12 months and in the case of Mrs Sealy that she convert her two houses into one good suitable house  
Serve Notice on Mr Hamilton under Sec 19 aforesaid and renew Leases with covenant that within 12 months he put into proper repair and convert 8 of the ~~small~~ small houses into six.  
~~Bring~~ Convey to Mrs Kearney and Messrs Kane and Mrs Hayes the contents of Dr Beckett's reports.

It was recommended that in the event of Guard Shirley vacating the house on The Murrrough that P. Hayden be given the house.

Item 6.

The Town Clerk reported that the Rate Collector had furnished a Doctor's certificate but had that day presented his lists of arrears in draft.

It was recommended that the Lists be dealt with by the <sup>M</sup>anager and Town Clerk and the result of their findings be brought before an adjourned meeting on the 28th of June 1943 when the Rate could be made for 1943/44.

Item 7.

The Lease and Counterparts were produced for execution but a question was raised as to the portion that was similarly leased to the Harbour Commissioners and in order to prevent any overlapping it was agreed to leave the

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execution over until the 28th of June the Lease to the Harbour Commissioners to be examined in the meantime .

Item. 8.

Circ. Letter (No. 80/43) dated the 28th of May 1943 from the Department of Local Government & P. H. enclosing Copy of the Local Officers (Removal by Local Authority ) Regulations 1943

Read

Copy of the Local Government (Minor Officers ) Order 1943

Read

Circ. P.H. No 73/43 of the 13th of May enclosing copy of the Public Health (Preservatives etc ., in Food)(Amendment ) Regulations 1943 .

Read

Letters from the Hibernian Insurance Company and Employers Liability Insurance Company ~~and~~ notifying an increase of 12½% on premiums under the Workmen's Compensation premiums by reason of the increased amount allowed under the Workmen's Compensation Act 1934.

Agreed to.

Letter of the 14th May 1943 (G.131/8/43 giving authority for Temporary overdraft up to a limit of £2000 until the 22nd of May 1943 . The Town Clerk explained that by reason of the large Commitments by way of repayment of loans falling to be met not later than the 1/6/43 it was found necessary to increase that as and from the 14 22nd of May and he had since applied for authority to overdraw up to a limit of £3,500 and required that until the July meeting

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.D. Haughton and passed :-  
That the Town Clerk apply for the necessary authority to overdraw up to a limit of £3,500 up to the 6th of July -the next monthly meeting.

Copy of Resolution passed by the Dungarvan Urban District Council dated the 25th of May 1943 protesting against the manner of rationing butter and against the Manufacture for Export of Milk Products of all kinds

Adopted

Letter from Andrew O'Reilly of Ballyguile asking to be allowed to retain his plot at Ballyguile until when he leaves for his now Labourer's cottage in the Rural Area.

Town Clerk to interviews Andrew Reilly as to request.

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Letter from Robert F. Conway Fitzwilliam Square Wicklow dated the 27th of May 1943 in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 8th of May 1943 giving him Notice of intention to resume possession of the plot at Dunbur Road by reason of breach of covenant to build and fence and stating that he is having the plot fenced, and asking the Council to have the projecting walls and debris removed near his house at Castle Street. Councillors stated that the fencing of the plot had now been done and it was agreed to take no further action for the present in connection with the plot . The condition of the house in Castle Street and Mr Conway's complaint re same was referred to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

Joint letter dated the 11th of May 1943 signed by 9 residents of Bath Street and Bond Street complaining of the condition of the house known as Kildare Cottage in Bath Street recently occupied by Mrs McCarthy.

Order :- Recommended that the Town Clerk write to Mrs Murray of Clarinda Park Dunhaoghair as to the condition of the house and as to her undertaking in respect of same and that he ~~also~~ also write to Mrs Healey re the condition of the premises at Clarke's end of Leitrim Place and remind her of her covenant to build.

The Town Clerk stated that it had been strongly rumoured that one of the Brick houses on The Murrough was about to be vacated and that he had a number of inquiries re same i.e. Guard Huane, Mr Hopkins Customs & Excise Officer, Mr Patrick Hayden and Mrs Byrne of Kilmantin Road : that he had given those parties application forms and that only two viz that of Mr Hopkins and Mr Hayden had been returned.

It was recommended that if and when the house is vacant it be given to Patrick Hayden of Strand Street

It was recommended that the Licences be renewed for both Cinemas but that each be asked to arrange special afternoon programmes for children.

A question was raised as to the continuance of the hoardings on the Halpin Memorial boundary railing and the Town Clerk was directed to again request their removal.

Other correspondence was left over as the Town Surveyor had left the meeting with the County Manager at an earlier stage and <sup>he</sup> did not return.

Item. 9.

Reports were received from the Town Sergeant, ~~and~~ Waterworks Overseer and Rent Collector.

Arising out of the Town Sergeant's Report the question of providing dumps for Ballynerrin refuse from Ballynerrin Houses was referred to the Town Surveyor

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Arising further from ~~the report of~~ that part of the Town Sergeant's Report in which he stated that he found parties trespassing on the strand at Travilahawk and through the Council's field to there for the purpose of raising sand it was arranged that for the trespass of each horse and cart over the said field the Council would demand 3d and would stop all traffic after 50 of such carts until further order.

Item 10.

The applications were produced for inspect on.

Mr E. Kennedy Rate Collector who was present at the close of the meeting addressed the Council on the matter of remuneration payable to him for his work on the fuel Schemes, pointed out that he had not yet received any remuneration and stated that the proposed payment at 6d per ton was inadequate ~~to him~~. He was directed to attend before the County Manager with the Town Clerk to make his case and promised favourable consideration from the Council should the Manager seek their views on the matter.

Confirmed

*J. Olohan*  
.....CHAIRMAN  
6/7/43

Minutes of Monthly (JULY) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 6th of July 1943 the following notice having been sent to each member on the 2nd of July 1943 :-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst @ 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. The business of the Annual Meeting as per notice & Agenda sent out for Meeting on the 1st inst (Meeting as notified was not held because of want of quorum).
- 1 (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on the 1st of June 1943
2. Application of Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son for Lease of plot on North Quay.
3. Proposed renewal of Leases to Mr Hamilton, Mrs Sealy, Mrs O'Hannahan, and Mrs Wheeler (Castle St Property).
4. Execution of Lease of portion of Foreshore (Dept. of Finance to Council) --adjourned from last meeting.
5. Consideration of arrears of Rates, rents etc.
6. To make Rates for 1943/44.
7. To re-consider correspondence from the Department of Local Govt. dealing with necessary repairs to Foreshore Works & Engineer's report thereon.
8. Housing --including consideration of letting of house at Glenview Road.
9. Correspondence.
10. Reports of Officers
11. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.  
Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, T. Clerk

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.  
& The County Manager.

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, M. McMahon, J. D. Haughton and (for a ~~short~~ few minutes) W. Clarke  
Also Present :- J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor.  
Mr P. T. Healy, Manager, had intimated that he had an important engagement during the time specified for the meeting but that if required he would be ready to attend at short notice.

## Item 1. (ANNUAL MEETING)

PROPOSED by Councillor M. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor C.W. Hudson and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint Councillor John Olohan as the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is appointed.  
Councillor John Olohan signed the necessary acceptance of office.

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

That ~~Councillor C.W. Hudson~~ we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint Councillor C.W. Hudson as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until his successor is appointed.

~~PROPOSED~~  
Councillor Charles W. Hudson thereupon signed the necessary acceptance of Office

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

- (a) That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect or appoint or re-elect and appoint the following two representatives of the said Council on the County Wicklow Vocational Educational Committee, to hold office until they are disqualified or until their successors are duly appointed :-

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viz :- Councillor Ml. McMahon, Wentworth Villas, Wicklow  
" Jas. D. Haughton, Dunbur Road, Wicklow

(b) That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint or re-elect and appoint the following seven representatives of the said Council on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board to hold office until they are disqualified or their successors are duly appointed, viz :-  
Councillors J. Olohan, J. Clarke, J. O'Connor, C.W. Hudson,  
N.R. B. Haskins, Ml. McMahon and J. D. Haughton.

(c) That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint or re-elect and appoint as the said Council's representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners (also referred to sometimes as "The Wicklow Harbour Board") the following members of the said Council on the said Commissioners or Board until they cease to hold office as Councillors or until their successors are legally appointed :-

John Olohan, Joseph O'Connor, Ml. McMahon, Charles W. Hudson,  
N.R.B. Haskins, William Clarke, James Clarke & J.D. Haughton

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The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st of June 1943 were confirmed.

Item 2.  
A letter dated the 2nd of June 1943 from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son of Wicklow was read in which application was made for a Lease of a plot of ground on the North Quay Wicklow South of the Corn Co.'s premises and asking the Council to sell the gravel on the Murrrough to them to be used by them for building a Fuel yard on the said Plot.

Order : Inquiries to be made as to ownership and rights to grant the lease applied for and matter to be considered at next meeting.

Item 3.

It was agreed to grant the Leases applied for on the usual terms with covenants to repair and improve in accordance with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and C. M. O. Health.

An application was received from Mrs Seal for a grant under Sec 5 of the Housing & Labourers Act 1937 for the reconstruction which she had undertaken and in respect of which Notice had been served on her on the 7th June 1943 pursuant to Sec 19 of the Housing Act 1931.

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

That the application be forwarded to the Department of Local Government with the necessary plan and specification.

Item 4.

As the exact limits of the Harbour Board's Lease and the proposed lease to the Council had not yet been ascertained, it was agreed to allow this matter to stand over for further investigation.

Item 5.

As the lists were not completed by the Collector it was decided that that the matter stand over until an adjourned Meeting on the 20th July 1943.

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Item 6.

As six members were required to be in attendance for the making of the Town Rate this item was allowed to stand over until the adjourned Meeting to be held on the 20th July 1943.

Item 7.

The Town Clerk detailed the correspondence in this matter that had passed between the Local Government Department and him since the 20/9/41 and the steps taken by the Council on the several letters and pointed out that the difficulty lay in the interpretation of what was "New Works" and "Works of Repair": that the Council had lost to Revenue Account a sum of £278 because certain works were described by the Department as works of repair and maintenance: that works of repair were now in progress: that the Town Surveyor had, as directed by the Council and Manager to report on the whole situation as to further works required at the Foreshore. He now read the Surveyor's lengthy report dated the 5th of July 1943 in which he indicated that the requirements of the Department would cost £547 and gave his views as to what items were works or repair and "new works". He again pointed out the necessity of carrying the defence works further north at a cost of £4000 and recommended that the Council should embark on a comprehensive scheme to include this extension and the works required by the Department at a total cost of £4547 of in round figures £4600.

After a long discussion it was :-

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

That we forward copy of Town Surveyor's report of the 5/7/43 to the Department of Local Government & P. Health and that we are prepared to ~~finance the whole scheme~~ undertake the whole scheme estimated to cost £4600 and to finance same up to a limit of £1000 by way of loan if the Government give a grant of the balance: copy of this resolution to be sent to the Department of Local Government & P. Health.

It was recommended that the urgent repairs now in progress be approved up to the limit of money available for same.

Item 8.

Applications were read from Richard Wall Wall Kilmantin Hill, John Reilly Dunbur Wicklow and Mrs Mary Brien of Strand St and for tenancy of vacant house at Glenview Road and it was recommended that the house be allotted to Mrs Mary Brien.

Item 9. (Correspondence)

Letter (G.131/10/43) dated the 22nd of June 1943 from the Department of Local Government & P. Health authorising overdraft up to £3500 up to the 6th July 1943

PROPOSED by Councillor C. W. Hudson Seconded by Councillor Ml. McMahon and passed :-

That the overdraft be continued until the next monthly meeting when the rates for current year should be coming in.

Letter L. 83/43 of the 7th June 1943 dealing with the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote and fixing the Local Contribution of the Council towards Relief Schemes at £100 and requesting the submission of Schemes forthwith.

The Town Clerk explained that he put the matter in the hands of the Surveyor immediately and he had prepared a scheme on the 11/6/43 and that he had forwarded it to the Department on the 11th and The Co. Manager on the 11th June 1943.

Order :- Noted and approved.

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Circ. H.85/1943 of the 3rd of June 1943 from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dealing with the necessity for a new survey of housing needs and housing sites : also copy of Town Clerk's letter of the 11th June on the subject to the Manager .

Order :- Town Clerk's letter approved of : inquire from the Department if any grant were available for Housing Development with special reference to Castle Street sites

Memorandum re Workmen's Compensation dated the 30th June 1943 from the Department of Local Government

Noted.

Letter dated the 10th June 1943 from the Department of Supplies regretting that it was not possible to accede to the Council's request with regard to additional supplies of Petrol for Dr. A. A. O'Connor Dispensary Doctor for Wicklow area .

Noted

Letter from Co. Manager dated 1st July 1943 enclosing account for £19 : 5 : 2 from E. S. B! as arrears due by Wicklow Harbour for Public Lighting and copy of Town Clerk's letter of the 3rd July 1943 denying the Council's liability for the debt

Approved

Letter of the 1st July 1943 from County Council enclosing Annual Demand for 1943/44

Read

Letter of the 5th June 1943 from Kerry County Council enclosing copy Resolution passed by that body on the 5th June 1943 calling on the Government to release prisoners

Order : Read and approved of in so far as untried prisoners are unconcerned.

Letter dated the 6th July 1943 from the Town Surveyor reporting on the dangerous condition of the Wooden Bridge and recommending repairs which he estimated to cost £250

Order : Recommend that the work be carried out and if necessary Council will raise a Loan to meet the cost.

Letter of the 6th July 1943 from the Town Surveyor giving plan, estimate and specification for the repair and improvement scheme to the six houses in Castle Street the property of Wm. Murphy--Estimated cost £589.

Order : The necessary notice being served, the said plan and estimate to be sent to the Department of Local Govt.

List of cases reported on by the Collector for annual revision.

Order : Lists to be forwarded to the Valuation office.

Letter from E. Kennedy dated the 5th July requesting again payment for work on fuel schemes and a payment on account of Poundage on Rates

Order : Refer to The Manager with a recommendation that the matter receive his immediate attention.

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Letter of the 4th July 1943 from Mr D. C. O'Connell Captain of the Wicklow Swimming Club submitting alternative proposals for swimming facilities within the harbour and alongside the new pier. The Town Surveyor stated that he had not examined the proposals so far but recommended them in preference to the other proposals .

Order : Town Surveyor to examine and report on the new proposals the Council recommending that the work be proceeded with immediately with the gang now at work on the Foreshore The Town Clerk pointed out that he had circularised the Council with regard to the collection of the Town for funds to defray the cost of the erection of those facilities but no such work was undertaken by the Councillors .

Application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for use of the Murrrough on Regatta day for the purpose of holding pony races on that day (August Bank Holiday ) , certain alterations to be made in grounds to meet the requirements.

Order : The Council recommend that the grounds be given to the Committee on the usual terms .

Reports of Town Surveyor on his inspections of the cinemas arising out of their applications for renewal of Licences

Order : Refer to County Manager with recommendation that Licences be renewed and that proprietors be asked not to encourage children (especially if unaccompanied ) to night performances and to provide suitable matinee performances for children.

Letter from Richard White dated the 13th May 1943 asking the Council to accept surrender of his Lease of the houses which the Council have condemned in Strand Street.

Recommend that surrender be accepted.

Other items were adjourned to a Meeting fixed by the Council to be held on the 20th July 1943 as an adjourned monthly meeting .

The Town Clerk was questioned as to how the Fuel Schemes now stood and on giving details and stating that he had taken it that it was the intention of the Council to abandon the ordinary fuel Scheme Councillors stated that no such decision had ever been made and the Town Clerk was directed to have the matter on the Agenda for the ~~monthly~~ adjourned monthly meeting to be held on the 20th July 1943 when the matter could be finally decided on a vote to be then taken for the continuation or abandonment of such scheme.

Confirmed

The 10 day of August 1943

.....CHAIRMAN .

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (JULY) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 20th of July 1943 the following notice being sent to each member on the 17th July 1943

Dear Sir,

The Adjourned Monthly (July) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 20th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m when the business will include :-  
 (a) The Making of the Rates for 1943/44 (as there was not an attendance of Six Councillors at last meeting this item had to be left over)  
 (b) Consideration of Collector's Lists of uncollected arrears of Rates and other arrears

You are requested to attend said Meeting  
 Yours faithfully  
 J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.  
 AND The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. Glohan ( Presiding ), C. W. Hudson, Joseph O'Connor, M. McMahon, J. D. Haughton and James Clarke

Also present :- P. T. Healy Esq., County Manager

Item 1. (Making of Rates)

PROPOSED by Councillor C. W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J. D. Haughton and passed unanimously :-

That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby make the following Rates and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of all lands and other hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and submitted to us viz

(a) A TOWN RATE for the service of the year ending <sup>31st March 1944</sup> 1943/44 of One Hundred and Fifty Pence in the £ made up as follows :-  
 11.0 Pence in the £ for Urban Roads  
 61.5 " " " " Expenses under the Public H. Acts including 12d for Water for Domestic Purposes  
 30.5 " " " " The Housing of the Working Classes Acts  
 47.0 " " " " Other Expenses

AND (b) A POOR RATE for the service of the year ending the 31/3/44 of One Hundred and Twenty Pence in the £ made up as follows :-  
 112 Pence in the £ for Money to be supplied to Wicklow Co. Council  
 8 " " " " Other Expenses

AND That the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statements and Certificates ~~XXXXXX~~ of The Town Rates and Poor Rates in the Rate Book for 1943/44 accordingly and that the necessary Notices of Rates having been made be published forthwith.

Item 3 ( Lists of Arrears of Rates )

These were examined in detail, every item in both Town and Poor Rate Lists being read over. The Town Clerk pointed out that there was some difficulty in getting the Collector to complete the Lists and as yet he could not regard them as final and they were in pencil only. It was clear however that the collectable arrears were for Town Rate £1000 approximately and for Poor Rate £700 approximately. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of such arrears and The Manager informed the Council that

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having regard to the amount of the arrears, the delay in the preparation of the Lists and the manner in which they were prepared he would have to deal drastically with the Collector. The Manager invited the views of the Council on the position and suggested that a Resolution in the following terms be passed :-

That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council having carefully reviewed every item on the Irrecoverable Town & Poor Rate Sheets submitted by Collector Edward Kennedy in respect of the financial year ended the 31st of March 1943 are thoroughly dissatisfied with the huge amount of both Town and Poor Rates not yet collected, i.e. roughly one fifth of the Town Rate and one sixth of the Poor Rate. After deliberate discussion on all the relevant facts we strongly recommend the County Manager to give the Collector Edward Kennedy a severe warning that if both his Town and Poor Rates Collections do not show a substantial improvement by the 30th of September 1943 the Urban Council will recommend the County Manager to take really drastic ~~xxxx~~ action against him then. The Council moreover desires to express the opinion that immediate steps be taken ~~xxxx~~ by the Collector to collect all Rates both Town and Poor Rates from those now in arrears in respect of 1942/43 and previous years.

After discussion no Councillor would undertake to move such a resolution and at length the following Resolution was

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.D. Haughton and passed unanimously :-

That the Council after close examination of the arrears Lists for 1942/43 are dissatisfied with the collection and that we leave the matter to be dealt with by the Manager being of the opinion that any proceedings being taken for recovery of rates should first be taken against those who now owe arrears.

FUEL SCHEME.

After discussion and reference back to previous discussions on the matter it was

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed unanimously :-

That we hereby agree to continue to make provision for Fuel for the people of the Town (other than the Free Fuel Recipients) for the year 1943/44 and that we apply for renewal of Licence to sell such Turf as we can conveniently take into store.

The Town Clerk was requested to examine the stores of Miss Darcy on the South Quay and ascertain if they were suitable and on what letting terms any suitable premises might be obtained for the Council's Scheme

HOUSING

The Manager informed the Council that having regard to the facts before him he could not act on their recommendation as to giving tenancy of the vacant house at Glenview Road to Mary Brien and it was decided to send to the Department the list of applicants and ask for a direction.

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The Town Clerk informed the Council and The Manager that the required particulars had not yet been obtained to identify the property now offered on Lease to the Council by the Department of Industry & Commerce and the matter was allowed to stand over for further consideration.

At this stage the meeting adjourned .

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Confirmed

*L. Bohan*  
.....CHAIRMAN .

Minutes of Monthly (AUGUST ) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council halled for Tuesday the <sup>3rd</sup>~~2nd~~ of August 1943 as per the following Notice sent to each member on the 31st of <sup>July</sup>~~August~~ 1943

Dear Sir, The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 3rd prox at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes og Meetings held on the 6/7/43 and 20/7/43
2. Business transacted since the 6/~~7~~ 7/43 as per Manager's Order Book
3. Fuel Schemes and in particular storage accomodation.
4. Final consideration of arrears of Rates and Rents and the Warrants for Rates for 1943/44
5. Housing
6. Correspondence
7. Reports of Officers
8. Free Milk applications

You are requested to attend

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath , Town Clerk

To :- Each member Wicklow U. D. C.  
and The County Manager

P.S. Should there be no quorum in attendance it is proposed to adjourn the meeting to same hour on Friday the 6/8/43.

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As no quorum attended on the 3rd of August 1943 I adjourned the Meeting to Friday the 6th of Agust 1943 at the same hour (7.30 p.m. ) pursuant to Sec. 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847.

*James Park*  
.....Town Clerk

The following reminder was sent to each member on the 5th of August 1943

As the Monthly (August ) Meeting summoned for the 3rd inst was not held beause of the absence of a Quorum the Meeting ~~adjourned~~ was adjourned to Friday the 6th inst at 7.30 p.m. when it was hoped that you will find it convenient to attend

The only Councillor attending on Friday the 6th of August 1943 being Councillor Joseph O'Connor, it was arranged to further adjourn the meeting to Tuesday the 10th of August 1943 .