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Letter (17878/F) of the 26th of June 1944 from the Forestry Department stating that they could not agree to a reduction in the amount due for Fuel Timber and asking for the balance due in accordance with their account (£71 : 16 : -) .

Order : Deputy J. Everett to be asked to follow up the matter with a view to reduction.

Letter TPC 11907/44 of the 21st of June 1944 from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs agreeing to provide a telephone kiosk in the Town of Wicklow and adding that a blue print showing the proposed location would in due course be submitted for the Council's approval.

Read

Letters and copies of letters from the Manager dealing with (a) Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act 1941, (b) Economy in the use of lubricating Oil and (c) economy in the use of Electricity dated 9th June, 12th of June and 17th June respectively were submitted.

Letter dated the 4th of June 1944 signed by W. Byrne of 4 Bungalows St Laurence's Rd and Annie Darcy which had been addressed to The Chairman and complaining of the delay in attending to complaints concerning defects in the chimneys of their houses was submitted. The Town Clerk stated that he did not recollect receiving any complaints -- they were, no doubt, addressed to the Town Agent verbally -- and explaining the procedure adopted in connection with such complaints.

Order : Town Clerk to acknowledge receipt and explain and B. Town O'Toole and County Surveyor to examine these and also Mannings' Range and P. Richardsons range and report thereon.

Letter from ~~xxxxxx~~ Galway U.D.C. conveying a Copy of a Resolution passed by that body dealing with the Loan indebtedness of U.D. Councils and asking for the setting up of a Commission thereon.

Order : Adopted.

Letter of the 15/6/44 from Bray U.D.C. dealing with the reduction in consumption of Electricity and requesting the E.S.B. to reduce the fixed charges for electricity accordingly.

Order : Adopted : copies to be sent to E.S.B., Industry & Commerce ~~xxxxxx~~ Department & Dept. of Supplies

Item : 9.

Applications were produced for inspection.

CONFIRMED

.....*John O'Lohan*.....CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday the 10th of July 1944 pursuant to requisition the following Notice being sent to each member on the 7th July 1944:-

Dear Sir,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Monday the 10th inst at the Town Hall Wicklow at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m. when the following matters will be dealt with :-

1. To make Town and Poor Rates for 1944/45 as per published Notice
2. To consider the Housing Survey of the Town Recently made by the Town Surveyor and County Medical Officer of health (Copy furnished to each member)
3. To consider the adjourned matter of dealing with the taking over possession of Salt House Lane premises (formerly used as Labour Club Rooms) and the future disposal of the premises

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

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

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lohan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, Joseph O'Connor, R. B. Maskins, J. Everett T.D. and M. McMahon

Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager and Joseph T. O'Byrne Esq. B.E. Town Surveyor

Item 1.

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J. O'Connor

and passed :-

That the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby make the following Rates and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of lands & other hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us viz. :-

(a) A TOWN RATE for the service of the year ending on the 31/3/45 of One Hundred and Forty Pence in the £ made up as follows:-
 17.9 Pence in the £ for Urban Roads
 62.13 " " " " Expenses under The Public Health Acts
 18.9 " " " " The Housing of the Working Classes Acts
 41.07 " " " " Other expenses

AND (b) A POOR RATE for the service of the year ending on the 31st of March 1945 of One Hundred and Twenty Four Pence in the £ made up as follows:-
 116.1 Pence in the £ for Money to be supplied to Wicklow Co. Council (of which 7.7 is in respect of Separate Charges
 7.9 " " " " Other Expenses

AND that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the Statements and Certificates of the Town and Poor Rates contained in the Rate Book for 1944/45 and that the necessary Notices be published forthwith.

The Statements on the Rate Book were accordingly Sealed and signed by the required number of Councillors

Item 2.

The Survey was discussed at length in particular that portion of it dealing with the sites for new building proposals. In the absence of more details the Council decided not to commit themselves fully to the reconstruction recommendations in the Survey -- agreeing that some improve-

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-ments and reconstruction were necessary on the houses referred to but reserving their rights to criticise and disagree with the exact proposals for reconstruction when they would be submitted.

The Town Clerk summarised the report of survey by stating that of the ~~135~~ 37 Houses reported for "emolition", 18 had already been dealt with and that of the 98 recommended for reconstruction 18 had already been dealt with. He also pointed out that the number of houses recommended for Normal requirements (i.e. not to replace existing unsuitable houses) was 26 which came to about the same figure (25) as the Council had always in mind. The sites recommended in the Report or Survey were discussed in full and it was at length decided to recommend for the houses carrying full Subsidy (60 in number) the following sites:-

- 10 at Castle Street on sites acquired under Castle St C.O. Order
- 10 at Coopers Lane (in reality opposite the 10 new Bungalows there)
- 6 On Monkton Row Lower
- 20 on The Murrough
- 6 At Bond Street
- 2 At High Street
- 4 at Wynne's Field (Continuation of New Bungalows existing there)
- 2 On the plot of ground on The Murrough (near the premises of Mr Clarke, publican and the property of Mrs Heatley)

and that the sites for the 26 houses required for Normal Needs & carrying low rate of subsidy the parcels of land at both sides of Territ Lane (now used as Allotments for the employed) and portion of the ground above St Laurence's Road be utilised.

That subject to the above, we recommend that the Report be submitted to the Department of Local Government & Public Health and that we ask that the Department to consider the provision in each Urban Area of a small block of flats to meet the needs of single persons such as old Age Pensioners and the like for whom one whole house would not be required.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Labour Branch or Club and ask ~~to~~ him to get the key of the premises and hand it up and ~~that~~ that when the key was obtained the Town Surveyor was to inspect and report on the condition of the premises.

Confirmed

This ^{1st} day of August 1944

.....Chairman

Minutes of Monthly (AUGUST) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 1st of August 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 28th of July 1944 :-

28. 7. 1944

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. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 4/7/44 and 10/7/44
2. Business transacted since the 4/7/44 as per Manager's Order Book
3. Execution of Collector's Warrants for Rates for the year 1944/45
4. Provision of Fuel for the coming season
5. Location of Public Telephone Kiosk requested by the Council and now offered by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs
6. Water Supply
7. Reports of Officers
8. Correspondence
9. Free Milk Applications

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

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

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lohan (Presiding), W. Clarke, M. McMahon, J. O'Connor and J. D. Haughton

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

The Town Clerk stated that he had been asked by the County Manager to apologise for his absence due to other pressing engagements and also to state that he would be available on a 'Phone call if he were required

Item 1

Minutes of both Meetings were read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for the inspection of members and the Town Clerk read what he considered of special interest.

Item 3.

This was deemed to be a matter for The Manager when the Warrants were in Order and submitted to him.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported in detail on the amount of Turf in store, the average weekly distribution and the amount of Turf yet required to carry into the 1945 Turf. He also stressed the hardship created by the inclusion of Fuel Timber in Fuel Rationing and the necessity for a Fuel Merchant's Licence for selling Fuel Timber. He read copy of a letter which he stated he had addressed to the Secretaries of the Departments of Local Government, Forestry and Supplies in which the difficulty of meeting the wishes of

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the demands of the people of the town for Fuel Timber under the new regulations --pointing out that the real cause of the difficulty was the discrepancy of price as between Bray and Dublin for Fuel Timber.

PROPOSED by Councillor Wm. Clarke, SECONDED by Councillor Ml. McMahon and passed :-

That we hereby direct the attention of the Department of Lands to the terms of the Town Clerk's letter to them of the 18th of July 1944 and request them in the circumstances to make available for the Council at least 300 tons of prepared Fuel Timber for use in this town for the coming winter and that in view of the amount of County Wicklow Timber being carried to Dublin we ask the three County Deputies to press for ~~approximate~~ compliance with this request

The Town Clerk again commented on the probability of a loss to the Rates arising out of the working of the Fuel Scheme and stated that he learned on good authority that the Council were at liberty to charge £3:4 :- per ton at the Depots whereas they were charging only £3.

It was agreed that the charge as and from the 7th inst be at the rate of 3/2 per cwt at the Depot or yard at High Street.

Item 5.

The letter from the Department of ~~Local Government~~ Posts & Telegraphs dated the 7th of July 1944 and the accompanying blue print was before the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Department be asked to place the kiosk at the apex of the ~~Hamilton~~ Halpin Memorial Plot at Fitzwilliam Square where until some few years ago John Barlow had a kiosk or hut.--the County Council, as Road authority, to be requested to concur.

Item 6

Reports were received from the Waterworks Overseer as to the present position of the Water Supply and a discussion ensued in connection with same.

It was agreed to extend the time of supply by two hours on August Bank Holiday night.

It was recommended that householders be requested to reduce the capacity of the Cisterns in their houses so as to conserve supplies by placing in same some articles like a brick or bricks or a vessel filled with water. It was suggested that the Council's men begin the experiment by trying it in some of the Council's houses.

It was also recommended that the Meter at Fitzwilliam Square be availed of and that the charts already in stock be used for taking readings

Item 7.

Reports were read from the Rent Collector, and Town Sergeant.

It was recommended (a) that Notices be put up on the public Dumps (refuse) with a view to controlling indiscriminate dumping.

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(b) that a lifebuoy be provided for the New Pier and (c) that a Notice be put up to warn the public against the abuse of the Swimming Platform erected on the new Pier and that the Swimming Club be asked to co-operate with the Council to prevent damage to same.

Item 8 (Correspondence)

Report Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated the 25th of July 1944 (G.627/10/44) in reply to Town Clerks letter of the 7th inst sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £2900 aptending to the 7th of August 1944.

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

That the Town Clerk apply for renewal of authority for overdraft accomodation up to a limit of £2900 up to our next meeting.

Letter dated the 31st July 1944 from Mr Robert Conway requesting removal of debris from the gable of his house at Castle Street
Order :- Remind Town Sergeant and Road Overseer to have at least some of this carted down and spread on the adjacent passage from Castle Street to South Quay.

Letter of the 26th of July 1944 from Mr A. Cullen Solicitor for Miss Wall stating that his client considered the offer of £20 inadequate for her piece of ground at Castle Street and asking for £30 and £3:3:- costs.

It was recommended that she be offered, as a final offer, £25 to cover all.

Notice of Application for renewal of Dance Hall Licence on behalf of Mrs Esther O'Toole in respect of the "Royal Pavillon" on The Murrough Wicklow
Noted.

The Town Clerk submitted a list of cases that had made default in their undertakings to the Manager to pay off arrears of rents on their houses. The Council considered that in the case of James Conway some opportunity should be given to enable him to clear the arrears

Item 9

The Town Clerk reported that in order to conserve the supply of Milk for Winter Months he had caused all existing recipients to renew in writing their applications and that, subject to the over-ruling authority of the Manager he had 15 of the applications and had so notified the applicants. He assured the Councillors that his action in doing so had nothing whatever to do with the family allowances that were now becoming available.

Miscellaneous

Application from the Secretary of the Regatta Committee for the use of the Murrough on the 5th, 6th and 7th inst. It was recommended that the Committee be given the use of The Murrough for Monday the 7th of August for £1. The Town Clerk pointed out that this was a reduction on other years

CONFIRMED

C. Hudson

CHAIRMAN.

5/9/44

Minutes of Monthly (SEPTEMBER) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 5th of September 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 2nd of September 1944 :-

2. 9. '44

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th inst at hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 1st of August 1944
2. Business transacted since the 1/8/44 as per Manager's O. Book.
3. Provision of Fuel for the coming season.
4. Letter from the Department of Local Govt. & P.H. dealing with recent Housing Survey.
5. Acceptance of Council's offer, made subject to sanction, of £25 for Miss Wall's condemned sites at "The Bawn" Wicklow
6. Grant of Lease to Mr Hamilton, Mrs Sealy, Mrs Hanrahan & Wheeler
7. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection.
8. Correspondence. 10. Free Milk applications & shortage of Milk
9. Resignation of Town Clerk & Solicitor

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, Town Clerk.

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

Present :- Councillors C.W. Hudson (Presiding), J. Everett T.D., J. Clarke
J. O'Connor, M. McMahon and J. D. Haughton.

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

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Item 1.

Minutes were read in full and were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2.

Orders made by The Manager since the 1st of August 1944 were read

Item 4. (For item 3 see p.2)

Letter of the 16th of August 1944 (Wicklow U.D.) was read and also the copy of the Town Clerk's reply of the 29th of August 1944. The Town Clerk had asked for guidance as to rate of subsidy payable and pointed out that from his reading of the report of the inspecting officers only 30 houses could be built for Slum-clearance purposes so as to qualify for the higher rate of subsidy under existing law and regulations.

It was agreed to adjourn further ~~Item 4~~ consideration of the matter until the reply to the Town Clerk's letter was received--the Council commenting on the shortage of suitable houses for those who required houses (apart from the slum-clearance problem) and stressed the necessity for increased subsidy for them to permit of them being built and let at a rent that would be within the means of prospective tenants to pay and that would at the same time create no further burden on the rates.

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Letter from Mr Cullen Solicitor for Miss Wall and dated the 15th of August 1944 accepting the Council's offer of £25 for the property in question.

Order :- Forward to the Department of Local Government for approval

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The Town Clerk submitted a statement showing the provision made as on the 31/8/44 in the matter of Fuel. He pointed out that having regard to the fact that other licences were recently granted and to the provision made by way of reserve and other circumstances he had stopped taking further supplies of Turf into store as and from the 1st of September 1944. No objection was taken to that course.

He also stated that in the matter of Fuel Timber he had communicated, as directed, with the County Deputies and that he had replies from Deputies Everett and Brennan with communications they had received from the Department of Lands which were read.

The Town Clerk also read communications he had received from the Department of Supplies concerning applications received from J. Dickenson, D. Jameson and J. Thompson and his replies thereto.

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

That we recommend that all Rathnew Hawkers of Firewood who have been in the trade for a number of years be granted licences by the Department of Supplies to sell Fuel. It being menti-oned that some persons were being prosecuted for hawking or selling fuel from Rathnew at the District Court on the 6/9/44 the Town Clerk was ordered to send a copy of the Resolution to the District Court Clerk and to attend the Court in his capacity as Solicitor to the Council and give the Council's views on the matter. ofx

It being mentioned that the County Council had or might have some timber or trees at their disposal it was suggested to The Manager that he should at a later stage bear in mind the requirements of the people of Wicklow town in the matter.

Item 6.

The Town Clerk explained that those Leases were granted subject to conditions of putting the houses in repair and that the parties were not disposed to comply in full with the conditions.

It was ordered that the Town Clerk again communicate with the parties.

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Item 7.

Reports were read from the Waterworks Overseer, Town Sergeant, Rent Collector and veterinary Inspector.

It was recommended that the attention of the Waterworks Overseer be called to a damaged ball-cock at Convent Road and that an allowance be given to anyone who would salvage the seats reported by the Town Sergeant as being carried away.

Item 8. (Correspondence)

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. H. dated the 22nd of August 1944 (G.627/11/44) sanctioning temporary borrowing up to a limit of £2900 until the 5/9/44. The Town Clerk reported that the present overdraft with the Treasurer amounted to £2482 and that a sum of £328 was due to be paid.

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

That the Town Clerk apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for overdraft up to a limit of £2500 to continue to our next monthly Meeting

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. H. dated the 4/9/44 requesting copy of a Resolution of the Council in support of the Town Clerk's application of the 28/8/44 for overdraft up to £500 on the Fuel Account to enable a substantial payment to be made to the County Council for Turf to whom a sum of over £1000 was due.

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

That authority be obtained for overdraft accommodation for Fuel purposes up to a limit of £500 up to the 1st of Nov. 1944

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated the 4th September 1944 (G.9106/44) in reply to Town Clerk's letter of the 5th MAY 1944 dealing with the liability of certain premises for Rates even though vacant --being houses under the Sm.D. Act 1928 --and stating that the matter was one on which the Minister was not prepared to give a ruling.

Noted : the Manager to deal with the Matter as he considers proper.

Letter of 18/8/44 (Tpc. 11907/44) from Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs agreeing to erect telephone kiosk at apex of the Halpin triangular memorial at Fitzwilliam Square and Town Clerk's reply of the 29/8/44.

Agreed : Co. Council to be requested to give necessary permission as road authority.

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Letter dated the 25/8/44 from Mr R. White of 17 Drumcondra Park Dublin referring to previous correspondence and requesting the Council to accept a surrender of his Lease including his houses at Bond Street Wicklow and to ~~make~~ make him a fair allowance in respect of them.

Refer to Manager with a recommendation for equitable treatment

Letters from County Manager (21/8/44) and County Surveyor (5/9/44) dealing with the A.R. P. competitions in Dublin on the 15th, 16th and 17th September 1944 and requesting that Andrew Clarke and John De Courcey employees of the Council be released for the competitions on full pay for those dates.

Recommend that permission be granted--Mr P. Henry to look after Mr De Courcey's work in his absence.

In this connection it was suggested that an out-of-pocket expense account be prepared against the A.R.P. authority in respect of storage and lighting at the Town Hall.

On the application of Thomas Kelly of 17 St Laurence's Rd to exchange house with his daughter Mrs Nell of 16 Kilmantin Road it was agreed to recommend the exchange subject to each party clearing rent to date of exchange, ~~it was recommended that the Manager should effect the grant~~

Letter from the Town Surveyor in reply to Town Clerk's letter of 12th of August stating that he could not undertake to make the Woodenbridge safe at a cost less than his original estimate of £250.

It was recommended that, failing a substantial grant towards repair, that The Manager should take steps to close the Bridge.

Copies letters from the Town Clerk and Solicitor (John McGrath) to the County Manager and Chairman dated the 1st Sept. 1944 tendering his resignation from both positions with effect from 1/10/44 to enable him to take up a position to which he had recently been appointed viz Sec. to North Tipperary County Council.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Everett T.D., Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson it was recommended that the resignation be accepted and that Mr Bernard Kavangh Town Agent & Rent Collector be appointed temporarily to the position of Town Clerk and to take over when Mr McGrath was leaving.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting in September to enable certain arrears of work to be completed and to fix terms for the Town Clerkship.

Confirmed : ~~John McGrath~~ 2-70-44 CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly (OCTOBER) Meeting of The Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 3rd of October 1944, the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 28th of September 1944:-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the ~~3rd~~ 3rd of October 1944 at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following Matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th of September 1944.
2. Business transacted since the 5/9/44 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. To make recommendations concerning the temporary discharge of duties of Town Clerk.
4. To make recommendations concerning the terms and conditions of appointment of a permanent Town Clerk.
5. To grant and execute Leases to the following :-

(a) Arthur Roache (b) James Lambert (c) Mrs Margaret Sealey (d) Mrs Maria Hanrahan (e) Mrs B. Wheeler (f) Wicklow County Council (g) Henry Hamilton & Ors

6. Correspondence and Reports of Officers.
7. To review the position of the Council's administration under the following heads :-
FUEL, SCHOOL MEALS, HOUSING, CORPORATE ESTATE, ALLOTMENTS, ROADS, WATER, FORESHORE WORKS, SEWERAGE, & PUBLIC HEALTH, OTHER SCHEMES & FINANCE.

Councillors are invited to inquire into all matters touching the Administration on which they require information and in which they are interested and every effort will be made to reply adequately.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

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

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, J. O'Connor, James Clarke, R.B. Haskins, J. D. Haughton and (for earlier part only) Ml. McMahon and Wm. Clarke.

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

P.T. Healy Esq., Manager, wrote under date the 29th September 1944 acknowledging receipt of copy of the agenda and pointing out that other pressing engagements would require his presence in the County Council Offices on the occasion of the Meeting but that he would hold himself in readiness to attend on receipt of a 'phone call should Councillors so desire. He also pointed out the difficulties under the Public Bodies Order in giving effect to the wishes of the Council in the matter of the appointment of a Temporary Town Clerk.

Item 1.
The Minutes of Meeting of the 5/9/44 were read and confirmed.

Item 2.
The Orders made by The Manager since the 5/9/44 were produced and read AND arising of the reading of them the following recommendations were made :-
(a) That in respect of the Order dated the 8th of September 1944 we recommend that Andrew Clarke be paid during his absence from work on the occasion of the death of his brother-in-law.

(b) That Henry Tyndall of High Street be re-employed on any work that may offer under the Council.

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Item 3.

After a lengthy discussion and consideration of the Manager's letter of the 29th of September 1944 ~~and~~ Dept's Circ. letter of 26/9/44 it was

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

That we hereby recommend that Bernard Kavanagh, at present employed as Rent Collector & Town Agent, be appointed temporarily as Town Clerk on his vacating his present position as Rent Collector & Town Agent -- his remuneration as Temporary Town Clerk be at the rate of £5 per week and Bonns and the other terms of his appointment as Town Clerk to be the same as existing Town Clerk.

AND PROPOSED by Councillor R.B. Haskins, SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed unanimously :-

That on the Temporary resignation of the Rent Collector and Town Agent we hereby recommend that Miss Mary S. ("Olive") Kennedy, at present employed on Fuel Schemes be appointed temporarily as Rent Collector and Town Agent at 2½% on her lodgments the remuneration to be paid monthly subject to her obtaining F.G. Bond in the sum of £500.

Item 4.

PROPOSED by Councillor M. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor Wm. Clarke and passed unanimously :-

That we hereby recommend that the salary for the permanent Town Clerk be at the rate of £250 per annum and that the appointment be whole-time.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk reported that while all leases were drafted, approved and engrossed the mapping of same had not yet been completed and that in the circumstances a further meeting would be required at which the Manager would need to be present in as much as he retained the key of the Seal. In all cases with the exception of Mr Hamilton's Lease of his Castle Street property the terms were agreed on. In that case the Council had agreed to give the Lease provided he complied with the requirements as undertaken to comply with the requirements of the C.M.O.H. as to repairs and the conversion of the houses each two (in Castle Street) into one. This Mr Hamilton was not prepared to do but agreed to a compromise (as in the case of his Monkton Row houses -- on the same Lease) of covering two of the eight houses into one: he (Mr Hamilton) had produced to the Town Clerk receipts for moneys expended on repairs and improvements on the houses in very recent years which amounted to about £300 at least.

After discussion on the merits of the application of the Hamilton family for renewal of Lease in the circumstances it was :-

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan, SECONDED by Councillor J. Olohan and passed unanimously :-

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That we hereby agree to grant a Lease to the Hamilton family of their property at Castle Street and Monkton Row with a 25% increase on the old rents

PROPOSED, as an amendment, by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor R. B. Haskins

That Dr G.P.G. Beckett C.M.O.H. be asked to report on the present condition of the Hamilton property at Castle Street before further considering the Lease comprising same

On a division there voted for the amendment (Councillors W. Clarke and M. McMahon having left at this stage):-

Councillors C.W. Hudson, R.B. Haskins and J. D. Haughton and against the amendment :-

Councillors Joseph O'Connor, , Jas. Clarke and J. Olohan

The Chairman exercised his casting vote against the amendment and declared it lost whereupon the Resolution was then put and carried on a like division the Chairman again exercising a casting vote in favour of the Resolution.

It was agreed that a further meeting be called verbally by the Town Clerk when the Leases were mapped to deal with them and any other business remaining over.

Item 6.

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated 14th September 1944 (G.627/12/44) sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £2500 to the 3rd Oct. 1944.

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed :- That we hereby direct the Town Clerk to apply to the Department of Local Government & P. Health for overdraft up to £1500 until our next Meeting.

Letter from Department of Industry & Commerce dealing with the application for Permit to purchase Cement for Footpaths and stating that same could not be acceded to for the present.

Read

The Town Clerk stated that a Permit for 10 tons for the work on the sewer outfalls had been obtained and work was in progress. Letter (G.856/44) of 6/9/44 from Department of Agriculture dealing with the importance of making provision of substitutes such as seaweed, refuse and compost for farmyard Manure and Compound Fertiliser for next season's allotments.

Order :- To be attended to.

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Letter (P.H.16624/43) of the 12th September 1944 giving the outlines of Report made by Dr Fanning following the inquiry presided over by him on the 4th of February 1944 into the condition of the Wicklow Graveyard (Church Hill) and stating that an order was being made for closing same against further internments subject to certain exemptions to be made in the Order.

Read

Letter of the 28/9/44 from E.S.B. concerning certain allowances to be made on the account for Public Lighting in respect of the period from the 1st to 7th of September 1944.

Read

Letter from Mr Wynne in regard to the letting of his field at Summer Hill for 1945 season for allotments for the Employed and stating that he would not renew letting at £2:10:- and Rates but required £5 per annum and Rates

Adjourn for further inquiries as to whether the place is desired for a further season.

In reply to the C.E.O.'s letter of the 4/8/44 as to sites for Technical School, it was recommended that sites at St Laurence's Road and the Ball Alley be suggested.

The Town Clerk read copy of his letter of 20/9/44 to the G.S. Railways as to the level crossing on The Murrough and taking of sand over it

Letter approved.

REPORTS were received ~~and read~~ from Waterworks overseer, Rent Collector Town Sergeant and Veterinary Inspector

It was recommended that the water be now turned on for full 24 hours each day.

Mr Wynne wrote on the 7/8/44 inquiring if the Council required his field at Cooper's Lane for housing and it was agreed to recommend an offer of £50 for same.

PROPOSED by Councillor R.B. Haskins, SECONDED by Councillor W. Clarke

and passed :-

That Mr Joseph H. McCarroll Solicitor be appointed as Solicitor to the Council.

Councillor J.D. Haughton handed in the following Notice of Motion which was accepted by The Chairman:-

I hereby hand in notice of Motion that myself or some member on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Wicklow U. Council That portion of the Council property at the rear of the Gas Works be used for the purpose of enclosing facilities for bathing. I suggest that it be enclosed by a wall 7 or 8 ft high and that in the enclosure we should instal lavatories and Bathing shelters; estimated cost £2800.

J. Olohan (3/10/44)

PROPOSED by Councillor J.O'Connor, SECONDED by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-

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That we hereby tender to our Chairman (Councillor J.Olohan) and the relations of the late Mrs Olohan of Fitzwilliam Square Wicklow ,wife of ~~Maxx~~ Mr Matthew Olohan, at one time a respected member of the Council our sincere sympathy on the occasion of the death of the said Mrs Olohan.

Passed in Silence , all standing.

The Chairman suitably replying to the vote and Councillor O'Connor tendering to the Town Clerk his congratulations and good wishes on his expected departure to be County Secretary of his native County the Meeting terminated --on the understanding that a further meeting was to be verbally arranged by the Town Clerk by way of an adjournment of this meeting.

CONFIRMED

Dated this 7 day of November 1944
*John Olohan*.....Chairman.

Minutes of Adjourned (Monthly --OCTOBER) Meeting of The Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday the 6th of October 1944 pursuant to Order in that respect made by the Council at their meeting held on the 3rd of October 1944.

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C.W.Hudson, J.O'Connor, M. McMahon, J.Everett T.D., J.D. Haughton.

Further to the letter of the 14th September 1944 (G.627/12/44) from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dealing with overdraft accomodation it was

Proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed that the overdraft accomodation up to the 15th November 1944 be £1800 .

A long discussion took place on the question of granting a Lease to the Hamilton family of property enjoyed by them at Castle Street and Monkton Row. It appeared from an examination of the property held under the old leases that the areas now used and appropriated by the Hamilton family did not co-incide with areas in old Leases and that they had in fact increased. It was agreed to leave the matter over for the attendance of the Town Surveyor to get his views as to how far the property now been enjoyed under the old Leases or any of it might be required for Housing Development in the area.

In connection with the other Leases before the Council at their Meeting on the 3rd of October 1944 the following Resolutions were passed :-
 PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor James Clarke and passed :-

That the Leases to Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Hanrahan and Mrs Sealy of the property enjoyed by them at Castle Street and which Leases have now been mapped and read be signed and Sealed on behalf of the Council.

That the Lease to the Wicklow County Council of the portion of Land on "Clarke's Plot" on The Murrough required for a Weighbridge and Store be sealed and signed.

PROPOSED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor, SECONDED by James Clarke

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passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be now affixed to the Leases to Arthur Roche of his house at Summer Hill (occupied by ^{Mr} Peter Byrne) and to the Hamilton family of their house at Main Street Wicklow occupied by Mr Andrew Finlayson.

PROPOSED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor, SECONDED by Councillor J.D. Haughton and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease to Mr James Lambert of the house and premises at Summer-Hill, Wicklow and now in his occupation

PROPOSED by Councillor Ml. McMahon , SECONDED by Councillor Jos. O'Connor and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease to John Leonard of the small plot of ground at Summer Hill (Cooper's Lane) as now mapped on the said Lease.

The Leases were signed accordingly and it was arranged that the Chairman would attend with The Manager on the 7th October 1944 at the Town Hall for the purpose of having the Council's Seal affixed --the Manager retaining possession of the key to the Seal.

The Town Clerk then reviewed the Council's ~~resomm~~ administration under the headings as mentioned in the Agenda of the 3rd of October 1944 and arising out of that review and the questions asked the following orders and recommendations were made :-

- (1) That an Estate Map be made of the Council's Corporate Estate by the Town Surveyor
 - (2) That the question of finding work for the unemployed over the Winter period and the Council's Scheme for a Grant under the Relief of Unemployment vote be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.
 - (3) That arrangements be made to inaugurate the School Meals Scheme at the end of October and that arrangements be made as heretofore for getting the Council's potatoes and other vegetables into store.
 - (4) That the price of Turf under the Council's General Scheme (under Licence) be reduced to the original figure of 3/- per cwt.
- On the Proposition of Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor C. W. Hudson it was ordered (Councillor J.D. Haughton dissenting) that the County Surveyor be informed that the Council protest against his carrying out works on the Council's property , such as Town Hall, without getting the authority of or at least informing the Council _____ :

This 7 day of November 1944. *John O'Lochner* CHAIRMAN.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CORPORATE ESTATE :

The revenue from this source since 1935/36 has been as follows:-

Year	Revenue
1935/36	951 : 7 : 3
1936/37	£1000 : 13 : 6
1937/38	854 : 15 : 2
1938/39	905 : 10 : -
1939/40	926 : 19 : -
1940/41	863 : 7 : 5
1941/42	917 : 4 : 5
1942/43	814 : -3 : 8
1943/44	959 : 7 : 3

In 1929/30 the receipts from the estate amounted to £951 : 7 : 3

It will therefore be noted that the receipts have been ~~xx~~ about the same figure over a number of years .

Renewals of lettings and leases as old lettings went out have been given at figures showing no appreciable increase in the total . The arable land portion of the estate has recently improved by reason of the allotments schemes over the years since 1935. Further improvements and developments on those lines are required and should yield good results especially because they tend to break up the settled groove of eleven months lettings and because of the enhanced value of agricultural produce . Some of such have been planned in advance and have been communicated to the Town Sergeant . Expenditure on fencing has been on the increase but generally the expenditure runs from £75 to £90 per annum .

ALLOTMENTS:- From comparisons these have been successful in Wicklow

The great drawbacks are the tendencies (1) to dispose of produce to shopkeepers before the crops are developed and at a risk of leaving families without vegetables when they are scarce and dear, and (2) to neglect plots when the crops are sown. Some of the plots in Ballynerrin this year have been very much neglected and are overgrown with weeds . A prize scheme was thought of this season but had to be abandoned : if such a scheme ever gets into operation, it is suggested that a very essential examination is the condition of the plots in September . It is quite evident from an examination of the stubble ground of the Wheat field this year that the neglect of good and clean cultivation seriously reacts on land for years after.

Two further plot fields should be abandoned in the coming season. Land under allotments for a number of years becomes infested with weeds and disease : good crops cannot be counted on after 4 or 5 years "plotting" especially when manure is so difficult to obtain.

AN UP-TO-DATE ESTATE MAP IS VERY BADLY NEEDED : THERE IS NO SUCH IN EXISTENCE. SEEK THE PREPARATION OF SUCH SHOULD BE PUT IN HANDS WITHOUT DELAY.

WATERWORKS :-

The receipts from this underating have remained at a fairly constant figure varying from £24 to £34 per annum over the last decade.

Such receipts are not at all what should be expected and are far below what they should be in comparison with other towns. The L.G. Auditor has commented on this on more than one occasion. It seems difficult to improve the position until a more reasonable outlook on such matters is taken by large consumers such as Licensed Publicans chemists, butchers etc who would not carry on their business at all without ample supply of good water. An improved outlook should be looked for before drastic courses are resorted to. The Manager has now in mind a new system of collecting the reasonable charges fixed by the Council.

There has been no failure in the supply over the decade and the ~~analysis~~ analysis of samples from time to time gave no cause for complaint.

The expenditure (apart from Loan Charges) ran at about £280. The repayment of Loans meant about £490 additional per annum.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING :- The receipts from this increased from £34 to £52 per annum ~~over the last decade~~.

The service has given every satisfaction: certain Government Departments endeavoured to resist this charge on the ground of its illegality but abandoned that attitude.

It is not by any means a service that under present system of working ~~in a way~~ that clears itself in the matter of expenses but it may be justifiable on the grounds of public health.

HOUSING :-

The loss on the rates under the heading of Artisans Dwellings has increased from 8.4 pence in the £ in 1935/36 to 21.82 in 1937/38 to 35.17 in 1941/42 to 44.96 pence in 1943/44. It is believed that this loss will be stabilised at about 35.7 when the question of subsidies are adjusted. The recent survey has disclosed that a further Slum problem of about 30 houses has yet to be dealt with. Since 1933 a total of 192 (192) houses have been constructed and of these only 10 have been provided for normal needs. Unless private building enterprise steps in to relieve the Council they will be compelled to embark on a comparatively large scheme of providing houses for the normal needs -- thus again entering on what used to be the business of private enterprise as the Council had to do in the matter of Fuel.

Every encouragement should be given to the Scheme of providing houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: only five houses have been built under this scheme and of them one is released from the provisions of the Scheme.

Rents in Wicklow, as charged by the Council, are comparatively low. Some serious steps are necessary and are being contemplated by The Manager to prevent tenants from treating the payment of rent as something that can be postponed even to the provision of luxuries.

A Town Planning Scheme on an unexpensive scale should be undertaken at an early date: the only safeguard the Council now have in this matter is their possession of the Corporate Estate.

The Derelict Sites Act will have to be operated in a few glaring cases.

PUBLIC HEALTH:- Large sums of money have been expended by way of loan in the provision of Water and Sewerage Mains and the facilities so provided have not been availed of -- particularly in the higher levels of the Town.

The question of dealing with the outfall

from the Town Sewers has been under consideration: it should never be lost sight of until dealt with.

FUEL :-

It is believed that the Council are unique in operating a Fuel Merchant's License: number of matters combined to force them into the position of having to cater for the fuel requirements of the ~~the~~ town's people who could afford to pay and were willing to pay controlled prices.

Since the position was last reviewed ^{on the 1/8/44} the weekly sales of Turf have dropped to at least half of what they were.

Adequate supplies of Turf were stored before bad weather set in and are now securely protected from the weather.

The question of looking after the Town's needs in the matter of Fuel has been a severe burden on the time and thought of the Council's officials and employees. Much of the ordinary work had necessarily to be postponed in face of such. From 300 to 400 tons of fuel was distributed during the year ending 1943 (the receipts being £1009 : 13 :- This is quite apart from Free Fuel Scheme. The sales during 1943/44 were ~~xxxxxxx~~ only about one third of that year.

The prospect of sales during the current year would indicate that only the figures of 1943/44 will be reached -- at most.

The whole question of administration charges or fees for this work still remains unsettled.

It is anticipated that on the operation of Fuel Schemes since the year £1 1941 there has been a loss of at least £100.

A sum of about £1000 remains due to the County Council for ~~xxxx~~ Turf and £ to General Textiles for Turf also. The Department of Forestry insist on getting in full the amount claimed by them viz £171 odd.

About half the money so due is due for Free Fuel and debts in respect of same will be liquidated in course of a ~~week~~ fortnight when claims against the Government are audited and balances are transmitted.

It is hoped that the County Council will not press for immediate payment of all the amount now outstanding to them: £500 was paid them in the last month.

Turf to be reduced to 2/ per cwt

~~LOANS~~

LOANS

The Council's Loan indebtedness has increased from £20783 on the 31/3/35 to £ 82191 on the 31/3/44

The amount of Stock outstanding has been reduced from £14550 in 1934/35 to £ 10650. The sinking fund is in a sound position.

The annual cash charge for repayment of Loans has been increased from £1104 in 1934/35 to ~~£570:12:6~~ in 1943/44

RATES & VALUATION

The Total Valuation of the Town has increased from £7518 in 1934/35 to £8710 in 1944/45

	Town Rate	Poor Rate
1933/34	11/-	6/8½
1944/5	11/8	10/4

~~ROADS~~ :- The Mileage has increased from 6.08 in 1934/35 to 7.22 in 1943/44

The annual expenditure was £501 in 1933/34, £473 in 1936/37 and £321 in 1942/43.

A good deal of useful improvement Road Work has been carried out over the decade with the help of Relief of Unemployment Schemes -- no administration charges been incurred. Further such improvement schemes are badly needed. e.g. South Quay, Wentworth Place etc

FORESHORE WORKS :-

The total expenditure over the decade on such work was £ Much more work has yet to be done and would now be done were it not that a deadlock was reached between the Council and the Department as to what are "works of Repair " and what are "New works " or works of Improvement . The national as distinct from the local character of such work has been stressed by the Council : otherwise the local Rates would be quite unable to bear the burden of them. A heavy burden passed to ordinary expenditure revenue expenditure in the last scheme of works because of the failure of property owners to pay what the Gov. considered to be their share and because of the exorbitant repairs and new works (about £470).

PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued) :-

A proposal to provide a Public Abattoir has been considered from time to time : such would be most desirable in Wicklow ~~and~~ but it is doubtful if such a scheme could be ~~financially~~ worked out in Wicklow without loss to the Rates

The Council have taken a keen interest in the matter of provision of Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases : they are quite within their rights in taking an interest in this matter and pressing their demands .

A great deal of indiscriminate dumping has been taking place all over the Town and it has been found most difficult to deal with it.

At least ~~two~~ ^{three} further Public Conveniences are required (1) at Fitzwilliam Square (underground) (2) At end of Castle Street or Black Castle direction and (3) Ball Alley near Summer Hill side.

It might be wise to consider appointing at a small consideration an elderly person --say one of the Council's employees who have ceased in regular employment --a beach man and a person who would look after the Public Conveniences

The Beach promenade and Foreshore ~~works~~ require the services of some such attendant and his employment should repay the town.

SCHOOL MEALS

This service has worked well. There are many aspects of it that could be improved --but changes should be gradual .

~~The cost of the scheme has increased from £211 in 1933 to £210 in 1934.~~

The cost of the Scheme has increased from £68 : 7 : 11 in 1933 to £109 in 1944 .

RATES & FINANCE

Warrants for 1944/45	Town Rate	Poor Rate
	£4928 : 17 : 4	£4674 : - : -
3/10/44 Collected & lodged	1359 : 9 : 2	2442 : 15 : 5
	1421 : 15 : 2	2277 : 9 : 5

Present Overdraft with Treasurer £1963:13:2

Paid County Council 1st instalment of 1944/45.

Minutes of Monthly (NOVEMBER) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 7th of November 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 3rd of November 1944 :-

Dear Sir,
The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th inst., at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 3/10/44 and 6/10/44.
2. Business transacted since the 3/10/44 as per Manager's O. Book
3. Council's application for Grant for Relief of Unemployment (Wentworth Place & Coopers' Lane)
4. School Meals Scheme for 1945 Season
5. Allotments Scheme or Schemes for 1945 Season.
6. Renewal of Lease to Hamilton family of property at Castle Street and Monkton Row.
7. The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J.D. Haughton :-
"I hereby hand in Notice of Motion that myself or some member on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council that portion of the Council's property at the rear of the Gas Works be used for the purpose of enclosing facilities for bathing. I suggest that it be enclosed by a wall 7 or 8 feet high and that in the enclosure we should install lavatories and Bathing Shelters estimated cost £2,800."
8. Application of Matthew Manning for consent to assignment of yearly Tenancy in field at Dunbur Road.
9. Correspondence and Reports of Officers
10. Free Milk applications.

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., ~~Manager~~ and J.T.O. Byrne Esq. B.E., Town Surveyor. and ~~Mr~~ Mr Bernard Kavanagh Town Agent

Item 1.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 3/10/44 and 6/10/44 were read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced and the more important ~~ixxx~~ Orders were read.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk read letters of the 10th and 12th of June last which he had sent to the Department of Local Government & Public Health with reference to the Council's application for the offered Grant of £740 and the question of taking over the maintenance of South Quay and after discussion the Town Clerk was directed to contact the Department of Local Government asking them for a reply.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that acting on instructions he had issued public notices inviting voluntary aid for the gathering of the potatoes for the School Meals Scheme and that with the exception of Mrs Clarke giving her horses and man and Mr Hudson giving the potato digging machine no other volunteers offered and men, including the Council's men, had to be employed for the work. The Potatoes were now in store. Acting on further instruct-

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he had asked the School Meals Committee to meet on Thursday the 2nd of November and the following attended :- Rev Fr O'Flynn Adm., Miss Fitzsimmons Miss Kavanagh of the Square, Mrs Everett, Mrs Fainting, Mrs McCall, Mrs Culhane, ~~xxxxxx~~ Rev. Brother Gregory and The Council's Chairman (John Olohan). The following recommendations were made :- (1) That all the children as listed from the Convent and De La Salle Brothers School and numbering 80 and 83 respectively be admitted to the benefits of the School Meals Scheme and (2) ~~---~~ Mrs Doyle having declined to cater for the coming season -- that Mrs Doyle be again requested to re-consider the question of catering and in default of her agreeing, inquiries be made from Mrs O'Toole of New Street as to the use of the East Coast Express premises and from others.

The Town Clerk reported that that on the 7th inst he had an offer from Mrs Kate Doyle to do the catering for the increased remuneration of £2 per week and to be supplied with fire blocks and Coke for cooking. It was recommended that Mrs Doyle's offer be accepted in preference to the offer of Mrs Ryan to cater for 35/- and 15/- per week for electricity for cooking.

Other tenders for supplies were referred to The Manager and it was recommended that the Scheme be inaugurated as early as possible.

Item 4.

After hearing the Town Clerk's report on last year's allotment Scheme and his recommendations for the Scheme for 1945 it was recommended :-

- (1) That fields A.1 and D. & D1. be abandoned for use for allotments and that the Council grow wheat in those fields next season
- (2) That field A. (opposite Golf Links) be used only for ~~Employed~~ ~~xxxx~~ allotments for Unemployed
- (3) That one (or two) fields on the old Dunbur Lane now in the occupation of Mr Thos Dickenson for ~~xxx~~ grazing under an 11 months letting) be taken up and ploughed at an early date for Employed applicants
- (4) That the field on Greenhill road (B.1) in use for first time in 1944 be used for unemployed allotment holders again in 1945
- (5) That the "Sledge Field" (B) be utilized as far as may be required for Unemployed applicants displaced from Ballynerrin Fields (D. and D.1)
- (6) That so much of the said "Sledge Field" as may not be required for purpose mentioned in (5) be utilized for Council's potatoe Scheme
- (7) That the field at Quarry Lane under wheat in 1944 be let out for conacre for oats in 1945 and laid down with grass seeds
- (8) That the two schemes for "Employed" and "Unemployed" be kept separate and in separate fields -- the plots at Territ Lane to be continued for the Employed and further inquiries be made as to whether the parties accommodated in Wynne's field are prepared to renew their lettings at 10/- per annum so as to meet Mr Wynne's demand for a Rent of £5 per annum.
- (9) That Notices be now published on fields to be abandoned of the intention to abandon.
- (10) That Ploughing operations on the Quarry Field and Sledge field and at least one field on old Dunbur Lane be begun immediately.

Item 6

After discussion it was agreed to grant a Renewal of Lease to the Hamilton family of their property at Castle Street and Monkton Row at an annual rent of £7:10:- and it was :-
PROPOSED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor, SECONDED by Councillor James Everett and passed :-

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That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease to the Hamilton family for 31 years of their property at Castle Street and Monkton Row as now mapped and before us reserving a Rent of £7 :10:- per annum .

The Resolution was passed unanimously and the Lease and counterpart were signed and sealed .

Item 7.

After Councillor Haughton had ~~explained~~ explained his project in full and after discussion he agreed to allow the matter to stand adjourned to next meeting and it was ordered :-

"That the question be deferred until the next meeting of the Council for further inquiries as to sites and for particulars and estimate by the Town Surveyor the Department of Local Government to be asked in the meantime if they would give a grant in aid of the Scheme suggested by Mr Haughton " .

Item 8

Mr Matthew Manning had written under date the 20th October 1944 stating that he had agreed , subject to the Council's approval, to acquire from Miss Wall her interest in the two fields which she held from the Council on a yearly tenancy at Dunbur Road at the annual rent of £12 :4 :- and rates .
It was unanimously recommended that the proposal be approved of .

Item 9 (Correspondence)

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 2nd November 1944 (G.627/14/44) sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to the 15th November 1944 up to a limit of £1800 .

The Town Clerk pointed out that before the end of the month payments in respect of Loans to the Commissioner of Public Works amounting to £2716 would fall due to be paid and that he estimated that by reason of those payments and allowing for receipt of subsidy in the meantime there would be required accommodation up to a limit of £2,200 .

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

That application be made to the Department of Local Government for authority for extension of overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £2,200 to continue until the next monthly meeting of the Council

Letter from the Superintendent G.S. Wicklow dated the 30th of "October " 1944 enclosing copy of the Analyst's Report on sample of Milk taken from that being supplied in the Wicklow Urban District under the Free Milk scheme and showing that the Milk was genuine and contained the required portions of Solids and Fats .

Read.

Letter from Mr D. Meehan of Kilmartin Hill Wicklow dated the 27th of October 1944 and asking to be given tenancy of a premises at South Quay or The Mall Wicklow part of which is used by the Labour Party to be used for a Slaughter Yard .

Order :- Recommend that the report of the C.M.O. Health be obtained on the proposal.

Letter (CE.61974) of the 9th October 1944 from the Chief Engineer of The Great Southern Railways calling on the Council to remove the Level Crossing at The Murrrough and to restore the fences to their original condition.

Read.

Letter from The Manager dated the 31st October 1944 enclosing letter of the 28th October 1944 inquiring as to the adequacy of the Council's

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Fire-fighting appliances and inquiring if the Council had made any agreement with The Minister for Finance for the use of the equipment provided under the A.R.P. Scheme

Order :- The Council are satisfied that subject to entering into an Agreement for the ~~Small~~ Small Light Trailer at present in the Town Hall Store .

Letter from Mr Wynne dated the 31st October 1944 declining to give his field at Cooper's Lane for Housing unless on payment of £200 .

Read

File of correspondence and Tenders dealing with the offer of Fuel Timber at Glenmalur from the Forestry Department.

The Manager advised the Council not to proceed to get further stocks of Fuel into store having regard to the fact that there was now a merchant supplying Fuel .

The Council recommended that subject to the prices permitting sales without loss the timber be acquired and referred the questions of Tenders to the Manager .

Letter of the 15th October 1944 from Mr Donal C.O'Connell Captain of the Swimming Club requesting that the ~~swimming~~ diving staging at the New Pier be now removed and thanking the Council for their assistance in increasing the swimming facilities .

The Town Clerk reported that the staging had been removed before the receipt of the letter .

The question of the safety of the Woodenbridge having been raised by the Manager to the Council on the proposition of Councillor C.W.Hudson, Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Connor recommended that the Woodenbridge be closed for the use of the public as being dangerous --subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government & Public Health .

The Town Clerk having reported that in the grant of the Lease to Messrs J.P.Hopkins & Sons of their premises at South Quay and in the calculation of the Rent (with the 20% increase) (See Minutes of Meeting of the 2nd of February 1943) the Rent of ~~that~~ that part of the premises isolated by the Lane to the South Quay ~~is~~ and which under the old Lease was 15/9 was overlooked : that he had called the attention of Messrs Hopkins to the ~~error~~ omission as appeared by the Minutes referred to and they had agreed to remedy the matter by an endorsement on the Lease .

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

That by an endorsement on the Lease dated the 11th of June 1943 the Rent reserved in the said Lease be increased by 18/10 per annum to run concurrently with ~~the~~ and to be paid at like times and in the same manner as the Rent (£25 :4:-) reserved in The Lease making the entire annual Rent to be £26 : 2 : 10 .

Reports were received from the Waterworks Overseer, Town Sergeant and Veterinary Inspector and were read.

Arising out of the Report of the Town Sergeant and S.S.O., it was recommended that the new Sewer Rods now taken into stock be not in future given out or lent out for use on private sewers or any other private work without the permission in writing of The Manager .

The Report on the Rate Collection showed that the Collector had lodged on the ~~30/10/44~~ 31st of October 1944 amounts equal to 63.17 of his Poor Rate Warrant and 35.38% of his Town Rate Warrant .

The Council recommended that the Collector be paid poundage on his lodgments to date .

Dated the 5th day of Dec 1944. Confirmed *J. Hudson*Chairman

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday the 17th November 1944 pursuant to the following requisition received on the 14th November 1944 and Notice to each member on same date:-

To. The Acting Town Clerk,
Wicklow Urban District Council

We, the undersigned hereby request you to summon a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council to be held on Friday next the 17th inst at 7.30. p.m. to consider :-

1. An application from the County Surveyor for permission to erect a concrete wall on the Murrough in connection with forthcoming Firefighting Contests to be held on the Murrough on the 26th inst.
2. Tenders received for cutting and haulage of timber from Glenmalure to Wicklow and the Manager's Order made thereon

Dated this 14th day of November 1944.

Signed John Olohan Councillor.
James Clarke, Councillor.
Joseph O'Connor Councillor
James D. Haughton Councillor.
James Everett Councillor.

Present Councillors J. Olohan (presiding) C.W. Hudson, J. Everett
T. D. James Clarke. J.D. Huaghton and
Joseph O'Connor.

ITEM 1.

After discussing the County Engineer's application for erection of wall on The Murrough the following resolution was passed :-

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett

Resolved That permission be granted to County Surveyor for erection of wall 21 feet by 9 feet on the Murrough in connection with forthcoming Firefighting and Rescue Competition on the 26th. Novr. 1944.

J. Olohan
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Before going into the tenders received the Acting Clerk informed the meeting that the Manger regretted he would be unable to be present owing to his having to attend at Arklow. He was instructed to say that the Manager with Mr. McGrath went carefully into the tenders and after calculating the all in cost of the timber, he decided that it would not be possible to sell without loss to the Council. It should be borne in mind that the previous timber scheme had suffered a loss to the Council of about £40 which will have to be borne by the Ratepayers. The Report of the Auditor on the two years Audit now about to be completed and which is expected to be received shortly will deal with this loss in detail. The Manager wishes it to be known that

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that he does not want to see the Council surcharged for any loss that might arise in regard to this purchase.

The following tenders were received in response to advertisement and placed before the Meeting:-

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| 1. | Wm. Byrne, Aughrim | Carry from Roadside at Glenmalure to Wicklow at 18/6d. per ton. |
| 2. | Francis McDonald, Ballygannon | Saw at Glenmalure at 10/- per cord. To draw to where lorry can reach them at 7/6d per cord. |
| 3. | John Thunder Lagoreen | Carry at 21/- per ton. |
| 4. | R & M. Haughton, Rathdrum. | Carry from Glenmalure to Wicklow at 18/- per ton

Saw at Rathdrum and deliver at Wicklow at £1. 4. 0. per ton. |
| 5. | Peter Molloy, Ballinastow | Carry at 9/10d per ton
Tender does not include loading but includes unloading.
Tender to include loading would be 11/- per ton. |

Correspondence received from Mr. J. Kane and copy letter from Mr. Kane to Forestry Department was also read and after a long discussion the following Resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett
Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson.

Resolved: That we recommend that the Tender of Peter Molloy of Ballinastow to deliver timber from Glenmalure to Wicklow for 11/- per ton be accepted and that arrangements be made immediately to have this timber delivered at once.

J. Olohan
17.11. 44.

Application from County Engineer for permission for Town Fire Brigade to attend parade on Sunday 26th inst at the Murrough in connection with Inter Town Firefighting Contests was granted.

J. Olohan
5/12/44