

Minutes of Monthly Meeting (December) of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 5th December 1944 the following Notice being sent to each Member on the 1st December 1944.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 5th inst at 7. 30. p. m. when the following matter will be under consideration

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 7. 11. 44 and 17. 11. 44.
2. Business transacted since 7. 11. 44 as per Manager's Book.
3. Allotment Schemes for 1945.
4. Draft Licence (J.L. Morgan to U. D. C.) in connection with Kilpoole Quarry.
5. Copy Order Minister for L. G. & P. H. re closing of Church Hill Graveyard.
6. Correspondence dealing with timber offered at Glenmalure and previous timber purchased by Council.
7. Fixing dates of Annual Christmas Fowl Market and December Monthly Fair.
8. Correspondence ( including letter received By Chairman Harbour Board re proposed Grant for Quays).
9. Report of Officers.
10. Free Milk Applications.

Yours faithfully,

B. Kavanagh.

Presente Councillors J. Olohan (presiding) C.W.Hudson, J.Everett TD James Clarke, R.B. Haskins, W.J.Clarke, M. McMahon and J. D. Haughton.  
Also Present P. T. Healy, Esqr Manager and J. T. O'Byrne, B.E. Town Surveyor.

Item 1. The Minutes of the Meetings held on 7. 11. 44 and 17. 11. 44 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. The Manager's Order Book was produced and Orders read.

Item 3. The Acting Town Clerk was directed to write to Thomas Dickenson ( 11 months tenant to the Council) that the two fields held by him were being taken up on the 31st December next in order to make provision for allotments for ensuing Season.

It was recommended that the river bed above Woodenbridge at Bachelors Walk side be inspected with a view to ascertaining if deposit which has accumulated could be used as manure for allotments also the road cleanings which have accumulated on side of main road under Friars Hill to be inspected for like purpose.

The following Councillors were appointed to inspect the fields proposed to be used for allotments to replace allotment holders to be removed from fields being abandoned and to report to Manager.

Councillors J. Olohan, E. W. Hudson, James Clarke and R. B. Haskins.

The ploughing of the fields was left over until report of Committee was made to the Manager.

Item 4. Draft Licence to be sent to Town Surveyor for his attention and approval.

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Item 5. Arising out of the Schedule of Exceptions attached to Order prohibiting further burials in Church Hill Graveyard, the Manager mentioned that he had been interviewed by Miss Shaw whose name had been excluded from list of Exceptions. The Acting Town Clerk mentioned that he had also been interviewed by Mrs. Mary J. Murphy who wished to know if she could appeal against the Order.

After discussion the Acting Town Clerk was directed to obtain from both parties letters setting out the full facts of their respective claims and on receipt of such letters that same be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health with the following resolution which was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor R.B. Haskins.  
Seconded by C. W. Hudson.

That owing to some misunderstanding the claims to burial rights of Miss K. Shaw Wicklow and Mrs. Mary J. Murphy Wicklow in the Graveyard Church Hill, have been omitted from list of excepted persons with rights to burial in the Graveyard and accordingly this Council urges the Minister in the strongest manner possible to accord his consent to above two persons being included in sup. list of persons excepted as having the rights to burial in aforesaid Graveyard.

Item 6. After reading correspondence between the Acting Town Clerk and Department of Lands regarding the price of timber offered, the Department refused to reduce the price to £1. per cord as suggested by the Manager and intimated that if the offer was not accepted within ten days alternative arrangements would be made for disposal of same

A long discussion took place and the Manager after pointing out the loss the Council had suffered in carrying out a previous scheme warned the Council that a similar loss would probably arise on this proposed purchase. The Council reviewed the figures & decided to recommend the Manager to accept the offer of the Department at 26/- per cord and the tender of Messrs. R & M. Haughton for sawing and delivering into Wicklow at £1. 4. 0. per ton.

Directions were given to Acting Town Clerk (1) to return to the Department of Supplies the Fuel Merchant's Licence held by Mr. McGrath and to request Department to issue new Licence in the name of the Acting Town Clerk (2) Communicate with the Department of Supplies with reference to issue of petrol coupons for carrying of timber from Glenmalure to Wicklow.

Item 7. The annual Xmas Fowl Market was fixed for Monday 18th December and Notice of same was directed to be published in Wicklow People on the 9th inst.

It was unanimously agreed not to change the original date of monthly December Fair.

Item 8 (Correspondence)

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that overdraft accommodation would be required on General Account for £1600 up to next meeting

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

That application be made to Department of L. G. & P. H. for authority for extension of overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £1600 up to 2nd January 1945.

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Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 24th November 1944 dealing with proposed Swimming and Bathing facilities on sea front and letter dated 5. 12. 44 from Town Surveyor that owing to bad weather he was unable to take measurements &c and submit a report were read.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously

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

That the following Councillors accompany Town Surveyor on inspection of Sites with reference to proposed Swimming facilities on Thursday next at 4. o'clock J. D. Houghton W Clarke, C. W. Hudson, M. McMahon J. Everett T. D. and R.B. Haskins

Letter dated 25. 11. 44 from Department of Local Government and Public Health acknowledging resolution of the Council concerning closing of Woodenbridge - read.

Order refer to Manager.

Letter from County Secretary enclosing extract from Minutes of County Council held on the 13. 11. 44 asking for names of Councillors to be appointed by this Council to attend a conference relative to the imposing of restrictions under the Cinematograph Act 1909.

After discussion the following resolution was passed

Proposed by Councillor M. McMahon  
Seconded by Councillor James Clarke.

That inasmuch as W. U. D. C. is perfectly satisfied with existing conditions in relation to Cinemas in this Town it is this Council's considered opinion that the suggested conference is unnecessary

Arising out of a discussion and complaints by Members of the Council regarding the prevalence of Diphtheria in the Town and district the following Resolution was unanimously passed

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

That we request the Department of L. G. & P. H. to detail a Medical Inspector to attend special meeting of U. D.C. with a view to ascertaining what further steps can be taken to stamp out outbreak of Diphtheria so prevalent in this Town and District. The Council are prepared to meet on any date and at any hour that will suit for this purpose.

Dr. Beckett Co.M.O.H. Dr. O'Connor M.O.H. and Dr. Donway to be invited to attend meeting when date is fixed.

Letter from Town Surveyor dealing with his inspection of the houses in Bond Street (Mr. Rd. White) and stating that Co. M.O.H. would be inspecting them to-morrow and report would be submitted in due course read.

Recommendation of the Council re appointment of Solicitor  
Proposed by Councillor W. J. Clarke.  
Seconded by Robert B. Haskins.

That we hereby recommend the County Manager to appoint Mr. J. H. McCarroll as Solicitor to this Council he to be paid on taxed Bills of Costs.

passed unanimously.

Letter from Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor, dated 3. 11. 44 asking if the Council and Manager would permit a client of his

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to build a dwellinghouse on the sites at Friars Hill in respect of which a Demolition Order was made some years ago.

Order Mr. Hopkins be requested to furnish rough sketch of sites and proposed building.

Letter from Co. M.O.H. dated 20. 11. 44 reporting that the premises at rear of Labour Club in respect of which application was received from Mr. D. Meehan for use as Slaughter House was quite unsuitable and recommended one central abattoir for the town

After discussing the matter the Acting Town Clerk was directed to ascertain all available facts and with the Town Surveyor to prepare a Scheme for the provision of a central abattoir in the Town.

Letter dated 14. 11. 44 from Westmeath County Council with Resolution regarding school leaving age of children &c.

Submitted

Letter from Tenants of Bungalows at Castlefield complaining of condition of paths to the houses and rusty condition of windows.

Referred to Town Surveyor for Report.

Letter received 5. 12. 1944 from P. Hayden tenant of 4 Urban Villas complaining of condition of paling between his garden and garden No 3 Urban Villas.

Paling to be attended to and concrete posts to be used.

Complaint from W. Kavanagh tenant of Bungalows at St. Laurences Road complaining of annoyance from children gathering under lamp at his house and suggesting lamp be removed to pole on Convent Road.

Council cannot see their way to have lamp removed.

Report of Waterworks Overseer together with joint report signed by Overseer and Town Surveyor dealing with recent breakdown at Waterworks The necessity of engaging an additional man to assist the Overseer and the purchase of sand for filter beds were under discussion and

An Order was made that the Report be referred to the Manager.

Report of S. S. Officer was read and the portion dealing with the absence of P. Henry one of the Council's men on sick leave and the necessity of engaging an extra man for another fortnight was referred to the Manager

Letter from the Rate Collector with reference to poundage withheld and a bonus not being granted to him was read. The Manager explained the position regarding the poundage which had been withheld and the bonus which had been granted to other Collectors and that he had received a similar letter from the Collector to which he had replied.

Tender of John McGuire at £8. 15. 0. for uniform for S. S. Officer was accepted.

Dated 5th December 1944. Confirmed

*John Olohan*  
Chairman

MINUTES of Monthly (January) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd January 1945 pursuant to following Notice sent to Members on the 29th December 1944.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd January 1945 at 7. 30. p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 5. 12. 44 (copy herewith)
2. Business transacted since 5. 12. 44 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Allotment Scheme 1944/45 Season.
4. Report of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor on their inspection of Houses at Bond Street ( Owner Mr. R. White).
5. Report of Town Surveyor on inspection of Sites for proposed swimming and bathing facilities.
6. Letter from M.O. Fever Hospital regarding discussion at last meeting in reference to epidemic of Diphtheria in Town.
7. Fuel Scheme.
8. Report of Officers.
9. Free Milk Scheme.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully,  
B. Kavanagh,  
Acting Town Clerk.

Present Councillors - J. Olohan (Presiding) C.W. Hudson,  
James Everett T. D. R.B. Haskins, J. D. Haughton  
James Clarke and Joseph O'Connor.

Also present. - T. T. O'Byrne B. E. Town Surveyor.

Item 1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th December 1944 ( as circulated to the Members) were confirmed.

ITEM 2. The Manager's Order Book was produced and Orders read.

Arising out of the Manager's Order dealing with Departments Letter on the expenditure under Free Milk Scheme to 31st March last, Councillor R.B.Haskins asked for further information.

The Acting Town Clerk read letter from Department and explained the position regarding the allocation and under expenditure on the Scheme. Report of the County Medical Officer of Health on the matter was also read and it was unanimously agreed that the Scheme should be administered in a more liberal way by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Item 3. The Meeting having been informed that up to date only 20 applicants had applied for allotments under the Scheme for unemployed persons and five had applied under the Scheme for employed persons, it was agreed to allow the consideration of the matter to stand adjourned for a fortnight.

ITEM 4. Arising out of Report of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor on four houses in Bond Street (Owner Mr. R. White) and after a discussion on same it was stated that Mr. White had previously offered to sell the property to the Council. Mr. White being on the premises Councillor O'Connor was asked to interview Mr. White and inform him of the contents of the report and to ascertain what he would be prepared to accept for the property. On Councillor O'Connor's return he informed the Meeting that Mr. White would accept £30 for ~~seven~~ seven houses situate at Bond Street (4) and ~~Mr.~~ Strand Street (3) which amount the Council considered reasonable and the following resolution was passed unanimously

" Proposed by Councillor R.B. Haskins  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor

That we recommend the County Manager to accept the offer of Mr. White to sell to Council for £30 the sites of seven houses situate at Bond St. and Lower Strand Street.

J. Olohan 2. 1. 45.

ITEM 5. Report of Town Surveyor, Estimate and Map of proposed swimming and bathing facilities having been considered by the Council it was recommended that the Manager accept the proposed scheme and that estimate and plans be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Item 6. (Correspondence )

Letter from Dr. J. Conway Medical Officer, Fever Hospital was read dealing with discussions and criticisms of Councillors at last Meeting of the Council re Diphtheria in Wicklow.

A long discussion took place on the contents of this letter and several of the Members stated that they were prepared to adhere to the complaints made by them at previous meeting but emphasized the fact that no charges or complaints had been made implicating any of the Medical Officers concerned.

A long report from Mr. O'Connor Medical Officer of Health was before the Meeting dealing in general with cases of Diphtheria; the lack of accommodation in Fever Hospital for treatment of patients &c, and suggesting that a Committee of say three members with himself be appointed so that, they could meet at a Moment's Notice if the crisis became acute.

After a long discussion the following Resolution was unanimously passed

Proposed by Councillor R.B. Haskins.  
Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson.

That we recommend that the Nurses be removed from the Fever Hospital and accommodation be found for them outside Hospital premises so ~~that~~ as to provide additional accommodation for fever patients and that the Acting Town Clerk get in touch with the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking why reply to Council's resolution of the 5. 12. 44 had not been received.

The following Members were appointed to act as Committee with Dr. O'Connor as suggested in his report, Councillors J. Olohan, Chairman, J. Everett T. D. C.W. Hudson, R. B. Haskins and J. D. Haughton.

A discussion took place regarding the urgent necessity for the provision of a County Fever Hospital and the following resolution was passed unanimously and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to forward copy to County Secretary with a request that same be brought before the next meeting of the County Council

"Proposed by Councillor R. B. Haskins  
Seconded by J. D. Haughton

That in view of the serious report of the Medical Officer of Health, Wicklow on the prevalence of Diphtheria in this Town and district and the lack of suitable accommodation for the treatment of patients at the Fever Hospital in Wicklow this Council requests the Wicklow County Council and the County Manager to urge upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the necessity of proceeding forthwith to provide additional accommodation for treatment of patients in this area and so prevent treatment of patients in their own homes as a result of the local Fever Hospital being used to accommodate patients from outlying districts, this hospital having been erected solely to accommodate patients from the Town and District.

Passed unanimously J. Olohan 2. 1. 45.

The financial position of the Council's General Account having been explained to the Meeting it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett  
Seconded J. Olohan and passed

That Application be made to Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for extension of overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £1800 up to next meeting to be held on 6. 2. 45. J. Olohan 2. 1. 45.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received Paying Order for £2, 797. 17. 5. in respect of Housing Subsidies, that from examination of the Estimates for 1944/45 it appeared that Mr. McGrath had estimated receipts in respect of Housing Subsidies amounting to £2,000. and Deferred Subsidy amounting to £800 making a total of £2,800. The gross payment (as per Schedule from the Department of Local Government and Public Health) amounted to £2, 799. 18. 1. from which was deducted in respect of an overpayment in 1937/38 the sum of £2, 0. 8 From these figures it would appear that all arrears of Housing Subsidies have now been cleared off.

Letter G. 16694/4/44 from Department for Local Government & Public Health sanctioned temporary appointments of B. Kavanagh as Town Clerk, Miss M. S. Kennedy as Rent Collector also temporary Clerical Assistance for a period of six months or pending the permanent filling of the post of Town Clerk whichever is the shorter.

Read and noted.

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The Town Clerk stated that he had received letters from Messrs. Hamilton, John Barklow Miss L. McPhail (now residing at Dundalk) regarding their rights to burial in Wicklow Graveyard (Church Hill, Wicklow)

Councillor Hudson stated that he had been consulted by

Miss Halpin of Tinnakilly regarding omission from Schedule of Exceptions attached to Order closing this Graveyard of the names of herself and her sister. He considered it very unfair that this family should be excluded from Burial rights there.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor James Clarke.

That copy of the correspondence received from Messrs. H.J. Hamilton and J. Barlow and Miss L. M. McPhail and Misses Halpin be forwarded to the Department for Local Government and Public Health with a request that the above claimants be included in supplemental list of persons excepted as having rights to burial in Wicklow Graveyard (Church Hill Wicklow). J. Olohan 2.1.45.

Letter from County Secretary as to advisability of setting up Committees in Urban areas in connection with administration of Home Assistance.

Approved.

Letter S 1180/2589 from Department of Supplies asking for views of Council concerning granting of Fuel Merchant's Licence to Mr. James Clarke Convent Road.

Recommend Licence be granted.

Letter from Wicklow Corn Company complaining of choked sewers at rear of their premises at South Quay.

Refer to Sub-Sanitary Officer and Town Surveyor for inspection

Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth McEvoy No 11 Kilmantin Hill as to the condition of her house (Owner Mrs. Morgan)

Order to be inspected by Town Surveyor.

Letter from Miss A. Manning complaining of entrance at her house No 1 Kilmantin Road being used by public as a convenience &c.

Order Refer to Town Surveyor.

Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce enclosing Lessee's part of Lease and Memorial (land formerly Foreshore)

Order to be sent to Law Agent with instructions to have Lease registered in Registry of Deeds.

Arising out of a question regarding the money available for repairs to roads and footpaths the Town Surveyor informed the meeting that with the Acting Town Clerk he had gone through the Estimates for 1944/45 and it appears that there is a balance of about £183 to be expended on Roads and Footpaths before March next.

A discussion took place as to the most urgent works to be done and it was proposed by Councillor R. B. Haskins and  
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Connor

That the sum of £150 in hands for expenditure on Roads and footpaths be spent on repairs to the Woodenbridge and that a loan for the sum of £300 be obtained to make a total expenditure on the Woodenbridge of £450.  
J. Olohan 2. 1. 45.

Copy Notice issued by Town Surveyor and served on Mrs. A. Roberts owner of two houses (in ruins) in High Street to secure and fasten up entrances and render safe overhanging walls &c, was before the Meeting and an Order was made that matter be placed in the hands of Law Agent for necessary action

Item 7. The Acting Town Clerk brought before the Meeting the financial position of the Fuel Account which showed that the Account had been overdrawn to the extent of £254 and that there was due to the County Council for Turf supplied £725 odd. The Acting Town Clerk was directed to apply for sanction to overdraw on this account up to £500

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

That application be made to Department, Local Government and Public Health for authority for extension of overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £500 to the 6. 2. 1945.

Replying to a question as to the delivery of timber purchased at Glenmalure the Acting Town Clerk was directed to get into communication with Department of Lands as to delay in facilitating contractor in removal of this timber.

The County Surveyor informed the Meeting that the Saw Mill Yard at Quarantine Hill was now open to all trespassers and that some large beams had been sawn down that there was in this yard valuable shafting, pulleys boiler &c, and suggested to the meeting that he thought that same should be advertised for sale as the Council ~~had~~ no further use for them.

The Council unanimously agreed that advertisements be issued.

Councillor O'Connor stated that a sewer in Castle Street was leaking and asked if there was any report from Sub-Sanitary Officer concerning same.

It was also mentioned by Mr. Hudson that top rail of Barrier leading to promenade had been broken off and removed.

Referred to Town Sergeant.

Reports of Waterworks Overseer and Sub-Sanitary Officer were read

Application from Town Sergeant for overcoat - Granted.

Dated 2nd January 1945 - Confirmed

*John Olohan*  
Chairman.

MINUTES OF Monthly (February) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 6th February 1945 the following Notice being sent to each Member:-

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
1st February 1945.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 6th February 1945 at 7. 30. p. m. when the following matters will be under consideration.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 2. 1. 45 ( copy herewith)
2. Business transacted since 2. 1. 45 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Allotment Scheme 1944/45 Season.
4. Auditors Report on two years Audit to 31. 3. 45.
5. Fuel Scheme.
6. Applications for vacant house at 3. St. Dominick's Rd.
7. Correspondence.
8. Report of Officers.
9. Free Milk Scheme.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,  
B. Kavanagh  
Acting Town Clerk.

Present Councillors: J. Olohan (Presiding) C.W. Hudson James Everett, T.D. and James D. Haughton.

Also Present P. T. Healy, Esqr Manager and J.T. O'Byrne B.E. Town Surveyor.

Item 1. Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd January 1945 ( as circulated to the Members were confirmed.

Item 2. The Manager's Order Books was produced and important orders were read.

Arising out of the Manager's Order on proposed Bathing facilities Councillor Haughton stated that he was glad that the Manager had accepted the proposal and asked if the work could be started with as little delay as possible, the Town Surveyor stated that he was at the moment working on plans and estimates to be sent to the Department and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Department and ascertain if a Grant in aid of the proposed works would be made.

A short discussion took place on the Manager's Order appointing an Assistant to Waterworks Overseer. The Manager explained that the appointment was purely a temporary one and that the position would be reviewed fully at the end of three months when the Town Surveyor was to report again.

Regarding Account due Messrs. D.H. Haskins & Sons Ltd. for pipes received for the Council in respect of which an Order was made by the Manager that a detailed report be furnished by the Town Surveyor. The figures set out in letter written by Former Town Clerk to Messrs. Haskins

2. having been carefully examined it was recommended that £56 2s 7d be paid as requested in letter of 29th December 1944 from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co.

Item 3. The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that 90 applications for free allotments had been received to date. That a number of new Applications (25) had been received but owing to a large number of last years allotment holders not having made applications for allotments this year he was unable to make provision for the new applicants who were anxious to start work.

After a discussion the Acting Town Clerk was directed to make out a list of those who had not applied and ask the Town Sergeant to ascertain from each of them if they wished to apply for allotment this year and to inform them that all allotments would be distributed after the 13th inst.

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to advertise for ploughing of two fields at Dunbur recently held by Thomas Dickenson and portion of Sledge Field now in Council's possession.

The following fields were order to be advertised for con-acre lettings

- (a) Field at Ballyguile to be offered for wheat crop.
- (b) 2 fields at Ballynerrin.
- (c) Field at Summerhill (Wynnes)
- (d) Parcel of ground at Dunbur (Delahunts) to be offered for wheat or oats. All to be oversown

with Grass seeds to be supplied by the Council and tenders to be received on or before 4. p. m. on 16th inst.

Item 4. Auditors report on Audit for two years ending 31st March 1944 was read.

COPY/ 11. 12. 44.  
A 20425/44.

1. I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the two years ended 31. 3. 43 and 31. 3. 44. Certified copies of the Abstract are forwarded herewith.

2. The following table summaries the Town and Poor Rate Collections for the two years under audit.

	Town Rate		Poor Rate	
	1942/43	1943/44	1942/43	1943/44
Arrears bt. forward	£ 888. 14. 1.	£ 1002. 12. 4.	£ 554. 13. 3.	£ 711. 13. 0.
Warrant for year	4136. 17. 2.	4230. 12. 11.	3701. 10. 3.	3786. 10. 6.
Total Collectable	5025. 11. 3.	5233. 5. 3.	4256. 3. 6.	4498. 3. 6.
Lodgments & Discounts	3866. 13. 2.	4064. 12. 3.	3421. 8. 1.	3591. 14. 1.
Irrecoverable	156. 5. 9.	250. 8. 5.	123. 2. 5.	196. 1. 0.
Carried forward	1002. 12. 4.	918. 4. 7.	711. 13. 0.	709. 1. 0.

3. The arrears on both rates increased during the 1942/43 collection but decreased very slightly at the close of the 1943/44 collection.

4. The Town Rate raised for the year 1943/44 amounted to 12/6d. in the £1 made up as follows  
 Urban Road (Repair 7.5 pence: improvement 3.5 pence 11d.  
 Expenses under Public Health Acts including ls./water 5. 1. 50.  
 Housing for working Classes Acts 2. 6. 50.  
 Other expenses 3. 11. 00.

5. The Poor Rate raised for the same year amounted to 10/- in £.

6. At 31st March 1944, there were adverse balances of

£2006. 11. 5 and £45. 8. 11d. on Town and Poor Rates A/cs. respectively At an Adjourned Estimates Meeting, held on 6th April 1943 the Council resolved to include in their estimate for the current year a sum of £373 and equal sums of £373 annually in the Estimates of the succeeding three years for the purpose of liquidating an estimated adverse balance of £1490. Expenditure in the year 1943/44 exceeded the estimate for the year and the Council's consent was given, on 4th April 1944 to the excess expenditure.

7. Receipts also were in excess of the estimate but it seems clear that the proposed annual provisions of £373 will not be sufficient to eliminate the present adverse balance within the period contemplated.

8. The annual contribution to Sinking Fund for the year 1943/44 was not made within the year.

9. In August 1942 a loan of £410 was obtained for the purpose of recouping the General Revenue Account in respect of expenditure incurred in the previous year for the purchase of emergency supplies of water mains, and for the reconstruction of sudden damage to a boundary wall.

10. One of the borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts repaid the outstanding principal in August 1943, and the money received was used to liquidate the corresponding loan from the Commissioners of Public Works.

11. The following table gives an indication of the state of the various rent collections:-

	Urban Villas	Summer Hill.	Monkton Row.	Ballynerrin.	Castlefield	Corporate Estate.
Arrears at 31. 3. 42. £	9. 3. 11. 2.	64. 10. 4. 2.	29. 5. 5. 2.	218. 5. 5. 2.	210. 10. 1. 2.	2986. 6. 2. 2.
Rents inclusive of Rates to 31. 3. 43.	157. 10. 0.	249. 10. 0.	260. 17. 4.	1562. 12. 0.	468. 8. 0.	976. 16. 5.
Collected during year to 31. 3. 43.	151. 4. 4.	259. 19. 6.	259. 8. 0.	1476. 8. 2.	436. 12. 1.	821. 17. 3.
Written off for vacancies.	2. 0. 8.	9. 8.	13. 11.	7. 16. 0.	3. 15. 0.	21. 13. 11.
Arrears at 31. 3. 43.	13. 8. 11.	53. 11. 2.	30. 0. 10.	296. 16. 3.	38. 11. 0.	1119. 5. 5.
Rents inclusive of rates to 31. 3. 44.	157. 10. 0.	249. 10. 0.	260. 17. 4.	1562. 12. 0.	613. 12. 0.	1066. 6. 0.
Collected during year to 31. 3. 44.	146. 2. 0.	245. 4. 1.	265. 1. 11.	1541. 4. 3.	559. 1. 4.	970. 0. 6.
Written off for vacancies	1. 0. 4.	Nil.	Nil.	5. 2. 7.	7. 0.	19. 17. 2.
Arrears at 31. 3. 44.	23. 16. 7.	57. 17. 1.	25. 16. 3.	313. 1. 5.	92. 14. 8.	1195. 13. 9.

12. The Manager had the arrears due on Artizans' Dwellings under review on 14th April 1944. In a number of cases he decided to accept offers made by the tenants for the payment of weekly instalments on account of arrears in addition to the current rents. In a few cases he directed that legal proceedings be taken. In my report at last audit the Corporate estate Rental I referred to ~~XXXXXXXX~~ for cases of abnormal arrears. Since then a judgment mortgage has been registered for the amount outstanding in one case: in another case a sum payable as compensation under a compulsory purchase order has been set off against the liability leaving however a considerable sum still due, and at present the other two cases are under consideration.

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13. The Council purchased a quantity of timber in October and November 1942. The timber was to be weighed on the Public weighbridge and delivered at an enclosed yard in the Town, designated by the Council. The yard was rented for the purpose at a rate of 5/- per week. The owner of the yard was to saw the timber into logs of a specified length, for which he was to be paid 3/- (afterwards increased to 4/-) per ton, and to deliver the logs at the Council's Fuel Depot for an additional payment of 1/9d. per ton. The Seller of the timber produced weighbridge dockets showing an aggregate weight of 98 tons approximately for which he was paid. These dockets bear the signature of the owner of the yard in acknowledgment of delivery. The total quantity of sawn logs delivered by the owner of the yard in completion of his part of this transaction into the Council's Fuel Depot was 69 tons approximately. Two payments were made to the owner of the yard in respect of rent and first deliveries, but in view of the discrepancy in quantities further payments were withheld by order of the Manager. The Council suffered a net loss of approximately £29. The Manager informs me that he has considered the matter fully and has satisfied himself that it is not possible to recover the balance of this loss.

14. The total quantity of timber purchased for purposes of sale of fuel to the public under Emergency Powers Order was 492 tons approximately and the total quantity of sold and used for School Meals and heating of offices, was 382 tons approximately leaving a deficit of about 110 tons. A portion of this deficit viz 29 tons can be ascribed to the transaction above referred to and the balance which represents about 16 1/2% of the total purchases must be attributed to shrinkage and loss in handling. It was possible to ascertain the loss in weight in regard to timber as all stocks purchased were exhausted in the Summer of 1943 and no purchases were made after. The loss in weight of turf has been ascertained up to May 1943, when there was no stock in hand, all prior purchases having then been disposed of. The total purchases of turf to that point amounted to 362 tons approximately and sales amounted to 291 tons approximately showing a loss of 71 tons approximately 19 1/2% from shrinkage and handling. Now stocks of turf were purchased in November 1943 and sales have since been continued.

15. I directed the attention of the Town Clerk to Article 42 of the Public Bodies Order 1942, which should be complied with strictly.

16. One new Lease of a plot of ground included in the Corporate Estate was granted in the period under Audit. Three renewals were also granted one at an increase of 20% and the other two at an increase of 25% on the former rents. All Leases were for a period of 31 years.

17. A new Policy is in preparation to substitute Policy 647345 for which the Annual Premium became due on 23rd October last. otherwise all insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed) S. O'Connell  
Infhuchoir.

DO'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla  
agus Slante Poiblidhe.

Referring to the rents and housing Subsidies the Manager informed the Meeting that he had gone carefully into the Housing Subsidies and that all subsidies had been received except on one holding and stating that this tenant would have to pay the economic rent. Regarding the Council's loss on timber purchased for Fuel the Auditor had fully investigated the matter and held that he (manager) had not been in any way responsible for the position.

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Item 5. The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that no further timber had been made available for the Contractors apart from six cords which had been received and disposed of. Deputy Everett stated that he had interviewed the Department recently with reference to delay and he was promised that the roadmaking would be expedited as quickly as possible.

Item 6. Eleven applications for vacant houses at 3, St. Dominick's Road were examined and the Council recommended Mrs. Sarah Hill, Castle Street be allotted the house;

Item 7. Demand from the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for 1945/46 amounting to £63. 7. 6. was received and the Acting Town Clerk stated that this demand showed a reduction of £18. 4. 10. on the 1944/45 demand.

Letter G 823/2/45 dated 25th January 1945 from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to £1800 to 6th Feb. 1945.

The Acting Town Clerk stated that further overdraft accommodation would be required to meet the payments to be made during the month. The following resolution was passed.

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

That application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for extension of overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £1800 up to date of next meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th March 1945"  
J. O'Lochan 6.2.45."

Letter dated 11th January 1945 from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & CO Solicitors enclosing cheque for £125. 10. 1. being £72. 9. 0. Decree £50 costs and £3. 1. 1. expenses in connection with Case Wicklow U. D. C. v National Bank.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had applied to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction for overdraft on ordinary Fuel Scheme Account up to £500 but no sanction had been received. There was at present a credit balance in Free Fuel Account amounting of £251. 17. 3. and that he had furnished a return in connection with the Summer Scheme to the Department and sent a copy to the Council Council showing amount due by them and asked for a remittance.

ORDER. Pay to the County Council £300 on account Turf supplied for Free Fuel Scheme.

Correspondence from the County Engineer and County Secretary that 10/- per week had been allowed by Department of Defence for rent of premises occupied by Auxiliary Fire Service from 1st November, 1943.

Read.

Letter from the County Engineer asking if Council would be prepared to accept on behalf of the Town the Custody of a Perpetual Challenge Cup recently won by Firefighting Team representing the Town to be displayed in the Council Chamber.

Accepted.

Copies letters sent from Department of Local Government and Public Health to Mrs. Mary J. Murphy and Miss Ethel Halpin that Dr. Ward Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is not prepared to grant rights to interment as requested in Wicklow (Church Hill) Graveyard.

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After discussing same the Acting Town Clerk was directed to supply a list of claimants to Deputy Everett who undertook to attend at the Department and discuss the matter with a view to having all claims reconsidered.

Letter from S. V. Delahunt giving quotations for parts of Servall Ranges ( Fire Covers) at 15/- each and ( Bottom Grate) at 8/- each.

Order-12 covers and 28 bottoms to be ordered.

Letter from Mrs. R. Dover 11 St. Dominicks Road complaining of dangerous condition of entrance to house occupied by her.

Order refer to Engineer for report.

In reply to advertisement offering old machinery at Mill Yard for sale the Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that inquiries had been received from two firms and that particulars had been sent to them. That on the 6th inst a telephone message had come from Hendron Bros to know if machinery could be inspected by them at any time.

Report of Waterworks Overseer was read.

Report of Sub-Sanitary Officer was read and a short discussion took place on the portion dealing with attendance of Sub-Sanitary Officer at fires which had broken out in chimneys of private houses. The Chairman stated that this Employee he thought should get some remuneration for having to disinfect houses on Christmas Days and Sundays.

The Matter was referred to the Manager and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Insurance Co to ascertain position of Council's employee although the attendance of the Council's Fire Fighting Equipment was unnecessary.

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Confirmed John O'Lohan

MINUTES of monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 6th March 1945 the following Notice being sent to each member

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
2nd March 1945.

Dear Sir,

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

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 6. 2. 45. ( Copy herewith)
2. Business transacted since 6. 2. 45. as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Allotment Scheme for Season 1944/45.
4. Fuel Scheme.
5. Proposal to reconstruct Woodenbridge.
6. Applications for vacant House No. 5. St. Brides Road.
7. Correspondence.
8. Officers Report.

Your are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

B. Kavanagh  
Acting Town Clerk.

TO/Each Member  
Wicklow U.D. C.

Present Councillors K. O'Lohan )presiding O. C. W. Hudson, R. B. Haskins  
William Clarke, J. D. Haughton, M. McMahon  
& Joseph O'Connor.

Also Present. P. T. Healy, Esqr Co. Manager, and J. T. O'Byrne  
B.E. Town Surveyor.

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ITEM 1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 6th February 1945 (as circulated to Members) were confirmed.

ITEM 2. The Manager's Order Book was produced and the important Orders were read. ~~The Manager's Orders~~ Arising out of the Manager's orders a letter was read from the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd claiming £36. 7. 8. being excess premiums and refunds for years 1943/44 in respect of Workmen's Compensation. Policy No 209239, in which they stated that through an oversight they omitted to assess £20 on each employee of Fire Brigade. After a discussion on same the Town Surveyor was directed to look into the matter and report thereon.

Resignation of Acting Town Agent and Rent Collector was read and The Acting Clerk stated that one application had been received for the temporary position. After discussion it was decided that the filling of the vacancy be left over to see if further applications would be received.

Letter (H.4890/3/44) from Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting copy Order made by the Manager of Rent Collection at 30th ~~September~~ December, 1944, also

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to be furnished with certain information regarding tenants in arrear their income &c.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the information requested had been forwarded and that list of defaulting tenants was in course of preparation for examination by the Manager.

Item 3. It was stated by the Acting Clerk that 134 Applicants had applied for Free Allotments and that there were 133 Allotments available, but that there were nine doubtful cases.

The Acting Clerk asked the Meeting to fix the price for damaged potatoes, stating there were about 3 cwt weights in the store, that he had received two offers for same, the highest being 4/- per cwt. Instructions were given that this offer be accepted.

Regarding portion of field at Ballyguile which would not be required for allotments instructions were given to Acting Clerk to have Barley sown in same and if possible to obtain artificial manure for it.

ITEM 4. Arising out of letter from Department of Lands offering to supply balance of logs (125 cords) from Cronybyrne at £3. per cord and letter from Messrs. Haughton, Carriers dealing with delay in completing delivery from Glenmalure through no fault of theirs, and stating that they would be obliged to take legal proceedings for breach of contract, as they had suffered considerable loss over the delay.

A long discussion took place and the Acting Clerk was directed to forward copy of Messrs. Haughton's letter to Department of Lands and to request an immediate reply.

ITEM 5. A Report from the Town Surveyor on dangerous condition of Woodenbridge and Estimate for replacing existing Bridge by reinforced concrete at cost of £2,500 were discussed and after the question of repairs had been carefully considered the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Council W. J. Clarke.  
Seconded by Council R. B. Haskins.

That having considered the Report of the Town Surveyor dated the 6th March 1945 regarding the present dangerous condition of the Woodenbridge over the River Leitrim in this Town together with the plan also submitted and the Estimate of £2,500 for its replacement by a concrete bridge, we hereby approve of the said report and the proposals contained therein. At present the Bridge is closed off the traffic owing to its condition thereby inflicting inconveniences and hardship on the Public, strong representations have been received from the many people affected requesting that steps should be taken without delay to restore the bridge which is necessary now, but more particularly in the Summer Tourist Season.

As the Minister will be aware the resources of the Council are small but owing to the extreme urgency & necessity for the Bridge, we would endeavour to meet the position if a Grant of 50 per cent is made by the Department, by raising £1250 by loan repayable over a period of say 25 years. We ask the Minister to give favourable consideration to our proposal and reply to the Council in sufficient time to allow financial provision to be made in the 1945/46 Estimates which will be considered on Tuesday the 27th March 1945. J. Olohan  
6. 3. 45.

The Acting Clerk was directed to communicate with the Department and ascertain if a Grant of £1250 would be made available towards the cost of the works and to request a reply before the 27th March being the date fixed for consideration of the Estimates for the year 1945/46.

ITEM 6. Only two applicants appeared to be interested in vacant house at 5. St. Brides Rd. The Acting Clerk having gone through the list of Applicants for houses (29 in all) it was unanimously agreed to grant this house to Mrs. Mary Canavan as she appeared to be the only applicant to qualify.

Item 7. Correspondence

Letter (g) 28/2/45 from Department of Local Government and Public Health in reply to Acting Town Clerk's letter of the 9th January 1945 requesting sanction for overdraft of £500 on Fuel Account asking to be furnished with statement showing Council's different Bank Accounts and the balances at 31st December 1944 and 31st January 1945.

ORDER Statement of Particulars to be furnished.

The Council's finances having been explained to the Meeting and the Acting Clerk stated that overdraft accommodation would be required on General Account The following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor William Clarke.  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton

That the Acting Town Clerk make application to Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £1500 to continue to our next meeting to be held on the 3rd April, 1945.  
J. Olohan.

Letter ( P.H. Uvic.16/45 ) 7. 2. 45 that amount allocated for Free Milk for year ending 31st March 1946 will be £200.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that as a result of the curtailment in distribution of milk during year ending 31st March 1944 the grant had been reduced by £53. 5. 6.

Noted.

Circular H 17/1945 dated 29th January 1945 from Department of Local Government and Public Health re Housing ( Miscellaneous Provisions ) Act 1931.

Noted.

Letter from the Department of Finance enclosing Copy report made by Commissioner of Valuation together with payable Order for £151. 6. 1. on account of Harbour Charges 1944/45 leaving a balance due of £100. 19. 5.

Noted.

Letter dated 10th February 1945 from County Council Offices, Rathdrum requesting names of members to act on Committee set up in pursuance of the Public Assistances Act 1939 for the purpose of reviewing cases of Home Assistances in Wicklow Urban area

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that he had a conversation over the phone on that date with Mr. Sutton stating that it would be necessary for the Committee appointed to meet on the 19th March in Wicklow at any hour suitable to the Committee.

The County Manager explained to the Meeting the reasons for such a Committee and suggested that the whole Council be appointed ( with a quorum of 3 ).

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The Manager's suggestion was unanimously agreed to and the first Meeting was fixed for Monday 19th March 1945 at 3.0. c.p.m. at the Town Hall, and the Acting Clerk was directed to summon same.

Copies letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to Miss L. McPhail, H. J. Hamilton, J. Barlow and Miss K. Shaw refusing rights to interment in Wicklow (Church Hill) Graveyard were read.

A number of the Councillors regretted that the efforts of the Council had not been successful and after a discussion the Acting Clerk was directed to write each of the parties concerned stating that everything possible had been done by the Council regarding their claims to burial rights, and that the Council suggests that they should get into communication with Local Church Body and ask them to take up their claims with the Local Government Department.

Letter from the County Engineer asking if the Council would reserve use of Murrough for July 8th 1945 for elimination test for the County teams in Firefighting & rescue Competitions.

ORDER Murrough to be reserved on this date.

Letter from Westmeath County Council enclosing resolution calling on all political parties to agree on a person to be nominated as President so as to avoid putting the Country to expense of a presidential election.

Read

Letter from John Murphy, Kilpoole Hill, asking for settlement of claim for removal of building material from two houses his property at Castle Street.

Order Facts to be investigated.

Letter from Mrs. Kavanagh, Urban Villas asking if the Council would provide two lights in her house at Urban Villas.

Order The Council regretted that they could not instal the lights as requested.

Letter from the Irish Tourist Association requesting a contribution for Tourist purposes.

Order. Refer to Estimates Meeting.

Report from the Town Surveyor on state of some of the Council's houses and complaints received concerning one tenant causing annoyance to neighbours and keeping fowl which are trespassing on adjoining gardens having been before the Meeting the Acting Clerk was directed to have Notice to Quit served on Mary McGrainor repres. of James McGrainor the tenant.

Correspondence and Reports of Town Surveyor and Town Sergeant dealing with damages to Council's field at Blackcastle by removal of sods from the surface of fields were under consideration. After a discussion as to the value of the damage it was recommended that the County Manager accept £1.10. 0. by way of fine to be paid by Nurse Leonard who had admitted that the sods were removed by her.

Letter from William Earls Knacknaquirk applying for £. 7. 10. 0. agreed price with former Town Clerk for use of ground at Dunbur for potatoes in 1943.

Order. Send to Mr. McGrath for observations.

5.

Letter from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co asking for reply to their letter of the 21st November 1944 returning Lease and counterpart for re-engrossment (U.D. C. to Co. Council).

Order. Acting Clerk to write Mr. McGrath to return forthwith all Council's documents including Leases.

Account from Dr. O'Connor M. O.H. for £54.13. 0. immunization fees for the year 1944.

Order. Acting Clerk to ascertain from County Council (Public Health Section) what action is taken by the County Council in cases of children receiving one injection only and if there is any recompment under the Scheme.

Application from General Textiles Ltd for balance of £50. 12. 8. in respect of turf invoiced to the Council in April, 1944.

Order, Acting Clerk to look up the account.

Letter from Council's Solicitor asking for instructions to institute proceedings under the Public Health Acts against owner of derelict property in High Street.

Order. Defer to next meeting as work has been started on the property.

Letter from Messrs. Hendron Bros. that they would send quotation for old machinery in Mill yard during the coming week.

Noted.

Acting Clerk placed before the Meeting the position of the Rate Collections as follows:-

Town Rate.	Warrant	£4965.	1. 10.	Outstanding	
				at 6. 3. 1945.	
Collected	£	3076.	11. 7.		
Discounts		19. 14. 6.	£3096.	6. 1.	£ 1868. 15. 9.
Poor Rate	Warrant	£	4684.	0.0.	
Collected	£	3379.	7. 8.		
Discounts		17. 1. 4.	3396.	9.0.	1287. 11. 0.

Letter was read from Rate Collector to the effect that he hoped to close collection by 31. 3. 45 but that in the event of being unable to do so, asked for an extension of one month.

The County Manager explained to the Meeting that he had recently interviewed the Collector with reference to his claim to poundage withheld for past years and of the offer he had made to the Collector if he closed his warrants within the year to which the Collector agreed. That as regards extending time for closing there was no legal power to grant any extension of time. The Meeting for consideration of the estimates for the year 1945/46 was fixed to be held on the 27th March next.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that he had correspondence with Mr. Campbell re burst water pipe at Wentworth place. A discussion took place as to responsibility of repairing such leaks and it was pointed out by the

County Manager and Town Surveyor that all such leaks whether between the main and stopcock or stopcock and residence are to be repaired by the householder.

Report of Sub-Sanitary Officer was read, regarding outbreak of fire in Chimney of Misses Carrolls house as reported by Sub-Sanitary Officer and at which a number of cane rods the property of the Council had been damaged in extinguishing the outbreak, it was stated that a strong wire should have been used for this purpose instead of the cane rods.

The Acting Clerk stated that he had made a claim against the Insurance Company for £3. 10. 0. for loss of rods, and that he had a message from the Company's Agent that a claim was being forwarded.

Valuation List for 1945/46 was before the meeting and showed a reduction of £36. 5. 0. in last years Valuation.

Report of Waterworks Overseer was read.

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*J. Olohan*  
*3/4/45*

MINUTES OF Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 27th March 1945 the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 24th March 1945.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow  
24th March 1945.

Dear Sir,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 27th inst at 7. 30. p.m.

1. To consider the Manager's Estimate for Town and Poor Rates for 1945/46 ( Copy Estimate herewith)
2. To consider letter from Department of Lands re Fuel.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

B. Kavanagh.

Acting Town Clerk.

To Each Member,  
Wicklow U.D.C.

Present Councillors **J. Olohan** (Presiding) **C. W. Hudson**, **R. B. Haskins**  
**J. D. Haughton**, and **Joseph O'Connor**.

Also Present. **P. T. Healy**, County Manager.

Before the Meeting commenced the Chairman and other members commented on the small attending at such an important meeting.

**Item 1.** The County Manager explained to the Meeting that the large increase in the estimates now before the meeting for consideration was chiefly due to the under-estimating and over-expenditure for a number of years past. He referred to the Auditors report dealing with the two years audit ending 31. 3. 44 showing actual adverse balances of £2, 066. 11. 5. and £45. 18. 11. on the General and Poor Rate Accounts respectively. This adverse balance of £2, 066. 11. 5. on the General Account and the estimated deficit at the 31st March, 1944 differed very considerably.

He had made a careful examination of the Council's financial position to the 31st March 1945, and he estimated a deficit of £2, 444. As a result of correspondence with the Department of Local Government and he recommended spreading this deficit over a period of five years, accordingly making provision in estimates for the raising of £494. 10. 3. which required an additional rate of 1/3<sup>d</sup> in the £.

After discussion the estimates were then gone into and each item of expenditure and receipt was carefully examined.

The Councillors recommended the County Manager to spread the deficit of £2, 444 over a period of 10 years instead of five years and after a discussion the Manager agreed but pointed out that he did not think the Department would sanction a ten years period.

1. The following resolutions were passed:-

Proposed by Councillor E. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor R.B.Haskins.

That we the Wicklow Urban District Council at the Estimates Meeting specially convened for the purpose hereby determine and adopt a Town Rate of 11/9d in the £ and a Poor Rate of 11/9 in the £ for the service of the year 1945/46.

J.Olohan  
27. 3. 46.

2. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Connor.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, we hereby consent to and approve and confirm the expenditure of money or the incurring of liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate approved and adopted for the service Financial year ended the 31st March 1945, and we are satisfied that such expenditure or the incurring of such liability was due to matters not within the control of the Manager.

J.Olohan.  
27. 3. 45.

The Acting Clerk was directed to readjust the figures and have Certificate at foot of Estimates form signed by the Chairman.

Item 2. The Acting Clerk read letter from the Department of Forestry re Fuel at Glenmalure and directions were given that copy of letter be sent to Deputy Everett with a request that he call to Forestry Department to see if he could have the matter fixed up.

*J. Olohan  
3/4/45*

MINUTES of the Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 3rd April, 1945 the following Notice being sent to each Member:-

Town Hall,  
Wicklow  
31st March 1945

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 3rd April, 1945 when the following matters will be under consideration:-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 6th March, 1945 and 27th March, 1945 (copies herewith).
2. Business transacted since the 6. 3. 45. as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Allotments Scheme and Council's Scheme Tillage Scheme for 1944/45.
4. Correspondence.
5. Reports of Officers

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,  
B.Kavanagh,  
Acting Town Clerk.

To Each Member,  
Wicklow U. D.C.

Present Councillors J.Olohan, (presiding) C. W. Hudson, William Clarke and Joseph O'Connor.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager was unable to attend owing to his absence in Bray.

Item 1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 6. 3. 45. and 27. 3. 45 (as circulated) to the Members were confirmed.

Item 2. The Manager's Order Bppk was produced and the important Orders, made since last monthly Meeting were read.

Item 3. The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that it had been suggested to him that instead of sowing Barly and grass seeds in remainder of Sledge field at Ballyguile the Council should put the School Meals potatoes in this field and that the remainder of lea field at Dunbur be let for conacre.

Order. School Meals potatoes be planted in Sledge Field and the remainder of field at Dunbur be let for conacre.

ITEM 4. The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting the position of both Rate Collections at 31. 3. 45 was as follows:-

Town Rate		Poor Rate	
Warrant.	Collected.	Discount.	Outstanding.
4965 £4955. 1. 10.	£3669. 14. 6.	£19. 14. 6.	£1275. 12. 10.73.89%
	3814. 7. 9.	17. 1. 4.	852. 18. 11. 78.73%

Letter from Council's Solicitor (read at previous meeting) asking for Council's instructions to proceed against owners of houses in High Street which are in a dangerous condition

The Acting Clerk stated that this letter was before the previous Meeting and that then the owner had commenced to make the property safe and that work had since been completed.

No action to be taken.

Application from Henry Kennon, South Quay, for Lease of piece of waste ground at South Quay which would need to be walled in and built over to suit his purpose.

After discussion on same and as there was no ground adjoining Mr. Hamilton's holding as stated in application the matter was adjourned to next meeting for inquiries.

Application from Mr. William Clarke for Lease of yard at Quarantine Hill (known as Pim's yard old saw mill Yard)

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson.  
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Connor.

That We the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a Lease for 75 years of yard at Quarantine Hill (formerly old Saw Mill Yard) to Mr. William Clarke at the yearly rent of £5

J. Olohan. X

Letter from Messrs. Hendrom Bros. Dublin offering the sum of £51. 10. 0. for entire of lot of machinery offered for sale at old Mill yard.

Referred to Town Surveyor.

Resolution from the Buncarana U. C. congratulating Carndonagh Town Tenants and Leaseholders Association on their fight against ground rents and recommending legislation to compel absentee landlords to sell their interests to Leaseholders

Adopted.

Letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd asking the Council to appoint one of its members as Nominee to attend and vote at General Meeting of the Company.

Order. that the Chairman be appointed Nominee and the Necessary form completed and returned to Irish Public Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Application from Mrs. Esther Murphy, 24 Kilmantin Road for piece of paling being removed at rear of Ballynerrin Houses to place around her garden to protect same from trespassers

Read.

Reports of Waterworks overseer and Town Sergeant were read. Arising out of Town Sergeants report on Public convenience it was recommended that the County Manager appoint a caretaker to look after same and the Acting Clerk was directed to look up the records of the taking from Public Convenience with a view to fixing remuneration of caretaker.

Councillors Hudson and Clarke mentioned about the condition of the plot in front of Clafk's at the approach to the Beach due to carting over same and the Town Surveyor's provision at last Meeting that he would have this carting stopped but the Councillors stated that carting was still going on and since last meeting cement had been mixed on the plot and as a result no grass would grow thereon for months.

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The Meeting considered the collection very satisfactory and the following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor W. F. Clarke.

That this Council notes with satisfaction the improvement in collection of Poor and Town Rates at the 31st March, 1945 and recommend the Collector for very favourable consideration in the matter of his poundage J. Olohan 3. 4. 45.

The Acting Clerk was directed to apply for the necessary sanction for overdraft accommodation up to £1500 to the next monthly meeting and the following resolution was passed:-

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

That the Acting Town Clerk apply for overdraft not exceeding £1500 up to the next monthly meeting to be held on the 1st May, 1945 J. Olohan 3. 4. 45.

Letter dated 24. 3. 45. from the Department of Local Government and Public Health referring to proposal furnished by Town Surveyor for improvement of bathing and swimming facilities at the Harbour stating that the site had been inspected by an Engineering Inspector of the Department and that the Inspector had reported that the area is unattractive owing to the presence of old refuse dump and steep sloping bank of rounded stone. In the circumstances it is felt that the result to be achieved would not justify the expenditure and suggesting that consideration be given to the possibility of planning development works in more pleasant surroundings.

Read.

Arising out of the above letter Councillor W. J. Clarke inquired as to the position regarding proposed new Bridge to replace Woodenbridge. The Acting Clerk stated that the Town Surveyor's report together with Estimate, plans and resolution of the Council passed on the 6th March, 1945 had been forwarded to the Department on the 7th ult with a request that a reply be received on or before the 27th ult in order that provisions might be made in Estimates for coming year. No reply having been received to the letter the Acting Clerk had been on the phone twice on the 26th and 27th ult and was informed that the Engineering Department had not gone into the matter.

ORDER That the Acting Clerk write the Department for a reply as the Council wished to know if a grant is being made available towards the proposed works, so that, the Council may be in a position to proceed with the work as early as possible.

Letter from the Hon. Secretary Wicklow Select Vestry, re Closing of Wicklow Graveyard to the effect that the Select Vestry were not consulted by the Local Government Department or their Inspector on the Question of outstanding burial rights before at or since the Inquiry.

Along discussion took place and the Acting Clerk was directed to ascertain if the Church at any time made representation to the Department to have the Graveyard closed.

Letter from Miss Kathleen Shaw conveying her sincere thanks to all the members of the Council regarding her claim to burial rights in Wicklow Graveyard.

Read.

Letter from Tenant No. 3, Castlefield complaining of annoyance by next Door neighbour and Acting Clerk's reply was read.

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The Meeting strongly commented on Orders being made and which had not been carried out.

Councillor Clarke also brought before the Meeting the state of St. Laurences Road due to tenants throwing stones off their gardens on the road, the danger these stones caused to cyclists using the road and asking if something could be done to prevent the refuse from the gardens being deposited on the roads. It was explained that ashpits had been erected in this area and that there was now no necessity for dumping on the roads.

Order - Acting Clerk to have notices posted warning tenants against dumping refuse from gardens on roads, and that prosecutions would be taken by the Council against persons found dumping on roads after the notice had been given.

Confirmed John O'Lohan

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 1st May, 1945 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member :-

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
27th April, 1945

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 1st May, 1945 at 7. 30. p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration:-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 3. 4. 45 ( copy herewith)
2. Business transacted since 3. 4. 45. as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Allotments Scheme and Council's Tillage Scheme.
4. Adjourned application from Henry Kennon for Lease of yard at South Quay.
5. Application of Mrs. Margaret Clarke for Lease of plot of ground at Corporation Lands containing 2 roods 20 perches.
6. Application from John Kane for Lease of yard at South Quay.
7. Fuel Scheme.
8. Vacant House at 12 Glenview Road.
8. Correspondence.
9. Reports of Officers & Rate Collection.

Yours faithfully,

B. Kavanagh,  
Acting Town Clerk.

Present Councillors J. O'Lohan ( Presiding) C. W. Hudson, James Everett T. D. R. B. Haskins and Joseph O'Connor.

Also Present: J. T. O'Byrne, Esqr B.E.

It was explained that the County Manager's Absence was due to his attendance at Bray Inquiry.

Item 1. Minutes of Meeting of 3. 4. 45. ( as circulated to the Members) were confirmed.

Item 2. The Manager's Order Book was produced and the important Orders made since last monthly Meeting were read:

Arising out of Manager's Order regarding prosecutions under the Towns Improvement Acts some of the Councillors present appeared to be in doubt as to whether the Towns Improvement Act were in force in this Town but agreed that the disorderly conduct in the Town should be stopped.

Regarding Manager's Order re Appointment of Caretaker of Public Convenience. The Acting Clerk stated that Notices