

ITEM 4. Application from Dominican Convent letter from Messrs. W.F. Byrne & Sons Architects and plan of proposed site for erection of new School were before the Meeting

After a long discussion and the view of the Councillors on an alternative site for fairs having been fully discussed and Councillor Hudson having explained that Members of the Farmer's Federation had consulted him regarding an alternative site for the fairs Councillor Everett suggested a deputation from the ~~Farmers Federation~~ Council meet a deputation from the Farmers Federation at an early date (which Councillor Hudson would arrange) for the purpose of inspecting the alternative site at the Ball Abbey and to adjourn final decision until the 11th inst when tenders for the Bridge & Alley would be considered. Councillor Hudson stated that he personally had no objection to the proposed alternative site at the Ball Alley and he believed that same would meet with the approval of the Farmers Federation.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Everett seconded by Councillor R.E. Haskins.

Resolved: That Councillors Hudson, Everett, Sutton Olohan Kane and Brennan be appointed to meet representatives from the Farmers Federation to inspect at an early date the alternative site at the Ball Alley for holding Fairs

Having regard to Councillor's Hudson statement that he believed that the Ball Alley would meet with the approval of the Representatives of the Farmer's Federation the following Resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor James. Everett T. D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan.

That a Lease be granted to the Dominican Convent of the strip of ground adjoining their field at Convent road to provide sufficient site to erect new National School at a rent of £5. per year said Lease to commence from the 29th September, 1945 for a term of 75 years.

J. Olohan 4. 9. 45.

5. Letter dated 23rd August, 1945 from County Secretary enclosing Co. Manager's Order granting use of portion of Gaol Yard to the Council for the purpose of storing and distributing Fuel at a rent of £5 per annum payable in advance.

A discussion took place as to the purchase of turf offered by the County Surveyor at present stored in the Gaol Yard and as to which Scheme should be operated from the yard. The Town Surveyor in reply to questions regarding the difference in price of turf charged to other centres and the Wicklow Urban explained that the turf was being supplied to different centres from different areas and that the cost of turf in the gaol yard offered to this Council was 59/- per ton and that he could not supply any dry turf from the bogs now.

The following recommendation was made that 60 tons of turf offered by the County Council at present stored in Gaol yard at 59/- per ton be accepted.

That both Fuel Schemes be operated from this yard.

ITEM 6-Correspondence

The Acting Clerk stated that he would require overdraft accommodation to meet the Council's liabilities for the coming month and that he estimated overdraft required to be £1500

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

Resolved: That application be made to the Department of L. G. & P. H. for authority for overdraft Accommodation up to a limited of £1500 to the date of our next meeting to be held on the 2nd October, 1945.

J. Olohan 4. 9. 45.

Letter dated 27. 8. 45 from the Department of L. G. & P.H. dealing with allocation of unemployment grants to this Council stating that the Council's representations are being considered and that a further letter would be sent out shortly and that attendance of deputation at this stage would not serve any useful purpose.

Noted.

Letter dated 11th August 1945 (through the County Manager) from the Department of L. G. and P. H. stating that it was essential to have all road schemes which could be put into hands at short notice prepared so as to provide for sudden and widespread unemployment and stating that the necessary documents be prepared for submission to the Department. The amount set out for Wicklow area was £8, 200. After discussion as to works to be covered by this grant if made available it was unanimously agreed that the list of works already prepared by the Town Surveyor at the request of the Council amounting to £8, 797 be transmitted.

Letter from the Town Surveyor suggesting that Members of the Council inspect plot of ground on sea front proposed to be taken in by Swimming Club before he prepares map.

Order. The Town Surveyor Councillors Hudson, Kane, Brennan and Olohan to inspect site at an early date.

Application dated the 29th August, 1945 Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Sons Ltd for Lease of portion of ground at Bond Street extending from their Mill to stone bridge and asking if the Council would be prepared to build a wall from the River side to the stone Bridge.

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

That a Lease for 75 years be granted to Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd of the plot of ground north of the Mill premises at Bond Street at a yearly rent of £2 Messrs. Haskins to submit to the Council plan of the proposed side for approval of Town Surveyor.

Application from George Hall of The Murrough for permission to use the old Fisher's Shelter at Bond Street as a stable or one of the Council's houses at Bond Street. Vacant House at Bond Street granted at 6f. per week.

Letter dated 31st August, 1945 from Department of L. G. & P. H. enclosing copy Order of the Minister made on the 23rd August, 1945 dealing with suspension of Sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Slaughter for Animals Act, 1935.

Order. Notice to be published in local press.

Correspondence from A. Cullen Solicitor acting for Messrs. Kane Bros. and letter from Mr. William Clarke dealing with boundary wall between Messrs. Kane's property and the property recently leased by the Council to Mr. Clarke at Quarantine Hill was before the Meeting and after discussing the matters referred to in the letters it was agreed that the matters in question should be arranged between the parties concerned and that the Council were not liable for erection of boundary wall.

Order. Copy of Mr. Cullen's letter to be forwarded to Mr. Clarke. for his observations.

Letter P. H. 267/2/45 dated 14th August, 1945 from Department of L. G. & P. H. stating that the claims to burial rights in Wicklow (Church Hill) Graveyard were carefully considered prior to making of closing Order and that having regard to the evidence of the County Medical Officer of Health and report of the Inspector, the Parliamentary Secretary considers that rights of interment in family graves must be restricted to persons aged 70 years or over at date of inquiry who are the last surviving members of their families and to widows or widowers whose late partners have already been interred in this burial ground.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett
Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson
Resolved that in view of the Report of the Medical Officer of Health recently transmitted to the Department of L. G. & P. H. the Wicklow Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give further consideration to this Council's resolution dated 3rd July, 1945 regarding burial rights in Wicklow (Church Hill) Graveyard.

Letter dated 14th July, 1945 and 31st August, 1945 from Department of L. G. & P. H. dealing with Housing having been discussed at length an Order was made directing the Town Surveyor to proceed with preparation of Schemes lay out plans &c requested in letter from the Department of the 14th July, 1945.

Letter from the Supt. Garda Síochána acknowledging Acting Clerk's letter of the 22nd August, 1945 regarding damage to Council's property reported by Town Sergeant and Waterworks Overseer to the Council and that steps were being taken to prevent any further recurrence of the acts complained of.

Read.

Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council calling on the Government to introduce legislation for the implanting of the Social Security Plans of his Lordship the Most Revd. Dr. Dignam Bishop of Clonfort.

Adopted.

Resolution from the Westmeath County Council

That co-operation between the local bodies and the Ministerial Department of L. G. & P. H. which is greatly lacking for a consideration time be restored and that in the future when so many new activities of local bodies are contemplated an authoritative member of the Local Government Department personally discuss important schemes with representatives of local Councils with a view to amicably carrying through new schemes and so retard the present very increased tendency to complete bureaucratic control or dictatorship which has provided itself to be the painful downfall of any Country adopting same."

Adopted.

Resolution from Dublin City Council

That this Meeting of the Dublin City Council views with the

deepest concern the unhappy plight of the old age pensioners in Eire, and that we call upon the Government to introduce legislation forthwith in order to provide substantial increase on the existing pensions, so as to ensure a more reasonable standard of life, that we request a modification of the present means test and the substitution of a more just and equitable method in the calculation of the individual income.

That with a view of obtaining the co-operation of the other public bodies in the furtherance of these legitimate claims, copies of their resolution be forwarded for endorsement to the several corporations, County Councils, Urban Councils, Town Commissioners and to the appropriate Ministers"

Adopted.

Application from James Philips 14, Fairview Road, applying for transfer to the house about to be vacated on the Murrough by Michael Cullen

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that he had not received any notification that the house was to become vacant.

Application from David Doyle for transfer from 20 Glenview Road, to four roomed house on Fairview Road owing to his large family.

Recommend transfer when a house becomes vacant.

Reports of Sub-Sanitary Officer and Waterworks Overseer read.

Report of Rate Inspector on Rate Collections for period ending 28th August, 1945

Town Rate	Warrant	Collected
4806.	8. 4.	2500 2483. 12. 1d.
5019.	7. 5.	650. 4. 2.

A discussion took place regarding the inadequacy of a playground at the National School and the following Resolution was passed:-

Proposed by James Everett
Seconded by William Clarke.

That the De La Salle Brothers be requested to provide a proper playground for the children attending the National Schools. as it is considered that the present playground is inadequate and dangerous for the number of children attending the School.

Councillor Everett having raised the question of providing a Mass path from new houses at Ballynerrin and dealt with the hardships endured by aged people residing in this area attending Mass the following Order was made:-

That the Council request Canon Hoey to provide a Mass path (as per attached sketch) from New Houses at Ballynerrin to the Church so as to facilitate the old people from this area attending Mass.

The question of the vacant yard at Main Street was raised and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Owner (Gun Cunningham) to have the place put in proper order otherwise the Council will be compelled to acquire same as a derelict site.

Regarding the trees on the Mall which it is stated required trimming, the Acting Clerk was directed to request the County Council to have same topped and trimmed.

A discussion took place regarding the prevalence of diphtheria in the Town and adjoining areas and the position of the Doctors regarding isolation of families in which outbreaks occurred having been fully discussed it was agreed that the three deputies be requested to do everything in their power with a view to having legislation passed dealing with cases of contact.

Councillors Kane asked if he could be given the names of the members recommended for the ~~ixixi~~ library Committee.

The Acting Clerk produced the minutes of the Council's meeting appointing the different committees and after discussing the same the Deputy Manager undertook to look up the appointments made by the Council.

Councillor Clarke raised the question of the delay in preparation of a number of Leases recently granted by the Council.

Order. Council's Solicitor be written to for an explanation of delay in preparing Leases.

The Deputy Manager stated that owing to his having to attend at Bray on the 11th inst (the date fixed for opening of tenders for construction of Bridge) he would be unable to attend the Meeting on that night.

It was agreed that the Meeting of the Council be held on the 13th inst instead of the 11th inst.

J. O'Lohan
2/10/45

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 13th September, 1945 to consider (1) Manager's Order dealing with tenders received in reply to advertisement for construction of concrete Bridge at Wicklow and any other other business that may arise.

Councillors present : J. O'Lohan (presiding). C. W. Hudson
J. Everett T. D. J. O'Connor, Edward Kane, J. Brennan
L. Sutton.

Also Present K. J. Brangag Esqr, Deputy Manager, and J. T. O'Byrne, B. E. Town Surveyor.

The following Order made by the Deputy Manager was read:-

Seven tenders were submitted for the erection of concrete footbridge at Wicklow. The tenders were opened by the Deputy County Manager in the presence of the Town Surveyor at 12.45 p. m. on Thursday the 13th September 1945. The lowest tender submitted was that of The Roads Improvement Company Ltd 45, Molesworth Street, Dublin in the sum of £2128. 12. 1d. The next higher tender was that of William Lee 21, Upper Main Street, Arklow in the sum of £2217. 2. 0. From an examination of the list of Contracts recently carried out by The Roads Improvement Co Ltd. as submitted with Tender, it would appear that this Firm had not carried out a similar type of work previously. Acting on the advice of the Town Surveyor I hereby reject the tender of The Roads Improvement Company and accept that of William Lee, 21, Upper Main Street, Arklow in the sum of £2217. 2. 0. subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Town Surveyor's Estimate for the work as already submitted to the Council was £2,187 together with the sum of £225 to be set aside for contingencies plus £98 for Engineer's fee making up a total of £2,500. "

Reply to inquiries as to tenders of other firms the Deputy Manager stated that as there might be a question by the Department regarding the experience of the Contractor whose tender had been accepted, he did not think the figures of the other firms should be made public at this stage. Sanction of the Department to the acceptance of Mr. Lee's tender was being requested.

Letter from Miss Bobett Co. Secretary Farmers Federation to Mr. Hudson stating that the Farmers who had inspected the Ball Alley as an alternative site for holding of Wicklow Fair are satisfied with the site and that it should be quite suitable when the Banks of each earth are levelled and with a loading bank it will be an improvement to the old site and thanking the Council for their courtesy and consideration in the matter.

Order : A Short Notice to be inserted in Wicklow People and Poster to be printed that the October Fair and all subsequent monthly fairs are to be held in Ball Alley.

Arising out of inquiries as to when the Dominican Convent could enter the site for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for proceeding with the work of building a long discussion ensued regarding the margin to the left for the purpose of widening the convent Road and the following Resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Lohan

That permission be granted to Dominican Convent to enter

site to carry out preliminary arrangements pending preparation of Lease, the extent of ground to be leased by the Council is that shown in Green on the map submitted by the Convent Architect except that easements at the northern and southern ends are to be made in the plot to provide adequate view and convenience for users of the road which easements to be mutually agreed upon as between Town Surveyor and the Architect to the Dominican Convent.

J. O'lohan
13 9. 45.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that there were two vacant houses at St. Laurences Road.

An application from Mrs. Laurence Kavanagh asking for a Transfer from Elenview Road to vacant house (recently occupied by Edward Porter)

Transfer recommended.

Regarding the second vacant house at St. Laurence's Road (recently occupied by Mrs. Carolan) it was suggested that a Transfer to James Crofton and family be recommended for this house.

The Acting Clerk having informed the Meeting that no application had been received from Mrs. Crofton for a Transfer the Meeting decided to advertise (by Notice on the Board) for tenants who would be qualified for this house.

A list of tenants in houses recently inspected and recommended in order having been read and there appearing on the list two persons who had not been allotted houses instructions were given that Mrs. A. Vickers (residing at Convent Road) be requested to state if she still required a house and if so, she be offered the house (about to be vacated by E. Kavanagh).

In the event of the letter not requiring a house now it was recommended that James Dunne Castle Street be allotted same.

A further list of houses ^{occupied} by Applicants to be forwarded to Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor for inspection and recommendation.

The question of Fuel supplies for schemes being operated by the Council was under further discussion and the Deputy Manager having been informed that the Council had already decided to carry on both Schemes during the coming winter, it was recommended that the ordinary Scheme (General) be distributed from the Gaol Yard and that turf for distribution under the Free Fuel Scheme be purchased from Fuel Importers Ltd by wagon when required and distributed from High St. Yard.

Inquiries were made by Councillors regarding date fixed for meeting of Public Assistance Committee viz Monday the 17th September, which date it was pointed out was very unsuitable as the adjourned Meeting of the County Council will be held on that date and suggested Thursday 20th inst as the most suitable date.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that he had arranged with Mr. Sutton for the Meeting on the 17th inst and that time was not aware of the Council Meeting being adjourned to the 17th inst and undertook to get in touch with Mr. Sutton to change the Meeting to 20th inst.

J. O'lohan
2/10/45

MINUTES of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd day of October, 1945 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 27th September, 1945

Town Hall,
Wicklow
27th September, 1945.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 2nd October, 1945 at 7.30 p. m. when the following matters will be under consideration

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 4th September, 1945 and 13th September, 1945 (copies herewith).
2. Business transacted since 4th September, 1945 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Report of Town Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health on inspection of houses and other matters dealing with housing.
4. Fuel Schemes.
5. Correspondence.
6. Report of Officers.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,
B. Kavanagh,
Acting Town Clerk.

To Each Member,
Wicklow U. D. C.

Present Councillors - J. O'lohan (Presiding) C. W. Hudson, Edward Kane, L. Sutton, and James Brennan.

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

ITEM 1. Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 13th September, 1945 as circulated to the members were confirmed.

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

ITEM 3. The Report of the Town Surveyor on inspection of a number of houses of applicants for vacant houses at Ballynerrin was before the Meeting and the Council agreed to recommendation of Town Surveyor that D. O'Brien residing at Convent Road be allotted the vacant house No. 10. St. Laurences Road.

ITEM 4. The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the yard at the back of the Gaol had been opened for sale of turf under Ordinary Scheme on the 27th September, 1945 and regarding the Free Fuel Scheme he had written to Fuel Importers Ltd asking if they would be prepared to supply turf by wagon load as required to which he had received an acknowledgment on the 28th. 9. 1945.

Item 5. Correspondence. - Letter dated 1. 10. 45 G 4443/7/45 sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to £1500 for the period ending 2. 10. 45. The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that he estimated overdraft accommodation required for the coming month would be about £2800 which includes payments of £2712 due to Board of Works.

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

Resolved that application be made to the Department of L. G. and P.H. for overdraft Accommodation up to a limit of £2800 to the date of our next meeting to be held on the 6th November, 1945.

J. Olohan.

Letter R/RU/301/132 from Dept. L. G. & P.H. received by Deputy County Manager regarding preparation of road schemes for the Wicklow Urban Area to provide for sudden and widespread unemployment and enquiring whether more useful works having a higher labour content could not be found on roads under the jurisdiction of the County Council in or ever adjacent to the Urban District.

(At this stage Mr. Brangan County Secretary entered the meeting and introduced Mr. Garvin County Manager (who was appointed on the 1. 10. 45).

A long discussion took place in connection with this letter and several suggestions having been made regarding other works which might be carried out in addition to the works on footpaths which the Town Surveyor had intimated to the Department and the County Manager having been asked for his views on the letter suggested that the Acting Clerk write to the Department stating that the Urban District Council considers that it would be desirable that the Schemes should, if possible, relate to roads in the Urban District which are the responsibility of the Urban District Council or alternatively whether it is to be understood from their letter that it is intended that the schemes in question are to be the exclusive responsibility of the County Council and that no portion thereof can be undertaken by the Urban Council. Also to inquire within what distance of the Urban boundaries the Minister considers that works might appropriately be undertaken for the relief of unemployment in the Urban District.

The Manager's suggestion was agreed to.

Letter dated 1. 10. 45 from Mrs. Martha McPhail regarding sewer from the her houses at Main Street which she stated was obstructed in the Council's main.

Referred to Town Surveyor.

Letter dated 27th Sept. 1945 from Hon. Sec. Wicklow & Rathdrum Circuit Leader's Board) Methodist Church requesting copy plans and sketch of proposed buildings and purpose for which building is to be erected adjoining Church property at the Fair Green.

Recommended that when detailed plans are received permission be given for inspection of same at Town Hall.

Letter dated 18. 9. 45 from Mother Prioress conveying thanks to the Council for the kind consideration shown to their request.

Noted.

Letter dated 1. 10. 45 from Denis Byrne 4 St. Laurences Road asking for transfer to house on the Murrrough.

Read- No house vacant on the Murrrough at present.

P.O.

Letter dated 27th September, 1945 from Augustus Kavanagh renewing application for house of The Murrrough.

Noted.

Resolution from Westmeath County Council expressing disappointment at the action of the Minister for L. G. & P.H. in failing to re-appoint Most Revd. Dr. Dignan as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society.

Adopted.

Letter dated 2. 10. 45 from Mr. J.H. McCarroll, Solicitor that Mr. Thomas O'Carroll who was granted a Lease of his premises at Summerhill on the 2nd Novr. 1943 is anxious that this Lease be taken out in the name of his daughter Mrs. Julia A Doyle and asking if the Council agree to this course being taken.

Proposed by Councillor E. Sutton
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Resolved : That at the request of Mr. Thomas O'Carroll this Council agree to grant renewal of Lease of his premises at Summerhill, Wicklow to his daughter Mrs. Julia A. Doyle at a yearly rent of £2 for the term of 75 years from 29th September, 1941.

J. Olohan 2. 10. 45.

Circular H 101/45 dated 25th September, 1945 from Dept. of L.G. & P.H. dealing with provision of Allotments for 1946 Season.

Read and noted.

Letter dated 2. 10. 45 from Town Surveyor that the necessary arrangements had been made that Andrew Devlin Assistant to Waterworks Overseer should turn on water and control same at Valve House, whenever required in case of an emergency due to fire.

Noted.

Analyst's Certificate on sample of milk taken from Contractor for supplying milk under Free Milk Scheme and reporting same genuine.

Read.

Application dated 24. 9. 45 from Rate Collector for poundage on moiety of Poor Rate to 30th. Septe. 1945 also poundage with-held and bonus as paid to other Collector's for past two years.

Payment recommended. The Manager stated that he would like to go through the file on this matter.

Report of Sub-Sanitary Officer

Read. Regarding reference in same as to the condition of Bond Street Houses the Manager stated that he would consult with the Town Surveyor as to the Council's position in reference to this property. Authority was given to Town Sergeant to have the Council's potatoes taken out.

Report of Waterwork's Overseer having been read, the Council agreed that the report appeared to be very serious now.

The Manager stated that owing to the seriousness of the report he would go into the matter with the Town Surveyor at a very early date.

P.O.

Attention was drawn to the condition of Urinals on North and South Quays and the Engineer was directed to inspect same.

*adapted 6/11/45
J. Walsh*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Special Meeting held on Thursday the 25th October, 1945.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on above date at 7.30. P. m. for the purpose of considering request from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners ~~for~~ the Urban Council to take over control and maintenance of roads at present under their jurisdiction.

Present Councillors: C. W. Hudson Vice-Chairman (Presiding)
Councillor E. Brennan.
" L. Sutton.
" W. L. Clarke.

County Manager. J. Garvin.
Town Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne,
Acting Town Clerk. P.J. Gregory ~~Bannon~~.

Read letter 17th October, from Wicklow Harbour Board conveying copy of Resolution adopted by them on the 16th October requesting Wicklow Urban Council to take over control and maintenance of Wicklow Harbour Board.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Boards request was in consequence of their financial position which was not adequate to maintain the roads.

Councillor Clarke stated that the Council should have regard to their capacity to assume responsibility for the future maintenance of Harbour Roads. He, himself, was of opinion that the assumption of Responsibility in this connection would not be justified.

The County Manager read section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925 which, he stated was the Statutory Authority for declaration certain roads to be public roads. He also read Statement setting out particulars of the Council's indebtedness on foot of loans and Urban Stock. He referred to relative importance of other pending works and stated that the margin of borrowing power still available to the Council would be entirely insufficient to deal with such works.

It was unanimously decided that having regard to relative urgency of other works required to be carried out in the District, it would be unwise at the present moment to take a decision in the matter of assuming control and maintenance of the Harbour Roads. It was unanimously agreed that as the majority of the Members of the Council were absent that the matter might again be discussed, if these Members thought fit, at the next statutory monthly meeting.

*adapted
J. Walsh
6/11/45*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting held on 6th November, 1945.

The NOVEMBER MEETING (Monthly) of the Council was held on above date at 7. 30. p.m.

Present - Councillor - J. Olohan (Chairman Presiding)
 C. W. Hudson
 L. Sutton.
 J. Brennan
 E. Kane
 W. Clarke
 N.B.Haskins
 County Manager - J. Gavin. *GARVIN.*
 Town Surveyor - J. T. O'Byrne.
 Acting Town Clerk, P.J.Gregory Bannon.

Minutes of Meetings of 2nd and 25th October, 1945 were adopted.

Read letter P. H. 212/132 - 13th October, 1945:- from Department of Local Government and Public Health re Allocation under current Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote for the provision of additional employment in Wicklow Urban District, stating that the question of an additional allocation would be considered later in the year, if the then unemployment position justified it.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson
 Seconded by Councillor Haskins and passed unanimously:-

Resolved " That having discussed two alternative Emergency Schemes Vote Schemes for expenditure of £775 viz(1) Clearance of sites of Council's condemned houses at Bond Street and (2) construction of concrete road at Wentworth Place, we hereby decided on the latter work which was our original proposal in this connection. Town Clerk to assemble all relevant information in connection with derelict houses in the Urban District which have been dealt with by Demolition Order, so that the necessary measures may be taken to have the sites cleared".

Read Letter P. H. 267/3745 - 18th October, 1945 from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to applications of Misses Halpin, Misses Kennedy and Miss Shaw for rights of interment in Church Hill Closed Graveyard stating that before considering the matter an undertaking should be given that no further request by the Council for such rights would be made.

On the Motion of Councillor Haskins, seconded by Councillor Hudson, it was unanimously decided to give the undertaking asked for by the Department in their letter 18th October, 1945.

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to enforce the provisions of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 in respect of premises (yard) situate between Mr. Richard Sheane's works and Mr. John Kennedy's premises at Main Street.

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The County Manager gave particulars regarding the state of the rent and rate collection and informed the Meeting that he proposed taking Court proceedings against a number of defaulting tenants so soon as the Rent Collection Accpunts had been brought up to date by the Acting Town Clerk. In regarding to the future tenanting of houses he had decided to have a priority list of Applicants drawn up by the Town Clerk in consultation with the County Medical Officer of Health, Sub-Sanitary Officer, and Town Surveyor. This list could be revised periodically after discussion at a Housing Advisory Committee Meeting of the Council.

The proposal of the Manager in connection with the foregoing were unanimously agreed to by the Council.

The following discussion on the matters hereunder, it was unanimously agreed:-

1. Re Free Fuel at High Street.

The County Manager to visit the Depot on Thursday next to acquaint himself with the storage arrangements and condition of turf.

2. re Contract for New Bridge over River Leitrim.

Particulars re Tenders received for carrying out of work to be placed before Council as soon as accepted Contractor has completed documents:-

Read letter dated 26th October, 1945 from County Manager re concern of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at slow rate at Wicklow Housing Schemes were being prepared for post emergency period and referring to the survey undertaken by the Council which showed that 60 houses were required.

It was unanimously decided that plans (prepared and submitted to Council) for the provision of 60 houses for Slum Clearance purposes and 20 houses to meet other demands as set out hereunder be forwarded to the Department for approval.

60 Slum Clearance.

Site -	Black Castle Field -	8 House.
	Lower Monkton Row	4 "
	Castle Middle	2. "
	do East	6. "
	Murrough	16. "
	Ballynerrin No. 1. Site	10. "
	Ballynerrin No.2. "	14. "
		<u>60</u>

Normal Type (5 room)

Ballynerrin No. 3. Site
 (New Park Road.) 20.

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The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Clarke "That I or some one for me will move at a Meeting of this Council to be held on 18th December, 1945 that the Urban District Council of Wicklow being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District that is to say, that Urban District of Wicklow, hereby decide to make a District Planning Scheme for the following area, that is to say, the area consisting of the whole of the said Urban District of Wicklow"

Read Letter - 6th November from Messrs. D.H. Haskins & Son Ltd in connection with the Lease of plot of ground north of their Mill stating that they were unable to define the exact size and position of the plot leased to them until they were informed regarding the wall of the quay.

Referred to Town Surveyor for attention.

The Council acting as Public Assistance Advisory Committee decided to recommend the following rate of Assistance:-

Ellen Reilly 1 St. Kevin's Terrace,
Wicklow form 2/6d to 2/6d. 2

Walter Johnson - 2, St. Brides Terrace, Wicklow
reduced from 6/- to 5/-.

Kathleen Kinsella - Glenview Road 12/-.

C. W. Hudson
4/14/45

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Special Meeting Held on Tuesday 20th November, 1945.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on the above date at 7.30 p. m. for the purpose of discussing the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to purchase for use in future as a Fever Hospital the Marine Hotel, Wicklow.

Present - Councillor J. Olohan Chairman Presiding
C. W. Hudson.
E. M. Kane.
J. Brennan.
L. Sutton.
J. Everett T. D.
W. Clarke.
Dr. O'Sullivan Co. M.O.H.
Dr. Conway M.O. Fever Hospital.
Dr. O'Connor Local M.O.H.
J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor.
J. Garvin, County Manager.
P.J. Gregory Bannon Acting Town Clerk.

Read - Requisition authorising the convening of Meeting.

Read, Petition submitted by Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor, signed by a large number of residents addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Wicklow County Council, the County Manager, and the Wicklow Urban District Council, protesting at the proposed establishment of a Fever Hospital at the Marine Hotel on the Murrrough and calling upon the responsible parties to refrain from putting such a proposal into effect.

Read - letter 19th November, 1945 from Chairman, Local Fiana Fail Cumann stating that the Cumann had considered the proposal to establish a Fever Hospital on the Murrrough and were of opinion that it would interfere with Tourist Traffic and the use by the Townspeople of the adjoining beach during the Summer Season. They accordingly protested against the proposal.

Read - Letter 20th November, 1945, from St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club, Wicklow protesting against the proposal on the grounds that it would militate the use of the adjoining G. A. A. Grounds.

Following discussion on the matter, in which the County Manager, and the Doctors explained that there was no alternative arrangement that could be made and that the arrangements were only temporary it was proposed by Councillor Haskins and seconded by Councillor Hudson,

"That the Urban Councils send a deputation to the Minister for the purpose of impressing upon him the inadvisability of his granting approval to the establishment of of temporary Fever Hospital on the Murrrough and securing an assurance as to a date by which plans for a permanent Fever Hospital would be approved."

As an amendment it was moved by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Everett "That the Urban Council endorse the views of the County Manager (as placed before ds at this Meeting) in the matter of the proposed establishment of a Temporary Fever Hospital at the Murrrough and that the County Council be requested to state the exact position as regards the provision of a new Fever Hospital and the date by which it is expected to be functioning".

Councillor Haskins withdrew his Motion on being informed by the

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Chairman and the Manager that since the County Council was the body charged with the responsibility in connection with the Fever Hospital, it was the appropriate body to consider the adoption of such a resolution.

Mr. Clarke's amendment thereby assumed the form of a resolution and on being put to the Meeting was adopted unanimously.

On the Motion of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hudson, the County Manager and the Medical Officers present were congratulated on the able manner in which they had represented their case for the temporary Hospital.

The County Manager expressed his indebtedness to the Medical Officers for the sound advice and assistance he had received from them in the matter of the temporary Fever Hospital arrangements.

It was proposed by Councillor Everett, Seconded by Councillor Haskins and passed unanimously:-

Resolved " That we record our appreciation of the services of Mr. John Garvin as the Council's Manager during the vacancy in the Office pending the appointment of a permanent County Manager and express our regret at his early departure from the County."

The Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and Medical Officers associated themselves with the Resolution and expressed their indebtedness to Mr. Garvin for his help and guidance in the discharge of their duties during his term of Office.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December, 1945.

The December Monthly Meeting of the Council was held on above date at 7. 30. p.m.

Present - Councillor Hudson Vice - Chairman Presiding.
" Haskins
" Sutton.
" Kane.
" Everett.

County Manager --- M. Flannery.
Town Surveyor --- J. T. O' Byrne.
Acting Town Clerk. P.J. Gregory Bannon.

Minutes of Meetings 7th and 20th November, 1945 were unanimously adopted.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson seconded by Councillor Everett and passed unanimously in respectful silence all members standing Resolved " That we tender our sincere sympathy to Councillor O'Connor on the death of his wife".

The Chairman and Councillors welcomed Mr. Flannery recently appointed County Manager and assured him of their co-operations in the discharge of his duties and as the Council's Manager.

On the proposition of Councillor Sutton, Seconded by Councillor Kane the terms of the following Resolution received from Dungarvan U. D. C. were unanimously approved .. " That we the Members of the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Minister for Education to ensure that in all school in Eire, pupils be given instructions in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and the National Flag".

On the proposition of Councillor Haskins, Seconded by Councillor Sutton, it was unanimously decided that the Christmas Fowl Market be held on Tuesday 18th December, 1945 and the monthly Fair on Monday 31st December, 1945.

Read letter - 3rd December, 1945 from Henry J. Hamilton Main Street, Wicklow asking that the family of Hamilton be included in list of those entitled to rights of interment in Wicklow (Church Hill) Closed Burial Ground.

Read letter P.H.267/4/45 -28th November, 1945 from Department of Local Government and Public Health referring to the undertaking given by the Council that no further request would be made for rights of interment in the Church Hill Closed Burial (other than request made) stating that the Parliamentary Secretary had decided to grant the present application as an exceptional measure.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Hamilton be acquainted of the undertaking given the Parliamentary Secretary in the matter of the Graveyard suggesting that he communicate with the Department.

Read - Letter 30th November, 1945 from Captain Local Swimming Club referring to the decision of granting the Club a plot of ground and asking that they be given possession to enable them to develop plot in near future.

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It was unanimously decided to defer consideration of the matter pending the appointment of a Town Planning Consultant, the club to be informed to this effect.

Read - Letter 28th November, 1945 from Mr. William Clarke applying for a Lease of the building site at the rear of Mr. Murphy's House Dunbur Road, at present occupied by Mrs. Lindsay.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he was in doubt as to whether the granting of Leases of the Urban Council Corporate property was his function or that of the Council. He was seeking the advice of the Law Agent in the matter, and should it be a Managerial function, he would take recommendation of the Council in such matters into account when making his order.

It was proposed by Councillor Everett, Seconded by Councillor Haskins and passed unanimously:

Resolved " That we recommend the County Manager to grant Mr. Clarke's application for a Lease of site at Dunbur Road on the same terms and conditions as Lease granted at March, 1945 Monthly Meeting."

Read - Letter 16th November, 1945 from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) transmitting Copy of Harbours Bill, 1945 and stating that the Minister would be glad to be furnished before 16th December, 1945 with any observations or representations in connection with the Bill which the U. D. C. may desire to submit for his consideration.

It was unanimously decided that a Special Meeting of the Council be called for Tuesday the 11th inst (December) 1945 to discuss the provisions of the Bill, the following Members of the Harbour Board also to be asked to be in attendance - Deputy T. Brennan, Messrs. C.M. Byrne, M.C.C.J.J. Jacob, M. J. McCrea and Ed. Byrne.

Read Letter 2nd November, 1945 from Wicklow County Council acquainting the Council of the intentions of the County Council to consider adoption of a resolution to make a District Planning Scheme for the County Health District of Wicklow.

Marked " Noted".

Read - Circular G 129/45 - 27th November, 1945 from the Department of L.G. and P.H. white paper issued on the demobilisation and resettlement of Members of the Defence Force.

Marked " Noted".

Read - Letter 27th November, 1945 from Public Health Assistance Secretary, Wicklow County Council suggesting 13th December, 1945 at 3.30 p.m. as the hour and date for quarterly meeting of the U.D.C. Public Health Assistance Committee.

It was unanimously decided to fix the time for of the Meeting for 7. p.m. on Tuesday 11th December, 1945.

In regard to Public Lighting Arrangements, it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to have Public lamps in operation between 7.30. and 8 o'clock each morning. This extra half hour lighting to be provided for by delaying lighting up time one half hour in the evening.

Read copy Letter 22nd November 1945 to Department of Local Government and Public Health re withdrawal of £700 Emergency Schemes Vote Grant notified.

It was unanimously decided that the Department be written further in the matter.

It was also decided that the Footbridge Contractor be asked to take on the maximum number of men possible on the works in the week prior to Christmas.

It was proposed by Councillor Kane and Seconded by Councillor Hudson and passed unanimously

Resolved " That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to make available the necessary funds to enable the County Council to complete the Silver Strand - Mahery More Road (Coastal Road).

On the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was unanimously decided to ask the County Manager to draw the attention of the Council's Medical Officer of Health to the unsatisfactory state of the Slaughter Houses in the Town and to instruct that Official to inquire more closely into the sale of meat in the area.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, and Seconded by Councillor Everett and passed unanimously:-

Resolved " That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1600 (same as December, 1944).
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WICKLOW URBAN District Council.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 11th December, 1945.

Present - Mr. C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) Presiding
Messrs. James Everett M.D. and L. Sutton.

Harbours Bill, 1945.

The Chairman pointed out that this Special Meeting has been called for the purpose of considering letter of the 16th November, 1945 from the Department of Industry and Commerce asking the views of the Council on the Harbour's Bill, 1945 which at present was before the Oireachtas. He stated that Representatives of the Harbour Commissioners had been in consultation with the Council regarding the provisions of the Bill.

After discussion it was proposed by the Chairman Seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved that the following recommendations be submitted to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

- (1) That the Members of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to be nominated by the Minister for Industry and Commerce should be from the area which is liable for Guarantee in respect of Wicklow Harbour (Section 7).
- (2) That the dredging of Harbours be a National Charge.
- (3) That provision be made in the Bill for the issue of Grants for improvements and repairs to Harbours, as Grant for the relief of unemployment.
- (4) That we desire to direct the attention of the Minister to Section 173 of the Bill in so far as the interests of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners and Wicklow Corporation are concerned. The River Vartary carries the flow off from the Dublin Corporation Waterworks at Roundwood and this leads to silting in Wicklow Harbour.
- (5) That the formalities to be observed in connection with borrowing as prescribed in Section 125 be simplified. The time prescribed in Section 125(3) is excessive and should be shortened.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett Seconded by the Chairman and resolved:-

That the Minister for Fisheries be requested to make a grant for the purpose of reconstructing and improving the slipway at Boathouse, East Pier, which is the property of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners at a cost not exceeding £200.

Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

13th
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th December, 1945.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on above date at 7.30. p. m.

Present. Councilor C. W. Hudson (Vice Chairman Presiding)

J. Everett.
R. B. Haskins.
L. Sutton.
W. Clarke.
Ed. Kane.

County Manager. M. Flannery.
Town Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne.
Acting Town Clerk. P. J. Gregory Bannon.

Pursuant to Notice given it was proposed by Councillor William Clarke seconded by Councillor Haskins and passed unanimously Resolved " That the Urban District Council of Wicklow being the District Planning Authority for the following planning District, that is to say, the Urban District of Wicklow, hereby decide to make a District Planning Scheme for the following Area, being the whole of such planning District that is to say, the area consisting of the whole of the said Urban District of Wicklow".

Read letter R.U.212/132, 7th December, 1945 from Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying approval to the Scheme of Road works (concreting of Wentworth Place) proposed to be carried out with the aid of a Grant from the Department Unemployment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1945-46 (Works No. U909 - Grant £700 Local Contribution £55. Total £755)

The Town Surveyor submitted Estimate of Costs of replacing waterpipes at Wentworth place (viz @65. 19. 5.) which work would be stated require to be carried out prior to concreting of roadway.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett Seconded by Councillor Hudson and passed unanimously.

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"That in accordance with the requirements of Section 25 (1) of the County Management Act, 1940 we hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sum specified in the Estimate of Expenses in respect of Water Supply Expenditure by an amount not exceeding £66 on the provision of water pipes for Wentwerth Place, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimate of Expenses 1946-47. "

The following recommendations were made by the County Manager

1. That the formulation of a new water supply scheme for the Urban District be expedited.
2. That the Town Water Supply which is at present rationed in consequence of low water level of reservoir be made available without restriction over the Christmas period.
3. That the materials from the demolished woodenbridge at River Leitrim, Wicklow, be sold.

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Minutes of Monthly (January) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on 1st January, 1946 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on 29th December, 1945.

Town Hall,
Wicklow
29th December, 1945.

TO/ Each Member of
Wicklow U. D. C.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 1st January, 1946.

Agenda.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 4th, 11th and 18th December, 1945.
2. General.
3. In the event of absence of a quorum owing to the date of Meeting falling on New Years day the meeting will be adjourned to Tuesday the 8th January, 1946.

A further communication will be sent.

P.J. Gregory Bannon,
per B.K.
Acting Town Clerk.

Owing to the absence of a quorum Councillors C. W. Hudson and James Everett being the only Members attending, the meeting was adjourned to the 9th January, 1946.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Adjourn'd Monthly Meeting held on 9th January, 1946.

Present - Councillors - C.W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman Presiding)
 R. B. Haskins.
 L. Sutton.
 J. Brennan.
 E. Kane.
 J. Everett.

Also Present. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E. Town Surveyor.
 B. Kavanagh, Asst. Town Clerk.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the County Manager had sent him word that he would be unable to be present at Meeting to-night owing to being engaged at Bray and apologised for his absence.

The Acting Clerk stated that Mr. Bannon regretted his inability to attend owing to illness.

Minutes of Meetings held on 4th, 11th and 18th December 1945 were unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Councillor R.B. Haskins, Seconded by Councillor E. Kane, it was resolved that application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £1800 to date of our next meeting to be held on 5th February, 1946.

Read letter dated 28th December, 1945 from Mr. R.B. Haskins stating that it has been brought to his notice that a Mrs. Denis Brien was granted one of the Council's houses on condition that she paid the previous tenant's rent and asking if this was correct and to bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that it was not correct to say that this tenant was granted the house on condition that she paid previous tenant's rent and explained the following facts to the Meeting. Before this house became vacant Mrs. Brien (friend of former tenant) wrote a letter with application for tenancy offering to pay arrears due if she was granted the house. This letter was brought to the notice of the County Manager who made an order that house at which applicant was residing be inspected by Town Surveyor. A list of applicants for houses was prepared (including the house occupied by above applicant) and forwarded to Town Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health. The Report of Inspection was received and the Applicant (Mrs. Brien) was recommended as the most deserving case in need of a house and the Manager made an order approving of Town Surveyor's recommendation Mrs. Brien on getting key sent in the amount of rent due (£6.) which was accepted pending decision of Manager. On the 11th October, 1945 the matter was placed before the Manager (Mr. Garvin) and the Order ~~was~~ made was "Noted".

After discussing the matter and the Town Surveyor having assured the Council that when he recommended applicant for the house he was not aware of any offer having been made to clear off the arrears if she was granted the tenancy, it was recommended that the County Manager refund the money paid by this Tenant (Mrs. Brien).

Read Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property of the Irish Lights at Dunbur Head and their intention to apply for £30 compensation for loss sustained.

Referred to County Manager for suitable action.

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Read letter dated 28th December, 1945 from (Fisheries Branch) Department of Agriculture acknowledging letter of 14th relative to suggested reconstruction and improvement of slipway at Boathouse at East Pier and stating that matter will receive consideration.

Read Letter dated 31st December, 1945 Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce re Harbours Bill, 1945 stating that Minister appreciates the ready response to his invitation submitting observations on the provision of the Bill and that the various points raised will be carefully considered in relation to the Bill and to proposals submitted by other bodies.

Read Letter dated 8th Jan. 1946 from Town Surveyor stating that an Engineering Inspector attended his office on the 7th inst for the purpose of inspecting proposals already submitted for expenditure of £8,200. in connection with Post War widespread unemployment in the Urban District. Replying to enquiries as to the possibility of receiving this Grant the Town Surveyor stated that the Inspector made an inspection of the District and took with him the proposals for expenditure.

Councillor Everett inquired if any claim had been made on the Council on behalf of Mrs. Hanlon who met with accident on morning of 14th January, 1946 owing to Public Lights not being on.

The Acting Clerk having stated that he had been interviewed by Mrs. Hanlon regarding the accident but that no claim had been made, it was unanimously decided that the accident be reported to Council's Insurance Company and also to the Electricity Supply Board.

Arising out of above a discussion took place regarding the lighting in parts of the Town and it was decided to recommend to the Manager the necessity of having lights provided at the following places.

- (1) At Barrow Green (Between Convent and Methodist Church).
- (2) At steps leading to 10 houses at Bunbur Terrace (opposite Mr. L. Wolohan).
- (3) At Rectory Gate (on Rathnew Road)
- (4) At Marlton Road (at Dickensons)
- (5) At Wentworth Place (opposite Grand Hotel)

Councillor Kane inquired if the Tenders for the Concrete Bridge were now available as the figures were promised to be given to the Council when Contractor had signed the necessary documents.

Clerk stated that he had not the figures available and it was unanimously decided to have the figures available for next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Sutton enquired if there was any money available for repairs to Foreshore and when informed that a sum of about £30 was provided in Estimates for such repairs, the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton.
 Seconded by Councillor J. Brennan.

That the attention of the Minister for Local Government be called to the present unfinished condition of the Foreshore Protection Works along the North Beach in the Urban District of Wicklow and to the possible disastrous results which may occur to the existing protection works to the south, if an extension of the further protective measures is not undertaken immediately. We ask that the plans already submitted for the proposals to the Department be

approved and that substantial financial assistance be made available

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by way of Government Grant and that an inspection be made by a Department's Inspector.

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I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Wicklow Urban District Council for the year ended 31st March, 1945. Certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts are transmitted herewith.

At the opening of the audit there were no objections made to any matter contained in the Accounts.

The rates struck for the service of the following years were

Year	Town Rate	Poor Rate	Total
1942/43	12/6d.	10/-	22/6d.
1943/44	12/6d.	10/-	22/6d.
1944/45	11/8d.	10/4d.	22/-
1945/46	11/9d.	11/9d.	23/6d.

The Estimate of expenses adopted by the Council to meet the requirements of the year ended 31st March, 1945 was:-

	Receipts	Expenditure
Town Rate ...	£4, 413.	
Sundry Receipts	6, 577.	
	<u>£10, 990.</u>	£10, 792.
Poor Rate ...	£4, 345. 10. 9	
Sundry Receipts	5, 0. 0.	
	<u>£4, 350. 10. 9</u>	4, 323. 6. 4.
	<u>£15, 340. 10. 6</u>	£15, 115. 6. 4.

The gross receipts and payments on the Revenue and Capital Accounts including unpaid Bills at 31st March, 1945, and excluding unpaid Bills at 31st March 1944 were:-

Revenue Account	Receipts	Payments
Town Rate	£14, 331. 9. 7.	£15, 922. 11. 0.
Poor Rate	4, 225. 7. 0.	5, 177. 6. 3.
	<u>£19, 216. 17. 3.</u>	<u>£21, 099. 19. 3.</u>
Capital Account	399. 0. 0.	484. 14. 0.

The Town Rate Estimate did not include provision for the Free Fuel Scheme, the Fuel Trading Scheme and the Allotments Scheme and the expenses incurred on these Schemes accounted for the major portion of the excess expenditure over the estimate. The Town Rate receipts exceeded the Estimate by £3, 341. 9. 7. made up mainly of an increase in (1) the Housing Subsidy, and (2) the Allotments Grant received from the State, and revenue derived from the sale of fuel under the Trading and Cheap Fuel Schemes for which no provision had been

made in the Estimate.

In addition to the Estimated expenditure of £10, 792. from Town Rate it was subsequently decided to incur expenditure of £795 on road improvements (comprising as Employment Schemes Grant of £740) and the Council's contribution of £55) making a total estimate of £11, 587. The actual expenditure including unpaid bills in 1944-45 and excluding unpaid bills for 1943-44 as shown in the Abstract of Accounts was £15, 922. 11. 0. A transfer of £449. 2. 6. being relevant portion of rates collected in the Cottage Rents was made from the Town Rate Account to the Poor Rate Account leaving nett expenditure at expenditure of £15, 473. 8. 6. The sum of £50 was provided in the Estimate of expenses for irrecoverable rates and £15 for discounts. The Actual amount of Town Rate written off as irrecoverable was £432. 15. 2. and discounts totalled £19. 9. 10. adding a further £5. 0. to the

excess on the Estimate. The excess expenditure on the Poor Rate Account was, therefore, £4, 33^s. 13. 6.

Estimated expenses on the Poor Rate Account were £4, 323. 6. 4. Expenditure including unpaid Bills for 1944-45 and excluding unpaid Bills for 1943-44 amounted to £5, 177. 8. 3. Sums of £50 and £18 were provided in the Estimate for irrecoverable rates and discounts. The actual amount of rates written off as irrecoverable was £326. 11. 10. and discounts allowed amounted to £17. 1. 4. adding a further £343. 13. 2. to the excess on the Poor Rate Estimate, the excess expenditure was £197. 15. 1.

The total excess expenditure over the estimates on the Town and Poor Rate accounts was £5, 536. 8. 7. The following resolution was passed by the Council at a Meeting held on 27th March, 1945:- "In compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, we hereby consent to, and approve of, 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 of the financial year ended 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". It is recommended that in future when excess expenditure is to be incurred, specified figures relating to the particular purpose should be embodied in the resolution of the Council.

The adverse balances on the Council's Town and Poor Rate accounts at 31st March, 1943, 31st March, 1944 and 31st March, 1945 were as follows:-

Year ended	Town Rate	Poor Rate	Total
31/3/43	£2, 523. 2. 10.	£ 805. 9. 4.	£1,717. 13. 6.
31/3/44	2, 066. 11. 5	45. 8. 11.	2, 112. 0. 4.
31/3. 45	3, 697. 14. 7	337. 9. 6.	4, 025. 4. 1.

(Unpaid Bills were included in the balances in 1943/44 and in 1944/45.)

At a Meeting held on the 6th April, 1943, the Council resolved to include in their Estimate for 1943/44 a sum of £373 and equal sum of £373. annually in the Estimates of the succeeding three years for the purpose of liquidating an estimated adverse balance of £1, 490 Town Rate Account at 31st March, 1943 (the actual adverse balance on this Account was £2, 523. 2. 10.) The rate struck for Town Rate purposes was 12/6d. in the £ being the same rate as adopted in the previous year.

At a Meeting held on 28th March, 1944, the Council adopted a Town Rate of 11/8d. in the £ for 1944/45 this being a reduction of 10d. in the £ on the Town Rate Struck for the previous year. The sum of £198 was included in the Estimate of Expenses, being one third of the estimated deficit of £595 at 31st March, 1944. The deficit brought before the Council as shown in the Minutes was £669. The actual adverse balance on the Town Rate Account was £2, 066. 11. 5.

At a Meeting held on 27th March, 1945, the Council were informed by the County Manager that the estimated deficit on the Council's Accounts at 31st March, 1945 was £2, 112, and it was recommended to the County Manager by the Council that the deficit should be spread over a period of ten years. The actual deficit on the Town Rate Account was £3, 697. 14. 7. A sum of £273. was included in the Estimate of Expenses to cover portion of the deficit. The Town Rate adopted was 11/9d. in the £ an increase of 1d. in the £ over that of the previous year. The Poor Rate was increased by 5d. to 11/9d. in the £ for an increased demand from the County Council and an estimated deficit of £239. at 31st March, 1945. The actual deficit on the Poor Rate Account was £337. 9. 6.

It would appear that no real effort has been made by the Council to meet its requirements from the Town Rate, a totally inadequate provision having been made in each of the years ended 31st March, 1944, 31st March, 1945 and 31st March, 1946.

RATES

The state of the rate collection for 1944/45 is summarised as follows:-

Town Rate	Arrears Current Rates. Collected forward	Total for Lodgments and Discounts.	Irrecoverable Rates.	Arrears carried forward
Town Rate	£ 918. 1. 7. 00	£ 6. 17. 23. 00	£ 1. 10. 37. 89	£ 7. 9. 432. 15. 2.
				underlodged 0. 15. 9.
Poor Rate	709. 14. 08	32. 7. 6. 00	3846. 1. 0.	326. 11. 10.
				overlodged 2. 0. 1.

The Rates Accounts for 1943-44 were not closed until 20th June, 1944. The Rates for 1944/45 were struck on 10th July, 1944 and the Rate Warrants were classified on 27th April 1945. In future, the Rate Warrants shall be closed at the end of the financial year to comply with the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1942. The amounts collected in 1944/45 in respect of Town and Poor Rates represented 76.3 and 82.2 respectively of the total amount collectable. The rate collection was unsatisfactory and active steps on the part of the Rate Collector to secure an efficient collection are called for.

The arrears of Poor and Town Rates brought forward into 1945/46 as temporarily uncollectable, were made up as follows:-

	Poor Rate	Town Rate
Arrears registered or obtained (1944)	£ 150. 1. 6.	£ 203. 6. 0.
Administration pending	23. 3. 6.	27. 19. 5.
In arrears of Home Assistance	34. 15. 0.	44. 9. 3.
Arrears obtained	34. 11. 0.	66. 16. 5.
Arrears by Instalments	213. 6. 0.	293. 16. 5.
Arrears and adjustments pending	16. 16. 11.	29. 0. 10.
In Solicitor's Charge	8. 15. 10.	18. 11. 6.
Unable to pay before end of year	25. 10. 6.	51. 3. 5.
Arrears pending	6. 1. 3.	7. 0. 0.
	£ 513. 4. 3.	742. 3. 3.

A scrutiny of the Schedule of uncollected rates for the year ended 31st March, 1945 showed that:-

(1) A Judgment had been obtained on 18th May, 1944 for £64. 9. 4. against a rate-payer who, I was informed is in possession of licensed premises. The amounts due had increased at 31st March, 1945 to £31. 14. 0. Poor Rate and £50. 6. 8. Town Rate.

(2) A Judgment for £94. 2. 3. had been obtained on 20th May, 1944 against a second rate-payer who is the owner of seven holdings in the town.

(3) A Judgment for £174 had been registered on 6th June, 1944 against a third rate-payer who is the owner of seven holdings in the town. The amounts due had increased to £82. 17. 6. Poor Rates and £104. 11. 10. Town Rates at 31st March, 1945. Nothing further appears to have been done in these three cases.

A Register of Charges on the property of rate defaulters as required by Article 33 of the Public Bodies Order, 1942 should be opened by the Council.

Sums of £19. 10. 0. Poor Rates and £31. 14. 1. Town Rates were shown on the Schedule of Uncollected Rates (1944/45) as being due by a rate payer, the reason given for failure to collect was that a Docket by Consent had been obtained, and that the matter was in the hands of the Solicitor. Sums of £9. 15. 10. Poor Rates and £18. 11. 6. Town Rates were also shown on the Schedule of Uncollected Rates as being due in respect of a holding which is a licensed premises, the reason given for failure to collect was that the arrears were in Solicitor's charge. I was informed that these arrears had been carried forward for some years.

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