

WATER SUPPLY. Read letter dated 27th May, 1946, from the Town Surveyor, dealing with the question of the remuneration of Water Diviners, for their proposed services in the matter of locating Water in the vicinity of the reservoir. It was decided to defer the making of a decision in the matter to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 4th June, 1946.

J. O'Lohan

MINUTES

Monthly Meeting Held on 4th June, 1946.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lohan. Chairman Presiding.
C. Hudson.
L. Sutton.
J. Brennan.
E. Kane.
R. Haskins.
J. O'Connor.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meetings of 7th May, 1946 and 28th May, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

CONCRETE BRIDGE. Read correspondence between the Council and the Contractor, relative to the progress of work on the Concrete Bridge over the River Leitrim. The Contractor intimated that he had been paying 1/2 per hour as he understood that such was the standard rate of wages for Wicklow area but that he was prepared to pay 1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per hour from week ending 31st May, 1946, until the time of completion of the work. The County Manager pointed out that since provision had not been made for such payment in the tender submitted by Mr. Lee the Council would have to pay any increased expenditure on wages. In view of the small amount involved the Council decided that it should be included as an extra on the contract. The Council expressed themselves satisfied that the Contractor was expediting the completion of the work in every possible way.

PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIM. Dealing with claim for compensation in respect of injuries alleged to have been sustained owing to the absence of Public Lighting at Fairview Road on morning of 1st. January, 1946, the E.S.B. in disclaiming liability to pay compensation referred the Council to the "Conditions for Supply of Public Lighting Service." The Council in replying to Claimants Solicitor had also repudiated liability. It was agreed that nothing further could be done by the Council in the matter.

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB. Read letter from Wicklow Swimming Club, relative to the Plot off the Murrough - near the New Pier, requesting the Council to furnish dimensions etc. Map of the Plot, which had been prepared by the Town Surveyor, was produced for examination by the Council. It was pointed out that portion of the plot which the Club was seeking formed part of the area on the Foreshore which had been leased to the Council by the Minister for Finance. Mr. O'Connell a member of the Swimming Club Committee, appeared before the Meeting and gave particulars concerning the manner in which the Club proposed to make use of the Plot. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by L. Sutton and passed unanimously, And Resolved, "That the Council hereby agree to Lease to Wicklow Swimming Club a plot of Ground at New Pier, Wicklow, as shown on plan submitted by Town Surveyor, for a term of 31 years at a yearly rent of £1: the Club to erect thereon such buildings as may be approved by the Council, provided that the necessary permission to sub-lease the affected portion has been obtained from the Minister for Finance." A sketch map of the proposed Diving Board and Chute on the New Pier was submitted to the Council by Mr. O'Connell. The Council granted permission to erect this structure subject to the approval of the Town Surveyor and on condition that it would be covered by a comprehensive Insurance Policy, to be effected by the Swimming Club. Permission was also granted to the Club to close the Pier to the Public between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 21st July, 1946, on which date the Club proposed to hold a Gala.

TRAIN SERVICE TO WICKLOW. Read letter from Secretary C.I.E. (dated 1st June, 1946), intimating that it could not be possible to accede to the request of the Council to have the proposed Sunday Train Service extended to Wicklow. Following a discussion it was decided that a deputation consisting of the Three Deputies for the County, two Members of the Parochial Improvement Committee and such Members of the Council who desired to act on the Deputation should wait on the Minister for Industry and Commerce for the purpose of making the necessary representations to have a Saturday and Sunday afternoon service extended to Wicklow.

SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING. It was decided to hold the Special Annual Meeting of the Council on 25th June, 1946.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF MURROUGH. Read letter from Secretary Parochial Committee seeking use of Murrough (28th July to 11th August, 1946). Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Olohan. And Resolved, "That Parochial Committee be allowed plot of ground applied for subject to provision that plot opposite Mr. Clarke's House be available to Regatta Committee on Regatta Day if they required it and a rent of £4 be charged to the Parochial Committee for the letting. Further that in the event of their making application for use of the murrough, the Regatta Committee be charged a rent of £1."

SALT HOUSE LANE PREMISES. The Council agreed that the Salt House Lane premises which are again vacant, should be re-advertised and ~~is~~ tenders sought.

CARETAKER FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE. Read letter from Patrick McGrainor applying for the position of Caretaker of Public Convenience at the Murrough. The Council recommended his appointment.

APPLICATION FROM COL. VIZE FOR LEASE. Read correspondence relative to application from Col. Vize, for lease of two plots of land at Dubbur. The Town Clerk was directed to ascertain if colonial Vize proposed to erect buildings on these plots.

RE. LEASE OF YARD AT QUARANTINE HILL TO MR. WILLIAM CLARKE. Read letter from Mr. William Clarke's Solicitor suggesting that the usual covenant, to keep the premises in repair, should now be inserted in this instance as the shed and large chimney on the Premises were in a very bad condition and that it would be unreasonable to expect Mr. Clarke to repair and keep same in repair. Also read letter from the Town Surveyor confirming the fact that the roof and shed were dangerous and in bad repair. After discussion it was decided to ask Council's Solicitor if a covenant should be inserted in the lease requiring Lessee to keep premises in same state of repairs as that in which they are at present date. Otherwise tenders should be sought for demolition of buildings, the tenderer to retain all materials salvaged in the process of demolition.

FIELD AT DUNBUR. Read letter from William Bird, Dunbur, Wicklow, stating that the field adjoining his land at Dunbur, which had been used by the Council for allotments, was not properly fenced, at the point where a stile had been opened for the accommodation of the allotment holders. He pointed out that the Council had undertaken to build up a proper ditch where the stile would be closed. The Council directed that the work be carried out immediately.

URINALS ON QUAY. The Council directed that two of the Public Urinals, one adjacent to Messrs. Haskins Mill on the North Quay, and the other adjoining the 'bus Depot on the South Quay and should be demolished. After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Olohan and seconded by Councillor Sutton and passed unanimously. And Resolved, "That we request Coras Iompair Eireann to erect shelter and sanitary conveniences in Wicklow for use of persons availing of the Company's Transport Service. Further that we consider the provision of such facilities essential in view of the fact that the town is a terminus."

THE LEASE OF D. H. HASKINS & SON. Read letter from Messrs. Haskins applying for Lease of Plot of ground at North Quay, adjoining the site of their Mill. Also read letter from Town Surveyor describing the plot and giving the estimated cost (£788) of the erection of a wall around the area. After discussion the Council agreed that they would be prepared to grant a Lease of the Plot to Messrs. Haskins provided that the wall would be erected by Messrs. Haskins and that a Lease of the portion of the plot below High Water mark be obtained by the Council from the Minister for Finance.

PROVISION OF POUND. Councillor Sutton inquired if any steps were being taken to provide Wicklow with a Pound. The Town Clerk in reply stated that unsuccessful efforts had been made to procure a premises in Dispensary Lane for the purpose. It was now possible that one of the Council's yards on the Quay, at present vacant, could be utilised as a Pound.

COMPLAINT re HOUSE. Councillor O'Connor complained that the promised inspection of a house at No.1. Kilmantin Hill, had not been carried out. The County Manager pointed out that such an

inspection could not now take place as the house had already been inspected and condemned. He would, however, keep this family in mind when alternative accommodation in ^{house} a Council would be available

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF WICKLOW. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that as directed at the last Meeting he had written to the Three Deputies for the County, asking them to make representations to the Minister for Industry and Commerce regarding Wicklow's claim for the establishment of an industry in the Town. Deputy Everett had subsequently informed him that he had visited at the Department in connection with the matter and had been informed that the suggesting of a suitable industry rested with the Council. After discussion it was decided that a copy of the letter presenting Wicklow's claim for the establishment there of an Industry should be forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the possibility of establishing a Bakelite factory, the raw material for which it is understood is available in the locality, should be suggested.

HOME ASSISTANCE CASE. Councillor O'Connor referring to a family who were in very poor circumstances suggested that the father should be allowed the maximum amount of Home Assistance. The Council recommended that the full amount should be paid in this case and directed the Town Clerk to refer this recommendation to the Superintendent of Home Assistance.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. The Council adopted the following resolution, proposed by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Sutton. And Resolved "That application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £3000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on 2nd July, 1946.

WATER SUPPLY. Read letter from Town Surveyor relative to the employment of Water Diviners at the reservoir. After discussion it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should get in touch with their Consulting Engineer, Professor Purcell, before anything further should be done in the matter.

C. S. Hudson 2/7/46

MINUTESANNUAL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE, 1946.WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan. Chairman Presiding.
 C. Hudson.
 J. Brennan.
 J. O'Connor.
 R. Haskins.
 W. Clarke.
 E. Kane.
 L. Sutton.
 J. Everett. T.D.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor Wm. Clarke, And Resolved - "That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby appoint John Olohan as Chairman of the said Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up Office as such."

Councillor Olohan accepted the Office, thanked the Members for his re-election as Chairman and signed Undertaking.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett and seconded by Councillor Wm. Clarke. And Resolved - "That we, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby appoint Charles W. Hudson as Vice-Chairman of the said Council for the ensuing year and until his Successor is duly appointed and takes up Office as such."

Councillor Hudson accepted the Office, thanked the Members for his re-election and signed the Undertaking.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD. On the proposition of Chairman Olohan, seconded by Councillor Kane, the following were re-elected Members of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board - to hold Office until they are disqualified or their Successors are

duly appointed.

1. J. Olohan. 2. C. Hudson. 3. R. Haskins. 4. E. Kane.
5. J. O'Connor. 6. W. Clarke. 7. L. Sutton.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Council agreed that Councillors, J. O'Connor and L. Sutton and the Chairman should continue to act as representatives on the County Library Committee.

ERECTION OF SHELTER AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES BY C.I.E. Read letter from C.I.E. stating that it would not be possible to accede to Council's request to provide Sanitary Conveniences and Shelters at Wicklow for use by persons availing of the Company's Transport Services and pointing out that an effort was being made to change the present Bus Stop as it was unsuitable. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Company seeking further information regarding the matter. He was also directed to request that the pre-war Sunday Bus Service should be resumed during the Summer Months.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. Read letter from Secretary of Wicklow County Council seeking a lease of a plot of ground adjoining the Marine Hotel, in order that enclosure wall may be erected when premises are acquired for purpose of a County Fever Hospital. A long discussion took place concerning the proposed conversion of the Marine Hotel into a Temporary Fever Hospital. The Council expressed dissatisfaction at the manner in which the Department of Local Government and Public Health had refused to approve of sites considered suitable by the County Surveyor for the erection thereon of a County Fever Hospital. Proposed by Councillor Haskins and seconded by Councillor Brennan, And Resolved - "That we grant a Lease of the Plot of Ground adjoining Marine Hotel as shown on the map prepared by the Town Surveyor to the Wicklow County Council for such term of years as the building is used as a Fever Hospital, subject to the condition that the wall to be erected on margin of plot of ground be immediately removed whenever the use of this building as a Fever Hospital is discontinued and when wall is removed the plot of ground to be returned to the Urban District Council."

As an AMENDMENT it was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded

by Councillor Hudson - "That we adjourn question of Lease until an undertaking has been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that some definite steps are being taken to provide a County Fever Hospital for Wicklow. A copy of Resolution to be forwarded to Department of Local Government and Public Health."

When put to the Meeting the Amendment was carried.

For the Amendment - The Chairman and Councillor Hudson, Clarke O'Connor, Kane and Against Councillor Haskins, Brennan, Everett and Sutton, -- four.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Read letter dated 13th June, 1946, from the Department of Industry and Commerce pointing out that while the Minister was anxious to see the maximum degree of Sound Industrial Development, particularly in provincial towns, the starting of an industry in any locality is primarily a matter for private enterprise and initiative. After discussion it was proposed by Chairman and seconded by Councillor Clarke, And Resolved - "That a Public Meeting be arranged for Friday, 12th July, 1946, at 8.p.m. for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a New Industry in Wicklow. Notice to be inserted in "Wicklow People". "

RENEWAL OF LEASE. Application was made by Mrs. Catherine Kavanagh for a Renewal of the Lease of remises at Summerhill, the renewal to be in the name of her son James Kavanagh. The Council decided that the rent should be increased by twenty five per cent. Proposed by Councillor Everett and seconded by Councillor Sutton. And Resolved - "That we grant a Renewal of the Lease of premises at Summerhill, at present held by Mrs. Catherine Kavanagh, to her son, James Kavanagh, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £2.12. 0."

FAIRY LIGHTING FOR SEA FRONT. Read letter from Hon. Secretary to Parochial Fete Committee seeking the cooperation of the Council in the matter of providing Fairy Lighting on the Murrough during the period in which the Fete will be held. The County Manager pointed out that he did not think that the Council would be entitled to incur expenditure for such a purpose. After discussion it was decided that the matter should come up for discussion at the Monthly Meeting on 2nd July, 1946.

DRESSING ROOMS ON MURROUGH. Read letter dated 18/6/46 from

Secretary Wicklow G.A.A. Club - setting out the following resolution passed by the Club "That the Urban Council build and maintain a fit dressing room on the Murrough for the use of all teams using the Murrough for Matches." The Town Surveyor stated that he estimated the cost of the erection of such a structure at £100. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Sutton and seconded by Councillor Kane. And Resolved - "That a Pavilion consisting of two rooms be erected on the Murrough for the use of Playing Teams, and that we agree to allow the sum of £100 in excess of provision made in current year's rates Estimates for this purpose and that a minimum charge of 10/- per match be made for use of this pavilion."

FAIR GREEN SITE. Councillor Brennan asked if the Transfer of the Fair Green Site had been completed. The Town Clerk read correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and from Council's Law Agent, regarding the adoption of sec. 103 of the Public Health Act (Ireland) 1878. The position now was that the Council were awaiting the sanction of the Department to the suggestion of Council's Law Agent, viz.- that as he considers that sec. 103 of the Act did not apply in this case a Notice should be published in the Press intimating that the Council proposed to transfer Fair Green from its present site to the Ball Alley.

LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND TO MESSRS. HASKINS. Read correspondence relative to the proposed lease of a plot of ground at the North Quay to Messrs. Haskins. Since the Council were not prepared to build the retaining wall Messrs. Haskins intimated that they did not intend to take out a lease of the plot.

A.R.P. Equipment. Read letter from Secretary to County Council pointing out that the Department of Defence had authorised the sale of equipment at cost price, plus overhead charges at the rate of 25% to other local authorities. A Schedule of items prepared by the Engineer giving the estimated value was submitted to the Meeting. The County Manager pointed out that the value placed on the articles by the Department was far higher than the Surveyor's estimate. It was decided to inform the County Council that the price was considered excessive.

CONCRETE BRIDGE. Councillor Everett inquired as to the progress being made on the Concrete Footbridge. The Town Surveyor undertook to submit particulars to the Meeting to be held on 2nd July, 1946.

TOWN WATER SUPPLY. The County Manager explained the present position regarding the problem of providing a sufficient water supply to the town during the Summer months. He explained that two water Diviners had been consulted, one of whom claimed that water representing a supply of 5000 gallons per hour could be located at a depth of 120 feet. To test this claim boring operations which would cost from £300 to £500 would have to be undertaken. Their Consulting Engineer when consulted in the matter had pointed out the risk entailed in acting upon the advice of Water Diviners. After discussion the Council decided that it would be better to await the introduction of a proper comprehensive Regional Scheme. The Consulting Engineer should be asked to expedite his work and submit his report as early as possible.

HOUSING. The Town Surveyor submitted plans and estimates relating to the eighty houses which the Council propose to build. After ~~discussion~~ discussion it was decided that ~~tenders~~ tenders should be sought for the erection of the full number of houses.

DEMOLITION AT QUARANTINE HILL. Councillor Kane drawing the attention of the Council to the Specification, prepared by the Town Surveyor, in connection with demolition of shed and chimney at Quarantine Hill, pointed out that according to the Specification the Boundary Wall would be lowered to a level of eight feet. He added that as he had already built up portion of that wall he would oppose the lowering of it. The Town Surveyor undertook to amend the Specification as to exclude the provision regarding the taking down of portion of the wall.

C. W. Hudson
2/7/46.

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2ND JULY, 1946.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Hudson. Vice-Chairman Presiding.
L. Sutton.
J. Brennan.
J. O'Connor.

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager would be unable to attend the Meeting and had asked him to apologize for his absence.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meetings of the 4th June, 1946, and of the 25th June, 1946, were read taken as read and adopted and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

CONCRETE BRIDGE. Read letter from Town Surveyor regarding progress of work on Reinforced Concrete Footbridge, in which he stated that the Bridge should be open for traffic by 1st August, 1946. The Council directed that the Contractor be requested to have the work completed by that date.

FAIRY LIGHTING FOR SEA FRONT. The letter from the Hon. Secretary to Parochial Fete Committee seeking the cooperation of the Council in the matter of providing Fairy Lighting on the Murrough during the period in which the Fete will be held, was again before the Council. After discussion it was decided that the Council should make arrangements to provide the same extension of Public Lighting as they did ~~not~~ on the occasion of the Regatta in 1945.

RESOLUTION re MEANS TEST FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS. Read copy of following resolution passed by Kilkenny Corporation. Proposed by Councillor M. Noonan, seconded by Councillor J. Hayes. And Resolved- "That this Corporation ask the Government to abolish the Means Test for Old Age Pensions and to make an immediate and substantial increase in the amount of the pension, so that the poor may be enabled to exist in some semblance of Christian conditions during their

declining years."

It was Proposed by Vice-Chairman Hudson, Seconded by Councillor Brennan and passed unanimously. And Resolved - "that this Council endorse the view ~~obtained~~ in the Resolution of Kilkenny Corporation and that intimation of this fact be conveyed to the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

RESOLUTION re PIG INDUSTRY. Read copy of following Resolution passed by Cavan Urban District Council. Proposed by Mr. P. Johnston seconded by Mr. A. G. Fegan. And Resolved - "That ~~were~~ the Members of Cavan Urban District Council view with alarm the proposals set out in the White Paper relating to Pig Industry in Eire and the ultimate effect its implementation would have on the livelihood of thousands of people depending on it for a living, and its still worse effect on the markets of provincial towns, and we request the Government to revert to former system of weekly and monthly pork and pig markets."

Following a discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until information was available ~~as~~ to the contents of the White Paper referred to in the Resolution.

SUNDAY BUS SERVICE. Read letter dated 2nd July, 1946, from Coras Iompair Eireann, pointing out that in view of the very unsatisfactory mechanical condition of ~~the~~ fleet it would ~~not~~ be possible to accede to Council's requirement to restore Sunday Bus Services. It was stated- however, that the Company ~~were~~ was expecting delivery of new vehicles and that it was their intention to return to normal operations at the earliest possible date. The Town Clerk was directed to make further representations to the Company, setting out Wicklow's grievance in this matter.

BUILDING ON COTTAGE PLOTS. Read correspondence ~~from~~ tenants of Council's Cottages seeking permission to erect ^{sheds} on their cottage plots. The Council directed that such applications should be referred to the Town Surveyor for his recommendations. It was pointed out that any such proposed buildings could only be erected in strict compliance with the conditions stipulated by the Surveyor.

POUND AT WICKLOW. The Town Clerk in reply to Councillor Sutton stated that an effort was being made to procure a yard on the North

Quay for the purpose of being used as a Pound. After discussion the Council directed ~~the Council~~ that further inquiries should be made regarding the availability of one of Council's own yards for this purpose.

FENCING. Read letter from Matthew Manning, Fairview Road, Wicklow, drawing attention of the Council to the condition of the fencing on the Glen Field which he holds from Council under a yearly letting. The Council directed the necessary repairs to fencing on this land be carried out immediately.

URINALS ON QUAY. Councillor Sutton inquired as to the reason for delay in complying with Council's instructions to have two urinals on the Quay demolished. The Town Clerk stated that the Overseer had received orders to carry out this work but ~~had~~ ^{had} been unable to execute it to date owing to pressure of other work. The Council directed that the urinals be demolished without delay.

TOWN WATER SUPPLY. The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager had instructed him to inform the Meeting that he had been in communication with the Consultant Engineer and had requested him to submit an Interim Report relating to his work on the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme. Every effort was being made to expedite this matter.

HOSPITAL SITE. The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager had also directed him to inform the Meeting that a new site had been located in the vicinity suitable for the erection thereon of a combined General and Fever Hospital and that an architect would inspect the site on Thursday 4th July, 1946.

BONUS TO COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES. Councillor O'Connor, referring to Council's recommendation that increase in the Emergency bonus be granted to Council's Employees inquired if the County Manager had ~~been~~ made the relevant order. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the order had been made on 8th May, 1946 and that a letter had been forwarded to the Dept. of Local Govt. on that date requesting the sanction of the Minister to the granting of the increase Bonus. Sanction had been received in the respect of the waterworks Caretaker and his Assistant. Though the Department had been written to in the

matter sanction had not yet been obtained in respect of the remaining employees. The Council directed the Town Clerk to write again to the Department, and to point out the urgency of this matter.

PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. Referring to the arrangement made at the Meeting on 25th June, 1946, fixing Friday July, 12th 1946, for the holding of a Meeting in connection with the proposed formation of an Industrial and Development Association the ^{Town} Clerk stated that as this date would coincide with that fixed for a Whist Drive to be held in aid of the Wicklow Fete Committee, the latter Body had inquired if Council could facilitate them by changing the date of the Meeting. It was agreed that the Meeting be held on Thursday, 11th July, 1946, at 8 p. m.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICE. A discussion took place regarding the Council's Domestic Scavenging Service. The Town Clerk was directed to ensure that the Council's Scavengers carried out their duties promptly and regularly.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan and Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor. And Resolved - "That application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction for Overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £2000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 6th August, 1946.

*J. O'Leary
9/8/46*

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY, 1946.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held on 30th July, 1946, pursuant to the following requisition "We hereby request that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow U.D.C. be summoned for Tuesday, 30th July, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following resolution passed at a Meeting of the Wicklow Industrial and Development Association at their Meeting on 26th July 1946.-
Proposed by C. W. Hudson. Seconded by Mr. Olohan.
"That we recommend the Wicklow U. D. C. to reconstruct the premises at Quarantine Hill with a view to making them available and suitable for the housing of a proposed new industry." Signed by:-
John Olohan. C. W. Hudson. James Everett. T.D. L. Sutton. R. E. Haskins. Ed. M. Kane.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan. Presiding Chairman.
E. Kane.
J. O'Connor.
R. Haskins.
J. Brennan.
C. Hudson.
L. Sutton.
J. Everett. T.D.

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

LEASE OF SITE TO MECALLECTRIC LIMITED. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Managing Director of Mecallectric Limited, had phoned him, that afternoon, and had stated that he would prefer to obtain a lease of the site at Quarantine Hill and to carry out the necessary renovations to the existing building himself. Later he would consider erecting a new factory on the site adjacent to the present structure which could be then utilised as a storage depot. The Council agreed that the proposition was a satisfactory one and decided to lease the site to Mecallectric Ltd. The Town Clerk then read a letter from Mr. William Clarke intimating that in view of recent developments he wished to withdraw his application for a lease of the site. It was proposed by Councillor O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Hudson and passed unanimously. Resolved "That we hereby rescind resolution of 3rd April, 1945, granting a Lease of the yard and premises at Quarantine Hill, to William Clarke for a period of 75 years at a yearly rent of £5."

Tributes were paid, by the Council, to Mr. Clarke, for his generous gesture in foregoing his claim to the property. It was

then proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor I. Sutton and passed unanimously. Resolved "That we hereby grant a lease, for the term of 75 years, to Mr. Behal, of the Council's premises and yard at Quarantine Hill, Wicklow, subject to the condition that these premises and yard be used by Mr. Behal for the purpose of a factory and that if at any time such use as a factory be discontinued by the lessee the premises and yard revert to the Council. A rent of £5 per year to be paid by Mr. Behal for the premises and yard."

TENDERS FOR DEMOLITION AT QUARANTINE HILL. The County Manager informed the Meeting, that Pursuant to advertisement two tenders had been received for the demolition of the chimney and adjoining sheds at Quarantine Hill. (1) From Roche Bros., Inchicore, Dublin, in the sum of £233460. (2) From McGarry, Ballymahon, Co. Longford, in the sum of £233. Both tenders were in respect of demolition only... The Town Surveyor stated that he considered that the tenders were too high. Since the question of the chimney would now arise in connection with the granting of the new lease it was decided that local contractors and Messrs. Roche & McGarry should be requested to tender for the demolition of the chimney. Mr. Behal should also be consulted in the matter.

INTERVIEW WITH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. The County Manager reported to the Council on an interview, which he had, with the Dept. of Industry and Commerce. He stated, that he had informed the Department of the proposed expansions of Mecalectric Limited. The Department was of opinion that the time was opportune for such a project and that an assured market would be available for the products of this firm. They also intimated that they would be prepared to assist the venture in every possible way. The County Manager added that he had also discussed the question of an industry for the purpose of manufacturing wire nails, barbed wire, fencing wire etc. The Department regarded the idea in a favourable light and considered that such an industry was needed in this Country. The County Manager stated that he was making inquiries in connection with the matter. He added that he had also discussed the question of woollen and lace industries.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins. Resolved "That we pay tribute to the very expeditious manner in which the County Manager has acted in connection with the proposed establishment of new industries in the town of Wicklow."

RELIEF GRANT. The County Manager informed the Meeting that under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1946/47 a grant of £600 had been provisionally allocated to Wicklow U.D. The Local contribution would be £50. After discussion it was agreed that the grant should be expended in the completing of concrete road at Wentworth Place. The Council directed, however, that in view of the very bad condition of the paths at Castle Street and New Street an application should be made for an additional grant of £600. The Council could provide a further sum of £50 since provision had been made for the expenditure in the Estimates.

URINALS. Councillor Sutton inquired as to the reason why an order of the Council, directing that two urinals on the Quay be demolished, had not been complied with. The County Manager stated that in view of representation which had subsequently been made, pointing out certain inconveniences which their demolition would entail, it had been decided not to demolish these urinals until alternative sanitary conveniences shall have been provided. On the suggestion of the Town Surveyor it was proposed by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved "That in compliance with the provisions of Sec. 25 of the County Management Act, we hereby consent to the expenditure of £10 for the purpose of providing a flush lavatory for the urinal at South Quay, this amount being in excess of the expenditure specified in the Estimates."

DIMISSAL OF OFFICIAL. After a discussion relating to the proposed termination of the employment of the Manager of Wicklow Gas Company, it was decided that a deputation from the Council should meet the Managing Director of the Company with a view to making representations on behalf of the Manager.

FILING CABINET. The County Manager stated that a filing Cabinet was needed in the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of maintaining a satisfactory filing system. Proposed by Councillor Everett and

seconded by Councillor Sutton and Resolved "That we hereby consent to the expenditure of £20 for the purchase of a filing cabinet for the Town Clerk's Office."

CONCRETE FOOTBRIDGE. After a discussion relating to the new concrete footbridge it was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved "That it is hereby determined that the New Concrete Footbridge, across the River Leitrim, be known henceforth as "Parnel Bridge"; and further that the wording of the plaque, which it is proposed to affix to the Bridge, be in the form of the draft submitted to Council by the Town Surveyor." The Town Surveyor informed the Meeting that for architectural reasons it would not be possible to replace the old granite caps on the Bridge Pillars.

COPING STONES AT QUAY. Councillor Sutton drew the attention of the Town Surveyor to the precarious condition of certain coping stones on the South Quay Wall. The Town Surveyor undertook to carry out the necessary repairs.

*J. O'Lohan
9/8/46*

M I N U T E S

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1946.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lohan.	Chairman Presiding.
J. Everett.	T. D.
E. Kane.	
C. Hudson.	
L. Sutton.	
J. Brennan.	
W. Clarke.	

The Secretary of Wicklow County Council and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meetings of 2nd and 30th July, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ELECTION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO HARBOUR AUTHORITY. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Clarke and Resolved, "That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected as one of Council's Representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Authority." It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved "That Councillor L. Sutton be elected as the Council's second representative of the Wicklow Harbour Authority."

PROPOSED DEPUTATION. Read letter from Managing Director, Wicklow District Gas Company, Limited, intimating that he would be prepared to meet a deputation in connection with the proposed termination of the employment of the Manager of the Wicklow Gas Company. He suggested, however, (1) that the deputation should consist of not more than six persons, none of whom would have any connection with the Gas Company other than as consumers: (2) that the proceedings be private and that any statements made on the occasion be privileged. After discussion it was decided that a deputation should meet the Managing Director and should adopt the latter's provisos relating to the Meeting. The following were elected as members of the Deputation:- Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor, J. Everett, T.D., Dr. A.A. O'Connor, Councillors C.W. Hudson and Wm. Clarke, and Mr. A. Fitzpatrick.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF BUS STOP. Read letter from General Manager of C.I.E. intimating that the Company were anxious to transfer from the present Bus Stop in Wicklow Town to a more suitable site and pointing out that it was understood that there was a vacant piece of ground beyond the Market Square which would be suitable. The letter added, however, that the Garda Authorities would not permit the Bus service to proceed via Abbey Street and the town side of the Smoothing Iron into the Market Square or beyond and suggested that the Urban Council might use their good offices with the Authorities to have the existing restriction removed. The Town Surveyor informed the Meeting that plans had already been prepared for the widening of the Mall at the Technical School end but that it would not be feasible to make any alteration at the Market Square entrance. After discussion, during which the suitability of the Plot in question for use as a bus stop and the ~~desirability~~ desirability of obtaining permission for the bus service to proceed via the prohibited route were stressed-particularly so in view of the proposed completion of the Silver Strand Road and the consequent increase of tourist traffic-it was decided that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke, Councillor J. Everett, T.D. and the Town Surveyor should meet the local Superintendent of the Garda Siochana in connection with the matter.

URINALS ON QUAY. In reply to Councillor Sutton the Chairman stated that at the request of several citizens he had sought the postponement of the demolition of the urinals on the South Quay until such time as alternative sanitary convenience would be available. It was agreed that greater attention should be given to the cleaning and disinfecting of the urinals.

Replying to Councillor Sutton, the Town Clerk stated that in reply to a letter which he had written to C.I.E. conveying Council's opinion that the Company should be responsible for the provision of a shelter and sanitary convenience in Wicklow he had been informed that the Company would consider this matter when a suitable Bus Stop in the town would have been acquired. The Council agreed that it would be necessary to erect a Public Sanitary Convenience at a suitable spot on the Main Street.

CONDITION OF ROADS. Councillor Everett stated that the condition of the Blackcastle Road was unsatisfactory. The Town Surveyor undertook to have the necessary cleaning carried out and to rectify the position as regards the accumulation of water on the concrete road. The Town Surveyor Stated that he would deal with this matter immediately.

UNEXECUTED LEASE. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had made inquiries regarding the lease of a plot of Ground at South Quay to James Dickenson for a term of 75 years at the yearly rent of £6. Although the lease had been granted on 5th June, 1945, it had not yet been executed. After consultation with Council's Law Agent he had written to Mr. Dickenson informing him that in the event of his not deciding to execute the lease, the Council would have no option but to rescind their resolution. He now requested that a Notice of Motion to rescind the resolution should be lodged. After discussion Councillor Hudson undertook to interview Mr. Dickenson and find out his intention in the matter.

WATER SUPPLY. Councillor Everett inquired as to the position regarding the proposed Regional ^{Water} Supply Scheme. The Town Surveyor stated that he had an interview with their Consulting Engineer Prof. P. Purcell earlier in the day when the whole Scheme had been reviewed. The Town Surveyor in giving a preliminary report on the Scheme to the Council stated that it was hoped to have the work under contract by January, 1947. It would be a seven or eight months Scheme. He added that the whole matter was being dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

SILVER STRAND ROAD. Councillor Kane referring to the unfinished Silver Strand Road suggested that the Council should use all its influences to bring about the completion of this work at an early date. The Town Surveyor stated that the estimated cost of finishing the Road would be between seventeen and eighteen thousand pounds. In his opinion the County Council should make application to have portion of the Main Road Grants diverted for the purpose of carrying out this work. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kane and seconded by Councillor Hudson, and Resolved - "That this

Council requests the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to indicate when it may be expected to complete the Silver Strand - Magherymore link Road which has been left unfinished for several years although the Local Authority has expended a considerable sum on Land Purchase, fencing and other works. Further that this Council feels that the Town of Wicklow will not be in a position to avail of the anticipated increase in Tourist Traffic until this coast road has been completed."

NEW HOUSING SCHEME. Councillor Clarke stated that in view of the big effect which the Proposed Housing Scheme would have on the

ultimate state of the town from the point of view of Town Planning he considered that a special Meeting should be called to discuss the whole question of Housing having regard to the present housing requirements of the Town, proposed sites, classes of houses, economic rents etc. After discussion it was agreed that a special Meeting be held to discuss the matter. A requisition requesting that a Special Meeting be summoned for Tuesday, 13th August, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. was signed by the seven members of the Council present at the Meeting.

*J. O'Leary
3/9/46*

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WICKLOW U.D.C.
HELD ON 13th AUGUST, 1946.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held on the 13th August, 1946 at 7.30. p.m. pursuant to the following requisition signed by seven Members of the Council:- "We hereby request that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow. U.D.C. be summoned for Tuesday, 13th August, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed New Housing Scheme." signed by:- J.O'Leary. W. Clarke. J. Brennan. L. Sutton. E. Kane. C. Hudson. J. Everett. T.D.

PRESENT:

Councillor	J. O'Leary.	Chairman Presiding.
	C. Hudson.	
	W. Clarke.	
	J. Brennan.	
	J. Everett. T.D.	
	L. Sutton.	

The Secretary of Wicklow County Council and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager would be unable to be present as he was attending the Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council.

After discussion it was decided that in view of the desirability of having the County Manager and a full Meeting of the Council present when dealing with the important matter on the Agenda, the Meeting be adjourned to 20th August, 1946, or to such next earliest date on which the County Manager could be present. The following requisition was then signed by the Councillors present:-

" We request that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow U.D.C. be summoned for Tuesday, 20th August, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Clarke at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th August, 1946,- 'That we hereby rescind former Resolution of this Council approving of the sites at Castlefield and Ballynerrin as building sites for the purpose of the proposed New Housing Scheme'."

*J. O'Leary
3/9/46*

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow U.D.C. was held on Tuesday, 20th August, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. pursuant to the following requisition signed by six Members of the Council:- " We request that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow U.D.C. be summoned for Tuesday, 20th August, 1946, at 7.30. p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Clarke at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th August, 1946. 'That we hereby rescind former resolution of this Council approving of the sites at Castlefield and Ballynerrin as building sites for the purpose of the proposed New Housing Scheme.' " Signed by:- J. Olohan. Wm. Clarke. J. Brennan. C.W. Hudson. James Everett, Loughlin Sutton.

PRESENT:

Councillor	J. Olohan.	Chairman Presiding.
	W. Clarke.	
	L. Sutton.	
	J. Brennan.	
	J. O'Connor.	
	E. Kane.	
	J. Everett. T.D.	

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Councillor C. W. Hudson had telephoned him to state that he would be unable to be present at the Meeting.

THE COUNTY MANAGER stated that prior to discussing the sites, he would like to put certain figures before the Council which would give an indication as to the economic rent which it would be necessary to fix in respect of the proposed New Houses and would also show the approximate amount to be borne by the rates. He then submitted to the Council a detailed Schedule of estimated expenditure and receipts in respect of the 60 slum clearance houses. The County Manager explained that the subsidy would only represent two-thirds of the cost of a house kept to a limit of £350. There would be, however, he pointed out, an extra receipt item available in the nature of a grant from the transition Fund. He could give no indication, however, as to the amount that would be obtainable from this source. In referring to the approximate amount to be borne by the rates the County Manager stated that it would probably result in bringing about an increase of a 1/- in the Pound.

PROPOSED SITES. A general discussion took place concerning the sites which had been chosen for the Proposed New Housing Scheme. The County Manager in giving his opinion stressed the fact that it was merely a personal one. Regarding the site at Castlefield (the Blackcastle) he stated that he considered it unsuitable for a number of reasons - (1) It would obstruct access to and view of the sea (2) It might prove dangerous to children (3) It was too exposed and would be particularly so in the Winter. Referring to the site at Castle Street East he considered that having regard to the magnificent view of the Bay and Harbour to be obtained from this spot, it should be converted into a type of park with shrubs, seating accommodation etc. As regards the Murrough he stated that he was of opinion that it should not be further encroached upon for the purpose of providing houses. With reference to the site at Ballynerrin he said that while it had certain advantages to offer its distance from the town and the steep climb necessary to reach it, more than counter-balanced anything in its favour. Councillor O'Connor stated that while he was in accordance with the County Manager as regards the Castlefield Site he would not agree with him in his opinion regarding the site at Castle Street East. The Chairman in pointing out that there was a great demand for more houses for tenants adjacent to their place of livelihood, He also stated that he would again like to draw the attention of the Council to the need for providing Flats for those persons who would only require single apartments. Councillor Everett stated that he was voicing the opinion of the people of that neighbourhood when he said that the Castlefield site was unsuitable. He considered that Mr. Hugh Kehoe's field would prove an ideal site. In the event of its being procured he would agree that the site at Castle Street East should not be availed of. He said that it might be possible to bring about a change of mind on the part of the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the sites at Strand Street. Councillor Clarkem stated that he regarded the site at Ballynerrin as most unsuitable. It was too far removed from the Town and would entail hardship on people compelled to live there. As regards the site at Castlefield, Councillor Clarke stated that he concurred with the views of the County Manager.

In the case of the Murrough he was of opinion that no further houses should be built there. The Murrough, he stated, is a fine Natural Park and could be developed in many ways for the benefit of the town. Adverting to the possibilities of procuring alternative sites Councillor Clarke stated building should take place on a continuation of the present St. Laurence's Road, in the direction of the Chapel Road and also on the Chapel Road itself as far as the Urban Boundary. He pointed out that having regard to the total cost of the Housing Scheme the acquisition of land would entail comparatively small expenditure. Referring to Dunbur Road he said that this site would be ideal for better class houses which could prove to be an ornament to the Town.

After along discussion it was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Everett and Resolved "That we hereby rescind the former resolution of the Council approving of the sites at Castlefield and Ballynerrin for the purpose of the proposed new Housing Scheme and that the Council arrange to view alternative sites and submit recommendations."

It was decided that the Members of the Council together with the County Manager and Town Surveyor should inspect the various suggested sites on the afternoon of Saturday, 31st August, 1946.

BUS STOP. In reply to Councillor Kane the Town Surveyor stated that as a result of the recent interview with Members of the Council, the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána had inspected the Market Square and had given him to understand that the Garda Authorities would raise no objection to the proposed change of Bus Stop. The Town Clerk was directed to inform Coras Iompair Tíreann accordingly.

CONDITION OF STREETS. Councillor Everett stated that certain traders in the Town had complained to him regarding the white dust from the chippings on the Street. The Town Surveyor undertook to inquire in to the matter.

PATHS. Councillor O'Connor referred to the very bad condition of the paths, particularly in New Street. It was decided that these paths would also be inspected on Saturday, 31st August, 1946.

J. O'ohan 3/9/46

M I N U T E S

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1946.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'ohan. Chairman Presiding.
C. Hudson.
W. Clarke.
J. Brennan.
E. Kane.
L. Sutton.
J. Everett. T.D.
J. O'Connor.
R. Haskins.

Mr. K. J. Branagan, Deputy County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meetings of the 9th, 13th and 20th August, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION re: C.I.E. PARCEL CHARGES. Read copy of the following Resolution passed by Macroom Urban District Council,

"That the Macroom Urban District Council consider the big increase in bus parcel charges unnecessary, as running costs are decreasing. That as the increase amounts in some cases to over 200 per cent it will effect business men in all parts of Eire, and hence we strongly urge C.I.E. to reconsider this matter with a view to bringing the charges to a reasonable level. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Company and to all Urban Local Authorities in Eire."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Resolution.

SALT HOUSE LANE PREMISES. Read letter from Town Surveyor recommending that the Lower Portion of the Salt House Lane premises be reconstructed for the purpose of using it as a Fuel Depot. He estimated the cost of providing a new door, repairing the roof, rough plastering internally and externally, and putting in a concrete floor, at £55. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Council could make the appropriate claim for recoupment in respect of Rent for use of the premises as a Free Fuel Depot. Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson. Seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and Resolved -

"That in compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, We hereby consent to and approve of and confirm the expenditure of £55 on the carrying out of necessary repairs to Council's Premises known as the Salt House Lane Premises - provision for such expenditure not having been made in the Estimates for the current year."

TOWN FUEL SUPPLY. The Chairman stated that he wished to draw the attention of the Council to the present position of the Town Fuel Supply. He pointed out that the supply of turf and timber available for the townspeople fell very short of requirements and with the advent of Winter conditions a very serious problem would present itself. While not advocating a resumption of fuel sales by the Council he stressed the necessity of doing something to bring about an improvement in the supply position. After discussion the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Wicklow Corn Company and ascertain if they would be prepared to order additional supplies of fuel - not necessarily for sale and distribution by the Company but for the purpose of supplementing the quota of other Fuel Merchants in the town. Councillor Haskins stated that he would consider the feasibility of opening a fuel ^{DEPOT} during the coming winter. *flor*

POUND. Read letter from Town Surveyor recommending that portion of Council's yard on the South Quay, known as the Mill yard, be reconstructed for use as a Pound. He estimated the cost of providing water, a small lean-to shed and repairs to existing gate at £62. The Town Clerk stated that the County Council would contribute a sum of about £10 annually towards its upkeep. He pointed out that at a later date it might be desirable to utilise it as a fuel Depot. Councillor Everett suggested that the matter should be adjourned. In the event of its being legally binding on the Council to provide a Pound, he considered that some other yard should be procured for the purpose. Councillor Brennan suggested that it might be possible to get portion of the Gaol yard. The Town Clerk was directed to make the necessary inquiries and to bring the matter before the next Meeting of the Council.

ASSISTANT TO WATERWORKS OVERSEER. Read letter from the Town Surveyor recommending that Mr. Andrew Devlin, employed as a temporary assistant to the Waterworks Overseer, be appointed permanently to the post at a similar wage as that paid to the other single employees of the Council. Also read letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health inquiring whether the Manager considered that the duties of the Overseer were such as to justify the new

the permanent employment of an assistant. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That we recommend the permanent appointment of Mr. Andrew Devlin in his capacity as assistant to the Waterworks Overseer and that in compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to and approve of - and confirm the expenditure of £23.8.0d. in respect of additional wages to Mr. Andrew Devlin, Assistant to the Waterworks Overseer during the period 1st July, 1946, to 31st March, 1947, provision for such expenditure not having been made in the Estimates for the current year."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, Seconded by Councillor Wm. Clarke, and Resolved -

"That application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction for Overdraft Accommodation up to a limit of £1000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 1st October, 1946."

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE. Read letter RU/213/132 from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that a supplementary allocation under the current Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote could not be made available particularly in view of the fact that a substantial portion of the Special Grant of £1250 sanctioned in 1945/46 for the Bridge Scheme would fall due for payment out of the current year's vote. It was added that the grant of £600 already notified represented Wicklow's proportionate share of the moneys available for the relief of unemployment in the area in the coming winter. After a discussion relating to the conditions of the paths in the town, it was decided that the Town Surveyor should visit the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ascertain the possibility of obtaining a grant of £500 towards the carrying out of the necessary repairs on the condition that the Council would raise a loan of a similar amount.

ROAD IN HIGH STREET. Councillor Clarke referred to the very bad condition of the Road in High Street. He stated that the Gas Company should be requested to leave the roads in good order after carrying out repairs to Gas Mains etc. The Town Surveyor undertook to look into the matter.

POSTAL SERVICE. The following proposition, which was seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, was handed in by Councillor W. Clarke, "That, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, request the Minister