

for Posts and Telegraphs to restore the midday outgoing mail from Wicklow P.O., as the cessation of this very convenient mail since the restoration of later trains has been felt very much by the Townspeople. The earlier delivery now in operation would make this mail still more useful for urgent correspondence."

The Town Clerk was also directed to discuss the matter with the Local Postmaster.

NOTICE OF MOTION. Councillor C. W. Hudson handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

"That I or someone on my behalf will propose the following resolution at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st October, 1946. "That we hereby rescind Resolution of the Council of 5th June, 1945, granting a lease of a plot of ground at South Quay to James Dickenson for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £6."

HOUSING SCHEME. The Town Clerk stated that as a result of an inspection of sites carried out by six Members of the Council together with the County Manager and Town Surveyor on 31st August, 1946, it had been decided (1) That the sites at Castle Street East and at Blackcastle be replaced by sites on Mr. Hugh Keogh's Field and at Castle Street West (site formerly occupied by houses belonging to the late Thomas O'Carroll. (2) That the proposed Scheme for Ballynerrin be altered so as to allow building of working class houses to continue along the upper side of St. Laurence's Road in the direction of the Chapel Road. (3) That instead of utilising the two plots on either side of Territ Lane as sites for better class houses (a) the western plot (i.e. the plot on the Chapel Road side) be used for the building of working class houses, while (b) the Eastern plot be reserved for a playground. In converting this plot into a playground a very beautiful view of the ~~xxxxxx~~ Bay would be preserved. (4) That the new site for the better-class houses be transferred to the Chapel Road on either side of which houses could be built, from the end of St. Laurence's Road to the Urban Boundary. (5) No decision had been arrived at as regards the Murrough Site.

After a long discussion and examination of maps etc., it was decided that the final selection of sites be postponed until the next Meeting when the Town Surveyor would be able to inform them as to the number of houses which could be erected on the suggested sites.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, -

"That we recommend that steps be taken to acquire the following

lands at Ballynerrin Lower, viz.- the fields as marked hereunder on Ordnance Survey Map. (a) Field Marked 4.147 (b) Field marked 5.180. (c) Field marked 2.116. All adjoining St Patrick's Road and field marked 3.393 at Ballynerrin Lower at the rear of the above."

HOME ASSISTANCE CASES. Councillor Everett drew the attention of the Council to two cases of families, who, he considered, were deserving of the full Home Assistance Benefit. Councillor Sutton also cited a case. The Council agreed that they were deserving cases and directed the Town Clerk to refer them to the Superintendent of Home Assistance Officers.

J. W. W. W.
1/10/46

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMEETING HELD ON 1ST. OCTOBER, 1946.**PRESENT:**

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

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting of the 3rd September, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION re: REMISSION OF RATES. Read copy of the following resolution passed by Killarney Urban District Council. "Proposed by Mr. E. Gleeson, seconded by Mr. M. Clifford. Resolved :-

That we, the Killarney Urban District Council, request the Government to remit second moiety of Rates on agricultural land and buildings in view of the severe losses sustained by farmers owing to inclement weather and that copy of resolution be sent to An Taoiseach and copies to other local authorities for adoption."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Resolution.

COMPILATION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE. Read letter from Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., Cheltenham, England, offering to undertake the production of a first-class official guide for Wicklow, entirely free of cost to the Council. The County Manager pointed out that indirectly the people of the town would be contributing since this firm would seek advertisements from the traders. He added that if the Council were contributing to the Irish Tourist Association the latter body would undertake the preparation of such a guide. After a discussion during which it was suggested that he might find it possible to compile a suitable guide, Mr. P. J. Noonan, Press

Representative at the Meeting, asked that the matter be adjourned to a further Meeting to enable him to fully consider the matter. This request was acceded to by the Council.

LEASE TO JAMES DICKENSON. In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by C. W. Hudson, seconded by E. Kane, and resolved,

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby rescind resolution of the Council of 5th June, 1945, granting a lease of a Plot of Ground at South Quay to James Dickenson, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £6."

It was decided that the plot should be re-advertised. In view of the fact that on previous occasion a lease had never been executed, it was agreed that a further lease would be granted only on condition that the lease would be executed within three months.

AGREEMENT re MAINTENANCE OF STATION ROAD. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, -

"That the Common Seal of the Wicklow U.D.C. be affixed to the Engrossment and duplicate of an Agreement between Coras Iompair Eireann and the Wicklow Urban District Council, whereby the Council undertakes to maintain and keep in repair the road known as the "Station Road" for a period of 8 years from 1st August 1946."

. . . The Town Clerk pointed out that the old Agreement had terminated in November, 1943. The terms of the New Agreement provided for an initial payment of £168.15.0. by C.I.E. to the Council and after the expiration of four years for four further annual payments of £30.

PROVISION OF POUND. The question of providing a pound for Wicklow, which had been adjourned from the previous Meeting pending the Town Surveyor's report on the suitability of the jail yard for the purpose, was again before the Meeting. In his letter the Town Surveyor stated, that the proposal to use the jail yard for the purpose of a Pound did not seem capable of adoption since the Wicklow County Council had already decided that the area would be used for other purposes. Also read letter from Mr. Patrick McNamara, intimating that his son had been seriously injured by a stray horse and that when he had a complaint lodged with the Garda Authorities he had been informed that the lack of a Pound seriously hampered the Gardai in such cases. The writer suggested that the Council should provide a Pound.

After a long discussion, it was proposed by Councillor R. B. Haskins, and seconded by Councillor J. Everett, -

"That we, The Wicklow U.D.C., utilise our site at Bond Street for the purpose of a Pound."

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, -

"That we, the Wicklow U.D.C., utilise our yard at South Quay, known as the "Mill-yard", for the purpose of a temporary Pound."

On a show of hands the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution carried - for the resolution, Councillors Haskins, Everett, Clarke, Sutton and O'Connor: against, Councillors Hudson, Brennan, Kane and the Chairman.

After further discussion it was unanimously agreed that if the necessary repairs entailed an expenditure in excess of £20 the work of converting the site at Bond Street into use as a Pound should not be proceeded with. The Resolution thus read:-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, utilise our site at Bond Street for the purpose of a Pound provided that the expenditure involved does not exceed £20."

The matter of appointing a caretaker was deferred pending the submission of the Town Surveyor's Report.

JAIL SITE. Councillor Everett referred to the proposed demolition of the old jail and suggested that the Council should protest against the proposal to utilise the site for the purpose of a machinery yard. He stated that the majority of the Ratepayers were not in favour of such a proposal and would prefer to have a Municipal Building, County Library or Vocational School erected on the site. The Council were unanimous in supporting this view. The Town Surveyor pointed out that it had been intended to use only portion of the building - at the back of the jail where the cells are situated - for the purpose of storing machinery. He stressed the undesirability of demolishing this particular section of the building in view of its suitability as a machinery Depot. The County Manager informed the Meeting that nothing definite had been decided upon regarding the site. In view of its importance he considered that the Town Planner should be consulted in the matter. In this connection he informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. Dermot O'Toole, M.R.I. A.I., A.M.T.P.I., A.I.L.A., Town Planning Consultant to Wicklow. -

Urban District Council. In making the appointment he had been guided by the Town Planning Qualifications and experience of the Applicant. He pointed out that Members of the County Council would be inspecting the jail site before the next County Council Meeting and that arrangements could be made to have Members of the Urban Authority also present on the occasion. It was unanimously agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of the County Manager.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, 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 £1000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 5th November, 1946."

RATE COLLECTION. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that 57% of the Poor Rate and 51% of the Town Rate had been collected at end of September. Councillor Sutton stated that he had received Complaints from a couple of sources about the Collector's refusal to accept part payment of rates. The Town Clerk was instructed to inquire into the matter. Read letter from Miss. L. A. Kennedy, 11, Zion Road, Dublin, requesting that remission under Small Dwellings be granted since she had been only two days late in payment. The Town Clerk pointed out that under section 10 of the Act, remission could not be allowed in this case.

POSTAL SERVICE. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the local Postmaster had intimated that mail dispatched by the 12.20. p.m. train would not reach Dublin in time for the afternoon delivery. In view of this the Postmaster had suggested to his Department that Mail should be sent by the 11.30. a.m. bus. No reply had yet been received. The Chairman pointed out that people living in Ballynerrin area had a definite grievance in the matter of postal deliveries. The mail was not delivered there until after mid-day while it was delivered on Convent Road before 10 a.m. The Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the Postmaster with a view to having an earlier delivery effected.

TIMBER FROM WOODENBRIDGE. Read certificate of valuer (Mr. Henry C. Delahunt) setting out ^(£112) £122 as the value of the timber salvaged from the

old woodenbridge across the River Leitrim. The Council, on being informed that an offer of £100 had been received from the County Council for this material, recommended that the offer be accepted. Referring to such extraordinary receipts the County Manager suggested that while under ordinary circumstances it would be desirable to earmark them for the purpose of liquidating the debit balance, in view of the urgent repairs which it would be necessary to have carried out to the Foreshore, such receipts should be expended in carrying out this work. In this connection he referred to a former resolution of the Council authorising the expenditure of £100 on the erection of a Dressingroom on the Murrough and suggested that the Foreshore should have prior claim to such money. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved :-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, agree to the expenditure of £100 - being in the nature of extraordinary receipts - on Foreshore Works."

HOUSING - ACQUISITION OF LAND. Read letter from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, stating that Mrs Susan Whelan of Church Street, Wicklow, would be prepared to sell her two fields containing 8 acres. 2 roods. 23 perches. at the rate of £150 per acre. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, had mentioned in a phone conversation that his client, Mr. Matthew Olohan, would sell his field containing 2 acres. 0 roods. 15 perches. for £300. It was decided that a deputation consisting of Councillors C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke, E. Kane and the County Manager, should meet the owners of the land and their respective Solicitors with a view to arriving at a satisfactory arrangement.

INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. The County Manager reported on developments which had taken place since the last Meeting of the Association. He stated that Mecalectric Limited would enter into possession of the premises at Quarantine Hill as soon as the chimney would be demolished. As regards the proposed Woollen Industry he pointed out that he had informed the Solicitors acting for the undertakers that he a Deputation from the Association would be prepared to meet them to fully discuss the project. Only an acknowledgment of this letter had been received. With reference to the third project

the Manager stated that he had not heard from Mr. Demery for some weeks. He had written a recent letter to him setting out the advantage of the second site which had been chosen. The Manager added that he would phone him and endeavour to arrange the proposed consultation without further delay.

HOUSING - APPLICATION FOR WATER SUPPLY. Read letter dated 30.9.46. from John Keane, Contractor, Wicklow, enclosing site plan of proposed four new houses at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, and inquiring if, in view of the fact that the nearest watermain was a very considerable distance from the site, the Council would be prepared to extend the watermain to or near the site. After discussion it was decided that the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting pending the submission of the Town Surveyor's Report on the matter.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY. Proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved,-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council sympathise with Mr. Sean McEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in his recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his mother."

*J. W. Hudson
5/11/46*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER, 1946.

PRESENT:

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

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting of the 1st October, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM TEMPLEMORE U. D. C. The following resolution, passed by the Templemore Urban District Council was unanimously adopted :-
"Proposed by Mr. Joseph Carroll, seconded by Mr. John Sage, Resolved - That having regard to the increasing difficulties of providing houses for married members of the Garda Force in urban districts and with a view to ameliorating this position as well as relieving the acute shortage of middle-class houses and providing greater amount of employment in urban areas. We, the members of the Templemore Urban District Council, consider it the duty of the Government to make provision for the erection of state houses for married members of the Garda Force.
That copies of this resolution be sent to all municipal authorities."

PREPARATION OF LEASE MAPS. Councillor Everett proposed the following Resolution :-

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby direct that in the event of extra work, attaching to the preparation of Leases, being available the Council's Law Agent be recommended to give Mr. John Butler, M.R.I.A.I., Wicklow, an opportunity of carrying out such work."

During the long discussion which ensued it was stressed that such a recommendation would appear to be outside the functions of the Council. The Town Surveyor stated that he had carried out such work for the past twenty five years. The motion was not seconded.

HOUSING SCHEME. The Town Surveyor, reporting on the position of the Housing Scheme, stated that he was awaiting a communication from the Town Planning Consultant, to whom he had forwarded all the requisite Maps, Plans etc. The Chairman commented on the acute housing shortage in the Town and stated that he hoped the Planning Consultant would not be responsible for undue delay. The County Manager was requested to expedite the matter in every possible way.

POSTAL SERVICE. Read letter (R.23645/46 of 11.10.1946) from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs intimating that arrangements were being made as from the 14th October for the despatch of a letter-mail from Wicklow to Dublin by 11.30. a.m. C.I.E. bus. The Town Clerk told the meeting that the local postmaster had informed him that no reply had yet been received from the Department regarding the proposal to make an earlier delivery of mail available for persons residing in the Ballynerrin district.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET. The date of the Annual Fowl Market was fixed for Wednesday, 18th December, 1946.

OLD GAOL PREMISES. Read letter from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, forwarding copy of resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting held on 14th October, 1946, requesting that in view of the provisional approval of the County Engineer's recommendation that the rere portion of the Gaol premises be retained for use as a Machinery yard and stores, the Wicklow Urban District Council review their attitude in regard to this matter. After a lengthy discussion, during which the Chairman referred to the possibility of the eventual transfer of offices from Wicklow Town on the grounds of lack of space and facilities, it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and passed: Councillors Everett and Hudson dissenting -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, adhere to our former opinion that the Gaol Site should be completely cleared and should be utilised for the erection thereon of a Municipal Building: That we agree, however, to the utilisation of the relevant rere portion of the Premises as a Machinery yard and stores on the understanding that it will be a temporary arrangement, pending the provision of a permanent storage depot."

MANAGER'S ORDER. Councillor Everett referred to a recent Manager's Order authorising proceedings for the recovery of Council's land from Mrs. Angela Doyle and proposed that the Manager be requested to cancel the Order. He pointed out that this tenant was making a Bone Fide attempt to clear off arrears of ground rent. The Council unanimously supported this view. The County Manager in reply stated that £110 arrears of rent were due in respect of these holdings. The last Auditor's Report had given specific instructions that all necessary legal measures should be taken to recover such outstanding debts. Besides the land was the property of the Ratepayers and it would be in their interest to recover possession in case of non-payment of rent. In the circumstances he would not be prepared to cancel the Order. After discussion it was agreed that since court proceedings would not take place until February, 1947, Mrs. Doyle would have a reasonable time within which she might clear off the debt.

EXECUTION OF LEASES. Fitzpatrick Bros., (Lease for 75 years) It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved - "That Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial."

James Kavanagh. (Lease for 75 years) Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Everett and resolved - "That Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial."

Julia Doyle. (Lease for 75 years) Proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved - "That Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial."

Robert F. Conway's Lease. Read letter from J. H. McCarroll & Co., seeking extension of period to 31.12.1948, within which time Robert F. Conway could comply with building covenant inserted in a Lease granted to him in 1939. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant the extension of time - to 30th June, 1947 - to Robert F. Conway, to enable him to comply with the covenant relating to building inserted in Lease granted to him on 30th December, 1939."

Lease to William Clarke. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a Lease of a Plot of Ground, at Dunbur Road, to Mr. William Clarke, for 75 years, at a yearly rent of £5 on condition that Mr. Clarke pays the customary fine of £5."

Lease to Swimming Club. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor James Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a Lease to Wicklow Swimming Club of a plot of Ground at New Pier, Wicklow, as shown on Plan submitted by the Town Surveyor, for a period of fifteen years, at the yearly rent of £1; on condition that the terms of the lease in so far as they relate to the portion of the Foreshore Leased to the Council by the Minister for Finance on 7th December, 1943, are subject to the covenants and provisions contained in the said lease of 7th December, 1943."

WICKLOW GUIDE. Read letter from Mr. P. J. Noonan intimating that he had decided to proceed with the compiling and publishing of a Guide, and requesting Council's permission to state therein that it was issued with the Council's authority. He also asked permission to use a block of the Urban Seal. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Chairman J. Olohan, and resolved -

"That We grant Mr. P. J. Noonan permission to use a block of the Urban Seal for the purpose of his official Guide and authorise him to state therein that it is being issued with the Council's authority."

PROVISION OF POUND. Read letter from Town Surveyor stating that it would not be possible to convert the semi-demolished buildings at Bond Street into use as a Pound without exceeding the expenditure limit of £20 as fixed by the Council. It was decided that a further effort should be made to induce Mr. Manning to let his yard for the purpose and act as Caretaker.

EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN. Read Report from Town Surveyor relative to proposal to lay a main from St. Laurence's Road to Mr. Kane's field near Fitzwilliam Road. The estimated cost - using a 4 inch main - was given as £310. If a 3 inch main were used the figure would be reduced to £268. After discussion the County Manager stated that the question finally resolved itself into determining an equitable apportionment of the cost of the main between (1) Cost chargeable to Housing Scheme, (2) Charge against potential development, and (3) Amount chargeable to Mr. Kane. It was decided that the County Manager and Mr. Kane - who intimated that he was prepared to make a reasonable contribution - should discuss the matter further before finally determining figures. The Chairman stated that in the event of its being decided to proceed with the work, the question of servicing the Dunbur Road area should be entertained also.

HOUSING SCHEME - PURCHASE OF LANDS. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Solicitors for the respective owners of the land about to be acquired, had as a result of the representations made by the Deputation, appointed by the Council, reduced the price originally sought to the following :-

In the case of Mr. Matthew Olohan to £270 for his field (2 acres brood. 15 perches); and in the case of Mrs. Sarah Whelan to £130 per acre.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved -

- (1) "That subject to the approval and sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, agree to pay £270 to Mr. Matthew Olohan for his field at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, this figure representing a price of £120 per acre approximately."
- (2) "That subject to the approval and sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, offer Mrs. Sarah Whelan £120 per acre for her three fields at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow."

WATER SUPPLY. In reply to Councillor Kane the County Manager stated that a supplemental grant would be available from the Transition Development Fund in respect of new water and sewerage Schemes approved by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, not later than 31st March, 1947, and completed before 1st April, 1948, provided the capital cost per household of the area to be served by the Scheme, would exceed £55 but would not exceed £175. A grant not exceeding one-half of the excess would be payable.

FUEL POSITION. Read letter from Fuel Importers Ltd., intimating that the matter of allocating supplies of fuel to Messrs. Haskins for sale and distribution in the town of Wicklow was still under consideration. In this connection the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received a telephone message from Mr. Haskins to the effect that his application had been granted. Also read copy of letter from Department of Industry and Commerce to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council pointing out that the fuel position in County Wicklow was under review and that ample supplies of fuel were available for domestic purposes. The letter added that if a particular instance were cited of failure on

the part of a Fuel Trader to meet the requirements of his customers, the appropriate remedial measures would be taken by the Department. Councillor Everett stated that together with Deputy Brennan, he had made certain representations in connection with the the Fuel Supply, and hoped that certain restrictions at present in force limiting the sale of timber to certain sections of the community would soon be removed. The Council were of opinion that the position was still most unsatisfactory.

CONDITION OF BREAD. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Chairman J. Olohan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby draw the attention of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the present quality of our bread and - in view of the present high degree of waste due in large measure to the high extraction and poor milling quality of the native wheat - call upon him to bring about an immediate improvement, by lowering the extraction per centage even should it entail rationing."

QUALITY OF GAS. Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved -

"That on behalf of the consumers, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, strongly protest against the bad quality of the gas at present being produced at Wicklow and call upon those responsible to bring about an immediate improvement in the service."

Reference was also made to the unsatisfactory manner in which road reinstatements were carried out by the Gas Company. Council directed that any power possessed by Council in relation to this matter should be exercised.

TREES ON MALL. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, request the Wicklow County Council to plant flowering trees along the Mall, Wicklow."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, 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 3rd December, 1946."

MACHINERY. Read letter from Town Surveyor suggesting that a Stone Crusher, the property of the Council, which had been lying for a number of years at Kilpoole Quarry, should be disposed of to the Wicklow County Council. The Council recommended the County Manager to accept the offer of £100.

WENTWORTH PLACE - WATERMAIN. Read letter from Town Surveyor relative to necessity to lay a New Watermain in the footpath of Wentworth Place in view of the decision to complete the concreting of the road. He estimated the cost at £65.0.0d. It was proposed by Chairman, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"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 estimates of Expenses in respect of Water Supply Expenditure by an amount not exceeding £65 on the provision of water mains for Wentworth Place, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses 1947/1948."

REPAIRS TO ARTISANS DWELLINGS. Read letter from William Vickers, 14 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow, requesting Council to provide him with a new range. Also read Circular H.133/46 pointing out that henceforth the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would not be granted to the raising of loans to finance repairs to dwellings provided by local authorities. Further it pointed out that the amount which would be required to finance repair works during 1947/48 should be carefully calculated and fully provided for in the estimate for that year. It was proposed by Chairman, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"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 Estimates of Expenses in respect of Repairs to Artizan's Dwellings by an amount not exceeding £60 on the carrying out of urgent repairs, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses 1947-1948."

The Council directed that the necessary repairs be carried out to Mr. Vicker's range or a new one provided for him.

PLOT AT SOUTH QUAY. The Town Clerk intimated that in response to advertisement, no application had been received for lease of the vacant Plot of Ground on South Quay. Councillor Sutton stated that he knew a person who was interested in the plot and would direct him to make an application.

SALT HOUSE LANE PREMISES. The Council directed that the Upper portion of the Salt House Lane premises be advertised on its ceasing to be used as a fuel depot.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE. Read letter from James Carnegie making application for a site on the Golf Links Road for the purpose of erecting a bungalow thereon. The Town Clerk was directed to inform applicant to choose a particular site in the area in question.

WENTWORTH PLACE PATHS. Councillor Kane referred to the unsatisfactory state of the Pathway at Wentworth Place. The Town Surveyor stated that he would carry out the necessary surfacing when he would have the men employed on the Relief Scheme.

LIGHTING. Read memorial signed by residents of Upper Castle Street and Castlefield drawing attention to the condition of the Laneway leading to the houses in the area and requesting that a light be provided. ORDER: Position to be examined by the County Manager. Councillor Everett stated that the lamp outside the Church Gate on St. Patrick's Road had not been lighting for a period. The Town Clerk was directed to make inquiries in the matter.

QUAY ROADS ETC. Councillor Sutton referred to the necessity of providing a light on the South Quay at the Corner of Salt House Lane. The County Manager pointed out that the lighting of the quays was a matter for the Harbour Authority. In this connection he also referred to the question of maintenance of the Quay Roads. He undertook to inquire more fully into the matter before making a decision as the possibility of surcharge was involved.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting (1) That Mr. M. Behal of Mecalectric Ltd., Rathdrum, had informed him that he would commence reconstruction work on the premises at Quarantine Hill as soon as possible. (2) That Mr. V. Demery had confirmed that a group of Belgians interested in the Industrial project would visit Wicklow for the purpose of inspecting sites etc. sometime during the month of November, 1946. (3) That Mr. George Miller, of North Paddesley, Southampton, had written to the County Manager intimating that he would not be coming to reside in Eire and that consequently he was no longer interested in the availability of a suitable factory site.

James Everett 2/12/46
Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1946.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILM I N U T E SMEETING HELD ON THE 3rd. DECEMBER, 1946.

PRESENT:

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

The County Manager, The Town Surveyor, The Town Planning Consultant (Mr. Dermot O'Toole, M.R.I.A.I.) and his assistant Mr. Kennedy, were also in attendance.

Since both the Chairman (Mr. J. Olohan) and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. C. Hudson) were unavoidably absent, owing to illness, Mr. J. Everett, T. D., on the proposition of Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins, acted as Chairman.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The minutes of Meeting held on the 5th November, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Acting Chairman.

GROUND RENT - RD. WHITE. Mr. Richard White of Drumcondra Park, Dublin, was received by the Council in connection with the proposed apportionment of ground rent on his Holdings at Strand Street and Bond Street, Wicklow. The Town Clerk gave particulars of the case to the Meeting pointing out that the original yearly rent had been £4.14.0d. but that - presumably as a result of an agreement made between himself and the Council at the time - an annual rent of £3. 4. 0d. had been paid by Mr. White since 25th March, 1938, thus leaving an annual arrears of £1.10.0d. which accounted for the sum of £13.13.0d. shown as outstanding in March, 1946. The County Manager stated that he had made a thorough investigation of the facts relating to this particular case and had obtained the advice of Council's Solicitor in the matter. It seemed that the only course open was to have the original lease surrendered by Mr. White and have a new lease - which would refer to four houses as distinct from nine on the original lease - granted to him by the Council. Having heard Mr. White, the Council, decided that, in view of the fact that two of the remaining four houses had been condemned and would soon be demolished, it would not appear equitable to put Mr. White to the expense of having a new lease executed. In the circumstances it was suggested that Mr. White be requested to make a formal Surrender of the old lease and that an arrangement to be made whereby Mr. White would become a yearly tenant at a reduced rent.

TOWN PLANNING. The County Manager introducing Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Kennedy to the Council stated that Mr. O'Toole was at present engaged in the preparation of a utilisation map prior to his submitting a Preliminary Report, dealing with the leading characteristics of the Town from the point of view of Historical and Economical Background and future Development; together with a sketch map which would show new road alignments, zoning for housing and Industry, etc. Mr. O'Toole explained the function of a Town Planning Consultant to the Meeting and in view of the desirability of having close co-operation between the Council and the Consultant invited the opinions and suggestions of the Members with particular reference to the following headings :- (1) Roads;

(2) Siting of Industries: (3) Siting of Houses. A long discussion then ensued during which the attention of the Consultant was especially directed to the following :- (1) Utilisation of Jail sites (2) Siting of Hospitals (3) Siting of Industries.

SUGAR STRIKE. After a discussion relating to the Sugar Strike it was proposed by Councillor Haskins, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved :-

"That in view of the very serious situation which has arisen as a result of the Strike in the four best factories whereby both the Farming and Industrial Communities are likely to suffer considerable losses and hardships, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, call upon the Government and the relevant Trade Unions to devise some way by which the strikers will be induced to resume work immediately, pending full investigation of their alleged grievances and the determination of an equitable settlement by the newly formed Labour Court. Copies of this resolution to th be forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the affected Trade Unions."

BRICKFIELD LANE. Councillor Haskins referring to the condition of Brickfield Lane drew the attention of the Town Surveyor to the material which was being spread on it. The Surveyor stated that this material would make a good hard surface. On the suggestion of the Council he undertook to use a light roller in connection with the work.

RELIEF SCHEME. The Town Surveyor informed the Meeting that the work in connection with the Relief Scheme for the current year would commence on Monday, 9th December, 1946.

CONDITION OF PATHS AT NEW STREET. When Councillor O'Connor referred to the very bad condition of the paths at New Street the Town Surveyor pointed out that plans and estimates in connection with all such repairs had been lodged with the Department. It would not be possible, however, to carry out this work under the present Relief Scheme.

RESOLUTION re ALLOTMENTS. The Council unanimously adopted the following resolution passed by the Skibbereen Urban District Council.

"That the minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the scheme for allotments to both Widows and Old Age Pensioners on similar conditions to those which are allowed to unemployed persons. Further, that in view of the(allowed) steep increase in cost of living that the income limit for the purpose of obtaining a free allotment be substantially increased."

POSTAL SERVICE. Read letter from Local Postmaster intimating that as a result of recent train alterations Postal Delivery in the town of Wicklow was now being effected at a uniform hour on all week days. It was also stated that the question of an improvement in the delivery arrangements in Ballynerrin area was still under consideration.

TREES ALONG THE MALL. Read letter from County Secretary intimating that the County Manager had agreed to the proposal contained in the Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Urban Council on 5th November, 1946, requesting the County Council to plant flowering trees along the Mall, Wicklow. It was also stated that the County Engineer had been directed to obtain quotations for flowering cherries and almonds.

GAS SUPPLY. Read letter from Wicklow District Gas Company Limited, stating that it was surprising that complaints were being made about the quality of gas since it would appear from tests which were frequently carried out by the Company that there could be no justification for such complaints. It was further stated in the course of the letter, that while the service was not all that could be desired an attempt was being made to improve matters by increasing the size of one of the Mains. In this connection it was pointed out that in deference to the wishes of the Town Surveyor the laying

of this Main had been delayed for over two months. After discussion it was decided that, in view of the poor quality of the gas and the high charge to consumers, the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to send down an inspector to make an inquiry into the matter.

HOUSING - PURCHASE OF LAND. Read letter dated 13th November, 1946, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, stating that their client, Mrs. Susan Whelan, was prepared to sell her lands at St. Patrick's Road, to the Council at £120 per acre, but that in view of the fact that Mrs. Whelan had been offered more than £120 per acre for half of her land, this offer would only remain open for one month. The Town Clerk was directed to expedite the procurement of the Minister's Sanction to the purchase.

LEASE OF PLOT AT SOUTH QUAY. Read application from Mr. R. T. Killian of Rockfield Hotel, Bittas Bay, Co. Wicklow, for a lease of a vacant plot of ground at South Quay, and offering £5 per annum as the ground rent. It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, grant a Lease of a Plot of Ground, at South Quay, Wicklow, to Mr. Richard Killian, for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £6."

SITE ON MURROUGH. Read letter from Mr. John Barlow of 1, The Murrough, Wicklow, applying for a lease of the plot of ground on the Murrough, which he holds from the Council at an annual rent of 13/-. After discussion it was decided to allow him to hold the plot as a yearly tenant and thus avoid the incurring of expenditure in having a lease executed.

EXECUTION OF LEASES. + Weighbridge Plot on Murrough - Wicklow Urban District Council to Wicklow County Council. On the proposition of Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Council Seal was affixed to the Lease and Counterpart.

LEASE TO RICHARD KAVANAGH. Execution of endorsement re erection of garage. On the proposition of Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Council seal was affixed to the endorsement on the Lease and Counterpart.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Acting/Chairman J. Everett, and resolved -
"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1500 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 7th January, 1947."

HOUSING CIRCULAR. The County Manager summarised the contents of a Circular from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in relation to the financing of housing schemes. The following were the chief points :-
(1) That repayment of Local Authorities borrowing from the Local Loans Fund for Housing Purposes would be over a period of 50 years.
(2) That the rate of interest for such loans would be 2½% per annum.
(3) That there would be a discontinuance of the waiting period. (hitherto Urban Authorities paid interest charges only on Advances for a "Waiting Period" of two years immediately following the date of the Mortgage Deed).
(4) That grants from the Transition Development Fund would be available during the period ending 31.3.1948 and that these grants would be paid only when (a) the accepted tenders are reasonable (b) proposed rents are reasonable and (c) the local authority is prepared to make a reasonable contribution from the Rates.
(5) That the rents now fixed should show some advance - approximately 15% - over pre-war Basic Rents.
(6) That immediate steps should be taken by local authorities to get their Housing Schemes under way.

The County Manager then submitted figures to the Meeting setting out the advantages which would derive from the longer term

loans at a reduced rate of interest.

EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN. The County Manager stated that he had discussed with Councillor Kane the question of costs etc., in connection with the proposed extension of watermain to Mr. Kane's field near Fitzwilliam Road and had suggested that £50 would be a reasonable sum to be paid by him to Council for this service. Mr. Kane's figure, however, was £35. After discussion, on the suggestion of Councillor Sutton Mr. Kane agreed to pay £40. The County Manager pointed out that inevitably there would be a certain amount of delay before the work could be carried out.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSE. Read letter from William Byrne of St. Laurence's Road, complaining about the very bad condition of his house. The Town Surveyor was directed to carry out an inspection and submit Report.

LIGHTS ON QUAY. After a discussion relating to the lighting of the South Quay the County Manager undertook to make further inquiries concerning Council's liability in the matter - with particular reference to the lighting of lamp at the corner of Salt House Lane.

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received the preliminary Report of the Consulting Engineer in connection with the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme. He gave an outline of the proposals contained in the Report and pointed out that the question now involved was that of deciding between obtaining this water supply from Dublin Corporation and having an independent supply of their own. The Council were in favour of the latter proposal. The County Manager referring to the amount to be borne by the rates in the Urban Area, stated, that the amount which it would be necessary to levy for the repayment of the loan charges would probably represent a rate of 1/6d in the £.

John Usher
Chairman Presiding.

7th January, 1947.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1947.

PRESENT:

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

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also present.

 ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The minutes of Meeting of the 3rd. December, 1946, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM BUNDORAN U.D.C. The Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution, forwarded by the Bundoran Urban District Council :-

"We, the Members of the Bundoran Urban District Council, request the Government to take steps to appoint a Departmental Committee or some such body to inquire into the whole problem of Working-Class Housing in Eire. This includes Labourers' Cottages and any other houses controlled by Local Authorities. We believe the position is chaotic, particularly regarding arrears of rent, whilst the cost of repairs is beyond the financial scope of any Local Authority. This is a matter of very serious concern to the ratepayers, and it re-acts to the detriment of other urgent Schemes, such as Sewerage and Water Supplies, which have been badly neglected during the Emergency years.

We ask you to give this matter your earnest and immediate consideration."

LETTING OF SALT HOUSE LANE PREMISES. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that two applications for the Salt House Lane Store had been received, within the specified time pursuant to advertisement; viz -

- (1) From Mrs. E. O'Toole, Main Street, Wicklow. (3/- per week without Rates).
- (2) From Mr. L. Sutton, Main Street, Wicklow. (2/6 per week plus rates).

In the event of the Council deciding to approve of the letting to Mr. Sutton, the Town Clerk stated that the Manager would recommend the fixing of an inclusive figure (4/-) as the weekly rent. Read letter (received earlier on the day of the Meeting) from the President of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish ex-Servicemen's Association, submitting an offer of 3/- per week plus rates for the Premises. In the course of the letter it was ~~stated~~ stated that the letting should be re-advertised by exhibiting Notices in prominent positions throughout the Town.

GROUND RENT - JAMES McCALL. Read letter dated the 1/1/1947 from Mr. James McCall, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, requesting the Council to review the position regarding the arrears of ground rent (£5.19.0d) due by him in respect of his property situate at Upper Strand Street, Wicklow, and pointing out that he had expended a considerable sum in putting these premises into a habitable state of repairs and that when he was expecting to receive some revenue from them they had been

condemned by Council. After discussion it was decided to request Mr. McCall to make a formal surrender of his Lease to Council. It would then be possible to give further consideration to the question of striking off the rent recorded as due.

LEASE TO DOMINICAN CONVENT. (Wicklow U.D.C. to Dominican Convent, Wicklow. Lease of Plot of Ground for a term of 99 years at £5 per annum). On the proposition of Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, the Council Seal was affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial.

LEASE TO MECALLECTRIC LIMITED. The Draft Lease (Wicklow U.D.C. to Mecallectric Ltd) as prepared by Council's Solicitor was considered by the Council. Read letter from Mr. A. Cullen, solicitor to Lessee, suggesting that certain Covenants included in the Lease should be deleted or amended - with particular reference to the Clause relative to the use of the premises as a factory. Council's Solicitor in his covering note suggested that the granting of the Lease should be conditional on the premises being used as a factory, in view of the fact that another person had surrendered the plot of ground on this account. The Council unanimously approved of the Draft Lease as originally prepared by the Law Agent.

LEASE OF PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD. Read letter dated 31.12.1946 from James Carnegie Esc., Wentworth Place, Wicklow, stating that he no longer wished to acquire plot on Miss Dorothy Wall's Holding but was now applying for Lease of a piece of ground situated between Mr. Haughton's House and the Golf Links' Boundary on the New Concrete Road. The letter added that it was desired to procure a lease of the whole site since it was the intention of the applicant to build more than one house. Also read letter, dated 4.1.1947, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, stating that a client had requested them to ascertain if the Council would be prepared to grant a lease of the same plot. The Chairman said that prior to discussing these applications he wished to refer to the question of the Lease of a plot at Dunbur Road, recently granted to Councillor W. Clarke. Some years ago a resolution had been passed by the Council fixing £2.10.0. (together with a fee of £5) as the annual rent of Plots on this sideroad, as distinct from Plots on the Main Road - the rent of which had been fixed at £5 per annum with a £10 fine.

After a long discussion, during which the Manager, pointed out the desirability of increasing ground rents generally, in view of the enhanced value of land and of the recommendations made by the Local Government Auditor, Councillor C. Hudson handed in the following Notice of Motion:

"That I or someone on my behalf will propose the following Resolution at the next Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council -

That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby rescind resolution of 5th November, 1946, granting a Lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road for a period of 75 years, at an annual rent of £5 to Mr. William Clarke."

With reference to the other applications the Manager suggested that in future when Council would be considering the leasing of sites for building the following procedure should be adopted :- (1) Town Planning Consultant should state if he agrees that site is a suitable one for building. (2) Sites should only be let singly for separate houses and applications should be invited by advertisement - Applicants to state rent which they will offer. After a full discussion on the matter it was decided that the granting of leases should be deferred pending the mapping out of sites on the plot by the Town Surveyor, who would also consult the Town Planning Consultant in the matter.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE BY MR. J. TONER. Read letter from Mr. J. Toner, "Dunburville", Wicklow, applying for a building site, approximately 60ft. wide and 200ft. long in the field exactly opposite the Golf Links Gate. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett, the granting of the Lease was deferred pending the mapping of the Plot by the Town Surveyor and the submission of a joint report by the Surveyor and Town Planning Consultant, as in

the case of the other applicants.

GROUND RENT ARREARS - RICHARD WHITE. Read letter from Council's Solicitor dated 7.1.1947 intimating that Council could grant a yearly tenancy to Mr. White but that in order to legalise matters, it would be necessary for Mr. White to formally execute a surrender of the existing lease. The Manager stated that Mr. White would be requested to do this and that a tenancy agreement could then be executed and made retrospective.

"RIVERSIDE" LEASE. The Council formally approved of the Draft Lease (Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to Wicklow U.D.C.) of the premises known as "Riverside", South Quay, Wicklow, as prepared and submitted by their Solicitor.

RESOLUTION FROM DUNGARVAN U.D.C. The following Resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council was marked "Read" -

"That We, the Dungarvan Urban District Council, call on the Government to make a ration of coal available to every family in Eire, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Industry and Commerce and to all Urban Authorities in Eire."

LETTER FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN BOSCO. Read letter from Society of St. John Bosco, forwarding the following Resolution -

"That this Annual Meeting of the Society of St. John Bosco finding that the development of the work of the Society is seriously hampered by the lack of accommodation for boys' clubs appeal to the Local Authorities to provide sites for such Clubs in all area in which there is a demand for them." The Council unanimously decided to facilitate the Society in every possible way.

PROPERTY OF MRS. JANE MORGAN (deceased). Read letter from Mr. E. J. Hopkins, Solicitor, making application on behalf of his clients (Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor of Kilpoole, Wicklow) for new Leases in respect of the property consisting of four houses recently purchased by his clients from the Reprs. of Mrs. Jane Morgan, deceased.

ORDER: Obtain Report from Town Surveyor as to whether these houses can be put into a habitable state of Repair.

ALLOTMENTS. Read letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 27.12.1946, addressed to Mr. J. Everett, T.D., with reference to a communication of the deputy forwarded to the Department enclosing a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Wicklow U.D.C. at the Meeting held on the 3rd December, 1946, in regard to the provision of allotments at the reduced rate to Old Age Pensioners and persons in receipt of Widows and Orphans Pensions. The letter stated (1) That it was not intended to make any change in the existing law in so far as it affected Old Age Pensioners (2) Pensioners under the Widows and Orphans Pensions Acts are not debarred from obtaining Plots as "unemployed persons" if they are ~~not~~ in fact unemployed and if their incomes do not exceed the fixed income limit. Councillor Everett submitted the query as to whether widows and orphans pensions should be regarded as "income" for the purpose of qualifying for an allotment at a Nominal Rent. It was decided to submit to the Minister the view of the Council to the effect that such pensions should not be regarded as income for the purpose of benefiting under the Allotments Act of 1934.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Read letter (dated 3.1.1947) from Mr. V. S. Demery of Beleir Limited regretting that it had not yet been possible to submit full details of their proposition to the Industrial Association but that it was hoped to be able to do so before the middle of the month.

ORDER: Noted. Wait further communication from Mr. Demery.

The Town Clerk gave particulars to the Meeting of the interview which took place on 12th December, 1946, between representatives of the Industrial and Development Association and Mr. Richard Killian. The purpose of the Interview was to ascertain if Mr. Killian would be prepared to transfer from his present site to the immediately adjoining area which would include the Corn Company yard and the adjacent plot of ground to within a short distance of Messrs. Haskins'

Mill. The Representatives of the Association pointed out that extra storage space would be made available for Mr. Killian at Lower Strand Street. Mr. Killian intimated that he would be satisfied with this arrangement. He stated that £5000 was his figure in respect of Transfer etc.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £2000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 4th February, 1947."

PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM. The Chairman suggested in order that provision should be made for the purpose of in the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year, the Council should inquire into the necessity of restoring more of the Public Lights throughout the town. He cited certain places at which he considered lights should be available. It was decided that the recommendations of the Councillors should be considered at the next Meeting of the Council. The E. S. P. could then be asked if it would be possible to have these lights restored. Attention was drawn to the fact that cowls, which had been placed on the Public Lamps as a wartime precaution, had not all been removed. The Town Clerk was directed to request E. S. P. to remove all such cowlings immediately.

FORESHORE. Read Report from Town Surveyor dated 7th January, 1947, regarding certain damage which occurred to the Promenade, near the old Boat House, on the North Beach, during the storm on Sunday, 5th January, 1947. The Report, setting out the extent of the damage caused, stated that the concrete slabs, forming the Promenade Walk, adjoining the old sea wall erected in 1913 had collapsed for a distance of about 20 feet and a width of 12' 6". The Surveyor recommended the following works at a total estimated expenditure of £370.

- (1) To Sheet Pile the front of the old sea wall, to fill all holes and cavities, restore gravel and sand filling, and re-lay concrete slabs.
- (2) To construct and place a further six chained concrete blocks north of the Promenade.

After a long discussion during which it was claimed by Councillors that sufficient assistance had not been obtained from the State and that coastal protection works should be a National rather than a Local charge, it was decided that the Department should be requested to send down an Inspector immediately to investigate the present position.

HOUSING SITES. The Town Surveyor submitted revised Lay-out Plans in connection with the New Housing Scheme. He explained that he had mapped this lay-out of the sites after consultation with the Town Planning Consultant. After a careful examination of the Plans, the Council unanimously decided not to approve of the plan whereby Working-class houses would immediately adjoin the Better-class houses along the St. Patrick's Road. The Surveyor was directed to prepare a New Lay-out Plan of this particular area. The Council approved of the plans submitted in connection with the sites at Cooper's Field and Castle Street. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor E. Kane.-

"That we hereby approve of the lay-out plan of eighteen houses at Cooper's Field, of four houses at Monkton Row, of two houses at Castle Street Middle and of two houses on Carroll's site at Castle Street west, as submitted by the Town Surveyor in connection with proposed Housing Scheme. Town Surveyor to redesign lay-out for St. Laurence's Road area as we consider that better-class houses to be erected should be further removed from the other houses to be provided."

MISS DOROTHY WALL'S HOLDING. The Town Clerk stated that since Mr. Carnegie was no longer interested in the acquisition of portion of Miss Wall's ~~interest~~ field it did not appear necessary to proceed with the purchase of Miss Wall's interest. The Council decided, however, that in view of the likelihood of there being prospective purchasers of portion of this holding for building sites, it would be well to purchase Miss Wall's interest in the field. Councillor

Everett and Sutton were selected to approach Miss Wall in the matter and to report back to Council.

BACHELOR'S WALK. The Chairman drew attention to the unsightly collection of loose material in the River Leitrim at the western end of Parnell Bridge. The Town Surveyor was directed to have this material removed.

ROADWAY LEADING FROM CASTLE STREET ETC. Councillor O'Connor referring to an order made by the Council at its Meeting, pointed out that nothing had been done in connection with the roadway leading from Castle Street to the Harbour, nor had any repairs been carried out to the Paths at New Street. Councillor Everett referred to the condition of the Chapel Road and suggested that a defective shore was responsible. The Town Surveyor was instructed to deal with these matters.

PLANTING OF TREES. The Manager informed the Meeting that flowering shrubs and trees ~~xxx~~ for Leitrim Place and The Mall had been placed on order.

C. W. Hudson
Chairman.

4/2/47

4th February, 1947.

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor C. W. Hudson. Vice-Chairman Presiding
J. Everett. T. D.
L. Sutton.
J. Brennan.
R. Haskins.
W. Clarke.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meeting of the 7th January, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

COWLING OF E. S. B. LIGHTS. Read letter from E. S. B. dated 13.1.1947 intimating that the District-office had been requested to remove all remaining cowls in Wicklow without delay and to replace them with glassware immediately this can be made available. The Town Clerk stated that the Local E. S. B. Office had since informed him that all cowling had now been removed.

WICKLOW GAS SUPPLY. Read letter (E.P.A. 126/31 of 7.1.1947) from Department of Industry and Commerce intimating that the Minister having considered the matter of price of gas supplied by Wicklow District-Gas-Company, Ltd., was of opinion that the prices charged are reasonable, having regard to the high cost of production arising out of the present abnormal conditions.

FUEL SUPPLIES. Read letter dated 23.1.1947 from County Manager re Deputation - comprised of the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. J. McCrea), Councillors - J. Brennan, T.D., J. Everett, T.D., and P. McCarthy - to the Department of Lands in connection with the question of Fuel supplies. The Deputation was favourably received and the officials of the Department indicated that they would again examine the entire question of the issue of tree felling licences in County Wicklow, and would ascertain if an arrangement could be made to issue licences which would allow of the supply of timber for fuel in Arklow and Wicklow Urban Districts.

Councillor Everett, referring to the effort which Mr. R. T. Killian was making to supply firewood to the people of the town, suggested that the Council should exercise their influence in endeavouring to obtain permission for Mr. Killian to import, as speedily as possible, a special machine for the purpose of his timber trade. The Town Clerk was directed to make representations to the appropriate Department.

LEASE TO WILLIAM CLARKE. Pursuant to Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby rescind resolution of 5.11.1946 granting a lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, to William Clarke, for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £5."

It was then proposed by Councillor-Chairman C. W. Hudson, seconded by J. Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow U.D.C. hereby grant a lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. William Clarke of Wentworth Place for a period of 75 years, at an annual rent of £2.10. O. Mr. Clarke to pay the fixed fine of £5."

LEASE TO JOHN BARLOW. Read letter dated 28.1.1947 from Mr. John Barlow of 1, Lurrough, Wicklow, making application for a Lease of a Plot of Ground at the Murrough at present held by him under a yearly tenancy.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Chairman C. W. Hudson, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a Lease of a Plot of Ground on the Murrough, for a term of 31 years to Mr. John Barlow, at an annual rent of 13/-."

BUILDING OF BOUNDARY WALL AT QUARANTINE HILL. Read letter from Mr. William Clarke enclosing an account, which he received from Mr. John Kane, Builder, Wicklow, to the amount of £16.17.10d. in respect of half cost of building Boundary Wall at Quarantine Hill. The writer stated that he did not consider himself responsible for this amount since he had not obtained a Lease or occupied the yard. After discussion it was decided that the matter should be brought to the attention of the new lessees, Mecalectric Limited, with a view to ascertaining if they would be prepared to make a refund of this sum to Mr. Clarke.

LEASE TO D. H. HASKINS & SON, LTD. Read letter dated 27.1.1947 from D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd., making application to the Council for permission to erect two buildings, one 170 ft. long by 80 ft. wide, and the other 80 ft. long by 50 ft. wide, between the Stone Bridge and their premises. It was proposed by Chairman C. W. Hudson seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That we hereby grant a Lease of the Plot of Ground, as shown on the Map - submitted by Applicants - between Stonebridge and Messrs. Haskins' Mills, to D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd., for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £1 subject to the agreement of Town Planning Consultant to erection of buildings on the Site."

LETTER FROM I.T.A. Read letter dated 20.1.1947, from Irish Tourist Association appealing to all Councils to provide the largest allocation possible for tourist purpose in the coming financial year. Council decided that the matter should be referred to the Estimates Meeting.

APPLICATION UNDER TOWN PLANNING ACTS - MR. J. KANE. Read letter dated 3.2.1947, from Mr. John Kane, Builder, Wicklow, pointing out, with reference to the Building Site at Fitzwilliam Road, that this Site had been marked and one Plot selected and sold to an English lady before the Town Planning Act had been adopted by the Council. This lady had now written, expressing herself completely dissatisfied with the alterations suggested by the Town Planner. Mr. Kane stated that he would be prepared to meet a Deputation from the Council and discuss this matter on the site if necessary. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"That in view of the fact that we do not consider the construction of proposed New Road to be practicable, we recommend that the original plans submitted by Mr. John Kane for erection of Bungalows be approved."

TOWN PLANNING ACTS - APPLICATION OF MR. L. MURRAY. Councillor J. Everett stated that he understood an application by Mr. L. Murray under the Town Planning Acts for permission to erect five bungalows had been refused. He suggested that all such applications should come before the Council. The Manager stated that in this particular case the Town Planning Consultant had turned down an application and in order to keep within the statutory two months period he had no option but to make a formal order refusing the application. The Manager then explained to the Council that while the adoption of the Town Planning Scheme, etc., was a reserved function, it was the duty of the Manager to deal with all such applications as that of Mr. L. Murray. After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Chairman C. Hudson, and resolved -

"That we hereby recommend the Manager to review the position regarding Mr. Laurence Murray's application for permission to erect five bungalows new Wicklow Town."

LEASE OF PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD. The Town Surveyor stated that after consultation with the Town Planning Consultant he had divided the Plot at Dunbur Road - for which applications had been received from Mr. J. Carnegie and Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, (on behalf of a client) - into two suitable building sites. After discussion the Council decided that they would be prepared to lease these sites at an annual rent of £7.10.0. per Plot.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE BY MR. J. TONER. Councillor J. Everett stated that he understood that the Town Planning Consultant did not approve of the site applied for by Mr. J. Toner for building purposes. The Manager in reply stated that the Town Planner objected to the site on the grounds that building on such a site would constitute 'ribbon building' to avoid which would be one of the foremost aims of the Consultant.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"That we recommend the Town Planner to approve of the site applied for by Mr. Toner for purpose of erecting a house thereon."

It was decided, that in the event of the site being approved of it would be most advantageous to Council to purchase Mr. Doyle's interest in this field and to mark it out in suitable building Plots.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT, 1934. Read letter from Department of Local Government (P.1.1229/1947 of 22.1.1947) addressed to The Dublin City and County Manager, regarding the exercise by Dublin Corporation of their powers under section 20 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, in respect of the Dublin Planning Region. The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain if the exercise of these powers would entail the incurring of expenditure by the Council as one of the District Planning Authorities concerned.

LEASE OF MR. HENRY J. HAMILTON. Read letter from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Mr. H. J. Hamilton was looking for possession of the house of their client, Mr. Thomas Lawless of Castle Street, Wicklow, on the grounds that it was overcrowded and that the Council were compelling him to get possession. The letter requested that the matter be brought before the Council to see if they would be prepared to waive any condition regarding overcrowding. The Town Clerk read the relevant clause in the Lease which provides - "That the Lessees within ten years from the date of these presents shall convert and combine the said eight dwellinghouses, connect the dwellinghouses so converted and reconstructed and the said six dwellinghouses fronting Lower Monkton Row according to approved methods with the Public Sewerage and Water Drains in the Town of Wicklow aforesaid and otherwise repair and improve all the said houses all to the satisfaction of the Lessors."

ORDER - Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., to be informed that Council were not insisting of immediate enforcement of covenant in Lease and that Council would be in a position to accept Lawless as a tenant when the proposed Housing Scheme would be completed.

SALT HOUSE LANE PREMISES. The Meeting was informed that pursuant to advertisement, three tenders had been received in connection with the letting of the Salt House Lane Premises - viz. (1) Loughlin Sutton ... 7/- per week, without rates. (2) Wicklow Athletic Club ... 5/6 per week. (3) Ex-servicemen's Association ... 3/- per week, plus rates. The Manager stated that he would accept Mr. Sutton's offer.

PLOT ON SOUTH QUAY. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. R. Killian's Solicitor had informed him that his client did not now propose to accept a Lease of the Plot of Ground at South Quay, Wicklow, which Council had granted to him at the Meeting held on 3rd December, 1946.

ORDER - Re-advertise this Site.

LEASE TO MECALECTRIC LIMITED. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"That the Council Seal be affixed to Lease - Wicklow Urban District Council to Mecalectric Limited."

The Lease was duly executed.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE - L. SUTTON. Read letter from messrs. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitors, making application on behalf of their client, Mr. L. Sutton, Main Street, Wicklow for a Lease of Part of Corporation Lands which adjoins Mrs. Grant's garden at Summerhill.

ORDER - Council will be prepared to grant a Lease to Mr. Sutton provided that he can arrange purchase of Miss Dorothy Wall's interest in this land."

GROUND RENT - MRS. MARTHA HEATLEY. Read letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Mr. Clarke of the Murrrough had agreed to purchase the Plot of Ground on the Murrrough - known as "Clarke's Plot" - from Mrs. Heatley, provided the Council would be prepared to waive the covenant as regards building. Under a Lease dated 6th September, 1938, this plot was leased to Mrs. Heatley at a yearly rent of £2.10. Od. The rent was never paid and Mrs. Heatley undertook to build two houses within eighteen months from the date of the Lease. Mr. Clarke's intention was to build a high wall around the plot and to erect a garage.

ORDER - This matter to be referred to Town Planning Consultant, Mr Clarke to submit necessary plans etc.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Chairman C. W. Hudson, and resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 4th March 1947."

HOUSING. The Town Surveyor submitted revised Lay-out Plans in respect of 54 Houses (34 Houses under Housing of the Working Classes Act in the St. Laurence's Road area and 20 Better-class houses along St. Patrick's Road). It was proposed by Chairman C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That we hereby approve of the re-designed Lay-out Plans prepared and submitted by the Town Surveyor in respect of 34 Houses in St. Laurence's Road area and 20 Better-class Type of houses along St. Patrick's Road."

RE. MR. BERNARD KAVANAGH. Councillor J. Everett inquired if Mr. Kavanagh, Rent Collector - on sick leave for some months past - was receiving any remuneration from the Council. The Manager pointed out that since Mr. Kavanagh was a temporary official of the Council he was not entitled to receive remuneration in respect of period of sick leave.

WATER COURSE ON KILMANTIN HILL. Read letter from Mr. Thomas Kilcoyne pointing out that the water course on Kilmantin Hill was a danger to school children and that steps should be taken to render it safe. The Town Surveyor suggested that it should be covered with concrete slabs. He was directed to prepare an estimate in connection with the work.

RANGES IN COUNCIL'S HOUSES. Read letter from Town Surveyor suggesting that an agent of the responsible firm be requested to carry out similar inspection of the remaining ranges as that carried out by the Hammond Lane Foundry Company, Limited. He also recommended that Fire Bricks for 1 dozen "Congress" Ranges and 1 dozen for "Burnall" Ranges be procured immediately.

ORDER - Procure Fire Bricks. Adjourn consideration of other matter to Estimates Meeting.

Signed C. W. Hudson
Chairman.

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Dated this 12th day of March, 1947.

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 24th
day of March, 1947.

No Member of the Council attended and in pursuance of

Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as

incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854,

(Section 28), I adjourned the Meeting to Wednesday the 12th

day of March, 1947, at 7.30. p.m.

Signed - C. W. Hudson
Cleireach an Bhaile.

C.W.H.
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MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.MEETING HELD ON THE 12th MARCH, 1947.PRESENT:

Councillor C. W. Hudson. Vice-Chairman Presiding.
 J. Everett. T. D.
 E. Kane.
 J. Brennan.
 L. Sutton.

The County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Planning Consultant,
 were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meeting of the 4th February, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING. Mr. Dermot O'Toole, M.R.I.A.I., Town Planning Consultant, by means of a Draft Sketch Plan, gave particulars to the Meeting of the proposed Sketch Development Plan. He summarised the Report which had been prepared by him in connection with the Wicklow Urban District Planning Scheme and treating the subject under two headings viz.- (2) Survey of Existing Conditions (b) Outline Plan Proposals.

Under 2a" he dealt with the following:-

(1) Surface Geology. (2) History of Physical Development. (3) Local Roads and Streets. (4) Communications. (5) Sociological Conditions. (6) Public Services. (7) Amenities. (8) Buildings and Sites of Historical, Archaeological and Architectural Interest. (9) Industries. (10) Population Statistics (11) Public Health. (12) Town Function.

Under "b" he dealt with the following:-

(1) Communications. (2) Water Supply and Sewerage. (3) Residential Units. (4) Restricted Development Units. (5) Enlargement of Urban District. (6) Amenities. (7) Public Buildings and Utilities. (8) Landscape Architecture.

LEASE TO MR. J. TONER. Council discussed with the Town Planning Consultant the question of Mr. J. Toner's application for permission to erect a house on a site at Dunbur Road. The Consultant pointed out that as it was intended to provide a road junction at this particular point it would be undesirable that development should be allowed to take place south west of this road. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Toner be requested to consider an alternative site in the north east corner of the same field. In the event of Mr. Toner's deciding to adhere to his original choice it was agreed that Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Everett should consult with him in the matter.

ERECTION OF BUNGALOWS - MR. L. MURRAY'S APPLICATION. After discussion relating to this application the Consultant stated that he would raise no objection in this case provided that Mr. Murray submitted a revised Layout Plan whereby the Building Line would be 40 feet from the centre of the existing road and on the understanding that the applicant would be prepared to cede to Council portion of the site if required at a later date for purpose of road development.

BUNGALOWS AT FITZWILLIAM ROAD - MR. E. KANE'S APPLICATION. It was decided in this case that, in order to facilitate Mr. Kane, the proposed perimeter road would be brought further south. It would thus be necessary for Mr. Kane to provide a private road to serve the bungalows.

HOUSES AT KILMANTIN HILL (Jane Morgan). The Planning Consultant stated that originally he was inclined to recommend entire demolition

of these premises with the idea of siting a bus station on this plot; but that as he now understood that the new owner had intimated that he was prepared to put the houses into proper condition by building extensions in the rear so as to provide four apartments in each house and also to instal sanitary accommodation, he would approve of the Council's granting leases to this instance. He pointed out that it would be possible to procure an equally suitable site in the vicinity for the purpose of a bus station.

DOMINICAN CONVENT LEASE. Councillor Everett inquiring as to the reason of the Dominican Convent National School building delay stated that he understood that some matter relating to Town Planning was responsible. The County Manager stated that, as far as he knew, it was now only a matter of awaiting the return of the Lease, duly endorsed by the Minister for Local Government. The Town Surveyor then inform the Meeting that he had forwarded the Plans to the Town Planning Consultant and had duly conveyed the latter's recommendation to the Architect concerned. He pointed out that this procedure was a formality under the Town Planning Acts and would not entail any further delay. Councillor Everett stated that since the Plans had been duly approved of by the Council, recommendation for further alterations should not have been made without the knowledge of and consent of the Council. The Town Planning Consultant mentioned that he had been in touch with the Convent's Architect and that an agreement had been reached in connection with the proposed width of the Pathway. The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Local Government Department to return lease as soon as possible.

FUEL POSITION. Read letter dated 4.2.1947 from the Department of Lands relative to the deputation from the Wicklow County Council and Arklow Urban District Council recently received by the Department on the question of timber fuel. The letter intimated that, arising out of the representations made by the deputation, firewood blocks were being made available for the Wicklow area from Rathnew forest. Read Report from Town Clerk relating to the Cheap Fuel Scheme (Winter 1946/1947) operated by the Council. The Report disclosed that a much larger number of persons were availing of the Scheme than in former years and that good quality turf was being supplied every week to approximately 220 householders.

IMPORTATION OF MACHINE (Mr. R. T. Killian). Read letter (C & E 636/7829/46) of 24.2.1947. from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners with reference to the importation of a machine by Mr. Richard Killian, North Quay, Wicklow, and indicating that the article actually imported by Mr. Killian and now awaiting Customs clearance at Dundalk is the chassis of a Dodge Reconnaissance Car without a body attached, which is prohibited to be imported except on production of a quota licence issued in that behalf by the Department of Industry and Commerce. The letter pointed out that the Commissioners would be unable to allow admission of the chassis without payment of duty or without production of the quota licence.

REGIONAL PLANNING (Dublin Corporation). Read letter dated 12/2/1947 from Dublin Corporation stating that costs under Section 20, Town & Regional Planning Act, 1934, would be those incidental to and arising from any action undertaken by the Dublin Corporation as Regional Planning Authority for the Wicklow Urban District.

ORDER: Inform Dublin Corporation that it is the opinion of Council that they should not be liable for any expenditure other than such as would be incurred by them as District Planning Authority.

HOUSING. Read letter (H.4948/47(b) Wicklow U.D.) of 28/2/1947 from Department of Local Government stating that no objection was seen to the utilisation for housing purposes of the four sites in the St. Patrick's Road Area. It was pointed out, however, that part of one of the fields (the field owned by Mr. M. Olohan) probably could not be economically sewered since it is on a reverse slope but that it could be reserved as an open space included in the Scheme. It added that a further communication would be forwarded at an early date in regard to the proposed purchase price.

ORDER: Request Local Government Department to expedite this matter. Read letter dated 12/3/1947 from the Town Surveyor pointing out that the field referred to in the Department's letter was not needed for the plan number of houses at present proposed to be erected and that the plan had been prepared in such a way as to allow of its being