

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILSPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 31st. July, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan. Presiding.
J. Everett, T.D.,
J. O'Connor.

PURCHASE OF LAND (H.W.C. Acts - Loan of £1800). The following Resolutions were passed:-

It was moved by Councillor J. Olohan, and seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved :-

"A" "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £1800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 to 1931."

It was moved by Councillor J. Olohan, and seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved:-

"B" "That inasmuch as this the Wicklow Urban District Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Wicklow Urban District Council, but prefer to receive the instalments as occasion may require, it is Resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this the Wicklow Urban District Council for time being, countersigned by the Clerk of the Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to OUR account in the Wicklow Branch of the Hibernian Bank."

On the proposition of the Chairman (Cr. J. Olohan) seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, the Council Seal was affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

REDEMPTION OF LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - Mr. J. D. Haughton - Execution of Discharge. On the proposition of Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) seconded by Councillor O'Connor, the Seal of the Council was affixed to the Discharge submitted by Mr. W. Healy, Solicitor, in connection with Redemption of Loan by Mr. J. D. Haughton, a borrower under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

*J. Olohan
2/9/47*

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMeeting held on the 12th August, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding.
E. Kane.
J. Everett, T.D.
J. Brennan.

The County Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager could not be present as he was attending the Statutory Monthly Meeting in Bray.

MINUTES. The Minutes of Meetings of the 25th June, 1st July and 18th July, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

GROUND RENT - MR. R. WHITE. Mr. R. White, of 17 Drumcondra Park, Dublin, was received by the Council. Mr. White explained that he had surrendered his lease and that Council's Solicitor had forwarded to him for signature a new letting agreement which he (Mr. White) considered unsatisfactory and was not prepared to sign. After discussion the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the solicitor in connection with the matter.

RESOLUTION FROM CORPORATION OF SLIGO. The Council unanimously adopted the following resolution, passed by Sligo Corporation -

"We the members of the Sligo Corporation beg to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that no increase of pensions has been granted to ex-national School Teachers notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of living since 1939. We request that immediate action be taken by the Government to increase the pensions to equal the cost of living, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Corporations and Urban Councils in Eire."

PROPOSED SEWER AT DUNBUR ROAD. The Town Clerk stated that in compliance with instructions received at last Meeting he had communicated with a number of residents in the Dunbur Road Area with a view to ascertaining whether they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of providing a new sewer to serve the area. Messrs. W. Clarke and J. Carnegie had replied indicating that they would not make contributions towards such a scheme.

ORDER: In circumstances provision of sewerage at this place will have to be considered in conjunction with next year's Estimates.

APPLICATION FOR PLOTS AT DUNBUR ROAD. Read letter dated 26th July, 1947, from Mr. J. Toner of "Dunburville" Wicklow, applying for another plot of ground adjoining the one recently acquired by him at the Dunbur Road. Applicant pointed out that the main reason for acquiring a second plot was to allow of a septic tank being erected in accordance with the surveyor's recommendations.

Read letter dated 12th August, 1947, from Mr. J. Carnegie, applying for a lease of a plot of ground situated at rear of his present building site off Dunbur Road. Applicant stated that he did not require the plot for building purposes.

ORDER: Inform applicants that Council are not prepared to grant a lease of plots in the Dunbur Road Area except for building purposes. Indicate also that Council will not grant a lease of more than one building site to any one applicant except in exceptional circumstances for building purposes.

FORESHORE. Read letter (Ref. L.1580/3/47) dated 15th July, 1947, from Department of Local Government stating that the Minister for Local Government considered that the reasons for the proposed deputation in connection with Wicklow Foreshore were not clear in view of previous correspondence relating to the matter and that the Department would be unwilling to recommend the allocation of a grant towards further Foreshore Protection Works.

The Town Surveyor suggested that further representations should be made to the Department stressing the fact that the works proposed to be carried out were not works of maintenance. After discussion it was decided that the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Town Surveyor should write to the Department on the lines suggested.

FACTORY SITE ON MURROUGH - TOWN PLANNING OBJECTION. Read letter dated 28th July, 1947, from Town Planning Consultant stating that the proposal of the Council to allow a factory to be built on the Murrough would be subject to the following objections:-

1. Injury to the amenities of the town.
2. Absorption of valuable present and future public open space.
3. Difficulty of Drainage.
4. River pollution.
5. Smoke nuisance.
6. Detriment to present and future residential development of the riverside in Church Hill area.
7. Increase in traffic intensity and load on existing river bridge.

After discussion Councillor Everett stated that at the next Meeting he would hand in notice of motion to rescind all resolutions passed by the Council in connection with the adoption of the Town Planning Acts.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF WORKS. Read circular letter (Ref.102/47) of 1st August, 1947, from Department of Local Government, drawing the attention of Housing Authorities to the necessity of ensuring that only fully competent clerks of works are selected for the supervision of Housing Schemes and setting out particulars regarding categories which are eligible for employment as clerks of works on housing schemes and other building schemes. The Council particularly noted that persons who have contracts, although they may not possess academic qualifications may be considered for appointment as clerks of works on housing schemes in Urban areas.

COOPER'S FIELD. Read letter dated 11th August, 1947, from Mr. H. J. Hamilton, Main Street, Wicklow, complaining that trespass was taking place on his property and holding the Council were responsible because of their failure to provide proper fencing.
ORDER: Inform Mr. Hamilton that Houses will be erected on field in near future.

LETTING OF MURROUGH. Read letter, dated 11th August, 1947, from Secretary of Wicklow Fete Committee applying for permission to use the Murrough for Fete purposes up to and including Sunday, 17th August, 1947.

ORDER: Permission granted.

/who have acquired considerable experience of supervising...

TOWN PLANNING ACTS - PROPOSED LOAN. Read letter (Ref. L1858/3/47) of 6th August, 1947, from Department of Local Government stating that the maximum period which the Minister would be prepared to allow for the repayment of the proposed Loan of £200 to meet portion of the cost of the preparation of the Planning Scheme for the Urban District would be three years and that the loan should be obtained from the Council's Treasurer.

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

"That We, the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £200 repayable in three years, from the Council's Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying portion of the cost of the preparation of the Planning Scheme for the Urban District of Wicklow."

PROPOSED APPORTIONMENT OF GROUND RENT. Read letter dated 7th July, 1947, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow, suggesting that Council should apportion ground rent between the respective tenants of six houses at the Mall, Wicklow, originally included in the lease, dated 10th April, 1917, and granted to Thomas J. Gullett and William Robert Coleman at the yearly rent of £9. 0. 7d. The Town Clerk pointed out that the apportionment of Ground Rent was a matter for the tenants themselves but that as far as Council were concerned only one tenant was legally to pay ground rent. The Town Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Cullen accordingly.

LEASE GRANTED TO MRS. MARTHA HEATLEY. The Town Clerk stated that Council's Solicitor had requested him to ask Council to pass a formal resolution waiving covenant in Lease granted to Mrs. Martha Heatley, requiring lessee to erect two dwellinghouses on Plot on Murrough within eighteen months from the acquisition of the site. The Solicitor had pointed out that Mr. J. Clarke, who intended to purchase Mrs. Heatley's interest in the plot, would require to have this covenant deleted before agreeing to completion of sale.

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

"That We, the members of the Wicklow U.D.C. hereby agree to waive covenant whereby lessee was required to erect two dwelling houses on Plot at Murrough, Wicklow, within eighteen months from the date of acquisition of site."

APPLICATION - TOWN PLANNING ACTS. The Plan of a proposed Lean-to Shed at Wicklow Saw Mills was submitted to the Meeting together with Planning Consultant's Report which indicated that there was no objection to the proposed Lean-to Shed provided that the open yard space attached to the entire premises is not reduced to less than one fifth of the total area of ground covered by the premises. The Council were unanimously in favour of granting the application.

DAMAGE TO ROADS ETC. The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate in the sum of £1400 for essential and urgent repairs to roads, retaining wall at Bachelor's Walk, and waterworks, all of which had suffered severe damage as a result of flooding on the morning of 2nd August, 1947. After discussion the following resolution was passed :-

Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved :-

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council after consideration of the Estimate in the sum of £1400 submitted by Town Surveyor in connection with cost of essential repairs to roads and retaining wall at Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, necessitated

by the very serious and extensive damage caused by the recent severe flooding, hereby request the Minister for Local Government to make available immediately a substantial grant for the purpose of carrying out such work. We wish to indicate to the Minister that no provision was made in the Annual Estimates to meet such an emergency and to stress the fact that the Council does not receive any grants towards the cost of ordinary maintenance of roads."

FUEL SITUATION. Councillor Everett referring to the closing down of the Fuel Dump on the Murrough by Fuel Importers (Eire) Limited, stated that representation should now be made to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the effect that immediate steps should be taken to ensure that a fuel scarcity, similar to that experienced last Winter, should not again occur in Wicklow Town.

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

"That we, the Members of the Wicklow U. D. C. strongly protest against the closing down of the Fuel Dump at Wicklow by Messrs. Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd; and hereby request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to indicate what steps he proposes to take to prevent a recurrence of the extreme fuel scarcity which existed in Wicklow Town last Winter. Further we suggest that the existing ban which prohibits the purchase of state timber for Fuel purposes by Wicklow townspeople be immediately lifted."

*J. O'Lehan
2/9/47*

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meeting held on Tuesday the 2nd September, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lehan. Chairman Presiding.
J. Everett. T.D.
W. Clarke.
L. Sutton. *J. O'Lehan*

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance. *(H)*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Councillor Everett objected to the use of the words "exceptional circumstances" appearing in the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th August, 1947, in connection with the granting of Leases of sites on the Dunbur Road. The words objected to having been deleted the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 31st July and 12th August, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM ATHY U.D.C. The following Resolution from Athy Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council -

"That we, the members of Athy Urban District Council, request the Government to introduce legislation empowering the Minister for Finance to withhold further payments of increases of salaries of Ministers, until such time as the Minister is in a position to recommend a reasonable increase to old-age pensioners, and widows and orphans."

RESOLUTION FROM ENNISCORTHY U.D.C. The following Resolution from Enniscorthy U.D.C. was unanimously approved of by the Council -

"That we the Enniscorthy Urban District Council urge on the Government the desirability of withdrawing the timber fuel restrictions Order as applied to this town and other areas affected. Its withdrawal in our opinion would not be injurious to the general supply but would on the contrary enable many householders to lay in during the fine weather a supply of fuel for the winter months when the position may be acute. It is obvious that anything that could be done in providing supplied now would result in making matters less difficult in the severe period of winter."

FUEL. Read letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated the 21st August, 1947, stating that the arrangements made for the supply of fuel during the coming winter provide for the requirements of Wicklow on an equal basis with the rest of the non-turf area and that it was not yet considered feasible to effect any readjustment regarding the sale of state timber for fuel purposes. Councillor Everett said that the matter should again be put to the Department, pointing out that more fuel should be made available for the poorer classes from the state forests. The Chairman stressed that the order prohibiting the sale of blocks in Wicklow town should be removed.

LEASE OF PLOT TO MR. J. TONER. Read letter dated 25/8/1947 from Mr. J. Toner of "Dunburville" Wicklow, referring to his letter of 26th July, 1947, and stating that he would be prepared to consider building a house on the second site when the proposed

sewerage scheme would have been completed and the water supply improved. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Toner should be requested to submit plans and other details of the house which he would erect on the additional site, and that pending the construction of the proposed new sewer he be allowed to make suitable temporary arrangements for sewerage disposal.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That Plans, specification and Estimates, for the laying of a new Sewer to serve houses without sewerage at Dunbur Road be prepared and that the Local Government Department be asked to make a substantial grant towards the cost involved."

NOTICE OF MOTION. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in the following Notice of Motion -

"That I or some member for me shall move that no further expenses be incurred in the preparations of maps and plans in connection with Town Planning and that all orders or resolutions agreeing to the expenditure be rescinded."

AUDITOR'S REPORT. The Auditor's Report for year ended 31.3.1947, was read by the County manager. The Council unanimously agreed that the Report was a favourable one and tributes were paid to the officials who had been responsible for effecting such an improvement in the state of the Council's Finances.

LEASE - JOSEPH O'CONNOR. Read letter, dated 28/8/1947, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, pointing out that Mr. Joseph O'Connor, had agreed to sell his holding at Summerhill, Wicklow, held under lease from the Wicklow U.D.C., and requesting that the consent in writing of the Council to the sale.

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

"That permission be granted to Mr. J. O'Connor to sell his interest in holding at Summerhill, which he holds under Lease dated 18th July, 1899."

APPLICATION FOR SEWERAGE AND WATER FACILITIES. Read letter dated 19/8/47 from Mr. A. J. Delahunt, requesting Council to extend sewerage and water mains to site of his new house at Friar's Hill, Wicklow. After discussion it was agreed to defer to ascertain if there will be a substantial additional demand for such facilities in this area.

HARBOUR DREDGING. The Town surveyor stated that, as a result of the Deputation which had been received by the Department of Industry and Commerce on 28th August, 1947, he had been in touch with a Dutch Firm, at present engaged in dredging operations at Rosslare Harbour, and had requested them to furnish an estimate of cost of dredging Wicklow Harbour. He stated that he had given all the relevant details regarding the Harbour to this firm who had undertaken to submit their quotation within a month. After discussion it was agreed to defer question of raising loan etc., pending receipt of these figures from the Dutch Firm.

*J. O'Lehan
7/10/47*

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting held on the 7th October, 1947.

PRESENT:

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

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

MINUTES. Councillor O'Connor stated that he had attended the meeting of the Council held on 2nd September, 1947, but that his name did not appear on the minutes. The necessary amendment having been made, the minutes of Meeting held on 2nd September, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT. - Matthew O'Lehan to Council. On the proposition of Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, Council's seal was duly affixed to Agreement between Matthew O'Lehan and Wicklow Urban District Council regarding purchase of land by the Council for housing purposes at the agreed figure of £270.

FUEL. Read letter dated 13.9.1947 (Ref. D.31/329) from Department of Industry and Commerce stating that as advised in a previous communication, the Minister could not see his way at present to effect any readjustment in existing conditions affecting the Firewood Control Order. After discussion, during which it was pointed out that the allocation of a coal ration would ease the fuel situation during the coming winter, the Council decided to defer taking further action in the matter.

SITE FOR MR. J. TONER. Read letter dated 26/9/1947, from Mr. J. Toner, requesting Council to allow him about one month to have plans and specifications of proposed new house at Dunbur Road prepared. He also pointed out that he considered the ground rent fixed for the first site excessive and asked the Council to consider reducing it. The Council unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Toner a period of one month for preparation of necessary maps in connection with his proposed new house at Dunbur Road. A long discussion then ensued regarding the whole question of determining equitable ground rents. The Manager stated that a ~~ground~~ rent of £7.10.0. as fixed in the case of Mr. Toner and also Mr. Carnegie was a reasonable one when compared with current rents obtaining in Bray and in parts of County Dublin. He recalled that this sum had been arrived at by the Council after careful consideration of the question of ground rents generally consequent on the recommendation of the local government Auditor that rents charged in respect of Corporate Property should be increased considerably. Whilst some of the Councillors contended that the rent was excessive it was decided that, in view of the fact that the leases to both Mr. Toner and Mr. Carnegie, had been duly executed and registered, it would not be feasible to make any readjustment regarding the annual ground rents. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett, however, it was unanimously agreed that in future ground rents should be fixed in proportion to the area of the sites in question, having regard to the size of the plots in respect of which Messrs. Toner and Carnegie are now paying a rent of £7.10.0d. per annum.

Councillor Everett ~~again~~ referred to a case where a building lease had been granted by the Council but the Lessee had failed to comply with the covenant directing that the building be erected within a specified period. The Manager stated that in future steps would be taken to ensure that all such provisions would be complied with. He also stated that in future a covenant should be inserted in leases to the effect that assignment of Lessee's interest in Holding may be made only with the express approval of the Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION. The Town Clerk having read the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett, at the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd September, 1947, viz: "That I or some member for me shall move that no further expenses be incurred on the preparations of maps or Plans in connection with Town Planning and that all orders or resolutions agreeing to the expenditure be rescinded stated that he had obtained the advice of the Council's solicitor regarding the legal position of the Council in connection with this matter. The solicitor had advised that section 20, sub-section 3 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934 sets out that it shall not be lawful for a Planning Authority to revoke a Planning scheme a resolution duly passed deciding to make a Planning scheme. Accordingly the proposed Motion, if passed would be deemed to be ultra vires and have no legal effect. Councillor Everett speaking in support of his Notice of Motion stated that his object was to suspend any further expenditure that might be involved in the preparation of a Planning scheme for the Urban District of Wicklow. Already £200 had been spent on the earlier stages of the scheme and he now proposed that Council should refuse to incur further expenditure in connection with the scheme. He cited instances of applicants who felt themselves aggrieved by decisions made in connection with their applications under the Town Planning Acts. In the discussion which ensued the manager pointed out that even should the Council decide not to proceed further with the Planning scheme it would still be necessary to obtain Interim Control advice regarding applications affected by the Town Planning Legislation. It was proposed by Councillor James Everett, and seconded by Councillor James Brennan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby decide that no further expenditure be incurred by this Council in the preparation of Maps or Plans in connection with Town Planning unless the Preliminary Report and sketch development Plan be approved by the Council: but expenditure on Interim Control Advice will be allowed."

The Council unanimously decided to hold a special Meeting of the Council on Friday 24th October, 1947, for the purpose of discussing the sketch development Plan and Preliminary Report already submitted by the Planning Consultant.

HOUSING SCHEME. Read letter dated 29.9.1947, from Town Surveyor pointing out that it would be already necessary for Council to purchase a small portion of a field (approximately one rood in area) at Ballynerrin, the property of Miss Mary Kennedy, Bridge Street, Wicklow, in connection with proposed Housing scheme. The Town Clerk stated that he had requested Council's solicitor to requisition the appropriate Land Registry Map in order that the exact position of Plot and area thereof be determined. The Council directed that Miss Kennedy be offered a price for her land equivalent to the rate already agreed to in the case of Miss M. Whelan and Mr. M. O'lehan.

ALTERATION OF E.S.B. LINE. Read letter from E.S.B. stating that the alteration to the line at Ballynerrin necessitated by the proposed housing scheme was estimated to cost approximately £100. The work would be carried out on a time-and-material basis, the actual costs being invoiced on completion. Councillor Everett stated that some years ago the E.S.B. had entered into an Agreement with Mrs. M. Whelan, from whom Council had purchased two fields, and in which fields were situated some of the poles in

question, to the effect that the Board would remove or alter the situation of these poles, free of charge, if required to do so by the owner. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with Mrs. Whelan's Solicitor in connection with the matter.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, and seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"That we agree to expenditure estimated at £100 for the purpose of removing E.S.B. Poles on lands being used for Housing Purposes."

MORTGAGE - TOWN PLANNING LOAN. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor R.

Haskins, and resolved -

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Indenture between the Wicklow Urban District Council and the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., prepared in connection with Loan of £200 for the purpose of meeting portion of the cost of the preparation of the Planning Scheme under the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934 and 1939"

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and

resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1500 to the date of Council's meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6th January, 1948."

PUBLIC LIGHTING. Read letter dated 7/10/1947 from Mr. J. Kavanagh, The Glebe, Wicklow, inquiring if it would be possible for Council to restore lamp on Rathnew Road, situated between the Glebe Corner and the Rectory Gate. The Council recommended that the E.S.B. be requested to provide this additional lamp.

RATE RETURN. The Town Clerk submitted Rate Return for half-year ended 30.9.1947, showing that 51.6% of the warrant had been collected at that date. The Town Clerk also stated that the Artizan's Dwellings Rent Returns continued to show a progressive improvement. The members of the Council paid tributes to the Collectors concerned.

HARBOUR BILL 1947. The Manager submitted a copy of the Harbour Bill, 1947, as recently introduced by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in the Dail. He referred to the following Provisions of the bill :-

- The the Local Authority could resolve to assist a Harbour Authority:
- By making a free grant to the Harbour Authority.
 - By making a loan to the Harbour Authority and by providing the sum necessary for this purpose by borrowing or otherwise.
 - By remitting in whole or part any debt due to them by the Harbour Authority.

HARBOUR ROADS. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council take over and maintain the roads at present maintained by the Wicklow Harbour Authority."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Read letter dated 1/10/1947 from Onslow and Randel Ltd., intimating that, in connection with establishment of proposed industry, they were not looking for a Building Site, but were interested in locating suitable premises, which were not available in Wicklow. The Manager read letter which he had sent to Messrs. Briscoe Smith & Co., regarding the proposed steel Factory on the Murrough. His letter dealt with the following matters affecting the proposal:-

- Capital Requirements.
 - Plant.
 - Types of Product.
 - Raw Materials
 - Skilled Staff.
- The Manager stated that Messrs. Briscoe, Smith & Co., had addressed a further communication to the interested Belgian Party, requesting that information regarding essential points

connected with raw material and sterling problems, be furnished by them at the earliest possible date.

BRIDGE OVER ABBEY RIVER. In connection with the silting up of the Abbey River it was decided that a Notice be served on the parties responsible.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications under the Town Planning Acts together with relevant plans were submitted to the Council :-

- (1) Plans of proposed Bungalow at Brickfield Lane, received from Mr. E. Lambert.
- (2) Plans of proposed House at Dunbur Road, received from Mrs. Sturgeon.
- (3) Plans of proposed house at Dunbur Road, received from Mr. J. Toner.
- (4) Plans of proposed additions to garage of Messrs. Coleborn & Hopkins at Abbey street, Wicklow.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME. Read letter dated 29th September, 1947, from Town Surveyor stating that it was expected that Bills of Quantities for the Housing scheme would be available about the first week of October. Councillor Everett suggested that it might be better to divide the scheme into appropriate groups of houses when seeking tenders. After discussion, however, it was decided that it would probably be more economical to get tenders for the erection of the total numbers of Houses in the scheme, viz. 80 Houses. In the event of such tenders not meeting with the approval of the Council the scheme could be divided into suitable groups and further tenders invited.

*J. O'Lohan
4/11/47*

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Special Meeting held on the 24th Octr. 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillors	J. O'Lohan, Chairman Presiding.
	R. Haskins.
	J. Brennan.
	J. Everett, T.D.
	L. Sutton.
	E. Kane.

The Deputy County Manager (Mr. K. J. Brangan), The Town Surveyor and the Town Planning Consultant were also in attendance.

TOWN PLANNING. The Planning Consultant explained in detail - by reference to the Sketch Development Map - the proposals outlined in the Preliminary Report. He Dealt with the Sketch Planning Scheme under the following Headings:-

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| (1) Size of Town. | (2) Residential Units. |
| (3) Unit Centres. | (4) Industrial Zone. |
| (5) Roads. | (6) Civic Centre. |
| (7) Open Spaces. | |

The Council unanimously agreed in principle with the proposals of the Consultant. In the case of roads, however, the following suggestions were made:-

- (1) That the road at present proposed to lead from St. Patrick's Road to Bayview Road might be diverted Northwards so as to coincide with the existing Fitzwilliam Road.
- (2) That a new road be constructed leading from Convent Road to Morton's Lane. The Planning Consultant and the Town Surveyor undertook to take the necessary levels etc.

APPLICATION FROM MESSRS. HASKINS. Read letter from Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd., with reference to their application for permission to Build Garage at Bond street and pointing out that there were a number of points involved which would render it difficult to comply with the recommendation of the Planning Consultant. After discussion the latter made another suggestion which Mr. Haskins undertook to bring to the Notice of his engineer.

BUILDING SITE FOR MR. L. SUTTON. Read letter from Mr. L. Sutton applying for building site situated between the Plots belonging to Mr. J. Carnegie and Mr. J. Haughton. Mr. Sutton also applied for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Council agreed with the Chairman's suggestion, that the formal granting of the lease be deferred until the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on 4th November, 1947, as the matter had not been included on the Agenda for the Special Meeting. It was unanimously decided, however, that Mr. Sutton be given permission to enter on the Plot in question for the purpose of having blocks made on the site.

After discussion regarding the application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, consider that the existing provision of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts limiting the application of the Acts to Houses whose market value does not exceed £1000 is now obsolete and recommend that amending legislation be introduced to increase this figure to £2000."

TIMBER FOR HOUSING PURPOSES. Read Circular 122/47 of 9th October, 1947, from Department of Local Government stating that arrangements had been made with the Minister for Industry and Commerce whereby Local Authorities may themselves be licensed to purchase timber for purpose of Housing Schemes. Also read letter from Town Surveyor, dated 16th October, 1947, advising Council not to purchase timber for purpose of their Housing Scheme which had now reached the advertisement stage.

After discussion it was agreed that it would not be advisable for Council to purchase supplies of timber but that application should be made immediately to the Department of Industry and Commerce for the necessary Permit.

*J. O'ohan
4/11/47*

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1947.

PRESENT:

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

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

MINUTES. The Minutes of Meetings held on the 7th and 24th October, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

EMERGENCY CHARGES BY E.S.E. A Resolution passed by the Galway Corporation requesting the Electricity Supply Board to remove some of the emergency charges put on the consumption of electricity for lighting, was unanimously adopted by the Council.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE | MR. L. SUTTON. Read letter dated 22nd October, 1947, from Mr. L. Sutton, Main Street, Wicklow, applying for a lease of the Building Site at Dunbur Road, situated between the plots at present leased to Messrs. Haughton and Carnegie. Mr. Sutton also made application for a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Town Surveyor submitted a map showing the area of the Plot in question (marked No. 1 on map) to be 44 perches as compared with Mr. Carnegie's Holding (marked No. 2 on map) measuring 49 perches. The Town Clerk stated that if the rent were fixed in proportion to the areas - taking Mr. Carnegie's rent of £7.10.0. as the standard one - the annual rent in the case of Mr. Sutton would be £6.14.8d. After discussion, in the course of which the Manager pointed out that Mr. Sutton would be required to contribute £12.10.0d. towards cost of new water-main it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and Resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow U.D.C., hereby grant a lease of the Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow; marked Plot No. 1 on map submitted by Town Surveyor and measuring 44 perches in area to Mr. L. Sutton for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £6.15.0d. on the understanding that Mr. Sutton will contribute £12.10.0d. towards cost of water-main."

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACT. Read letter dated 3/11/1947 (Ref. H. 22900/47 Wicklow U.D.) from the Department of Local Government acknowledging receipt of a copy of a Resolution passed by the Council in regard to the necessity to increase the limiting figure of £1000 - as applied to the market Value of Dwellings affected by the Acts to £2,000. The letter stated that the matter was under consideration.

HARBOUR ROADS. Read letter from Council's solicitor regarding proposal of Council to take over Harbour Roads and pointing out the the Harbours Act, 1946, Section 178 provides that the Minister for Industry and Commerce with the consent of the Minister for Local

Government, may declare that the Harbour Authority shall cease to maintain the Roads and that they shall be maintained by a specified local authority in future. In view of that Section the Solicitor advised that the appropriate action to be taken would be for the Harbour Authority to seek an order under this Section transferring the responsibility for maintaining the roads to the Wicklow Urban Council. The Town Clerk stated that the Harbour Commissioners had passed a Resolution requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to make such an order.

SLIPWAY AT EAST PIER. Read copy of letter forwarded from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, stating that the Minister for Agriculture, as a result of representations made by the Wicklow Urban District Council as to the necessity for repairs and improvements to the Slipway at the Boathouse, East Pier, Wicklow Harbour, was advised that the following works could be executed at an estimated cost of £400 :-

- (1) Consolidation and resurfacing of the existing slip, including underpinning of side walls, the gradient being reduced to 1 in 7 from the present 1 in 5, which is too steep.
- (2) Extension of the toe of the slip at the new gradient for about 20 feet towards L.W.
- (3) Filling and surfacing in concrete of the cavity at head of existing slip.

The Town Clerk stated that the Harbour Commissioners had agreed to contribute £20 towards the total cost of the work and would undertake responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed. Councillor Everett pointed out that a wide, substantial slipway was required and that originally it had been intended that the existing rocks should be covered with concrete.

The Town Surveyor stated that the estimate submitted by him was in the sum of £200 and that if a grant of £400 were available the work could be carried out in the manner suggested by Councillor Everett.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME. Read Minutes of Meeting of the School Meals Committee held on Thursday, 23rd October, 1947. The Chairman stated that the Scheme was continuing to operate very successfully.

GRANT FOR REPAIRS TO ROADS. Read letter dated 27/10/1947 (Ref. RU/214/132) from Department of Local Government regarding the repair of roads damaged by a cloudburst on 2/8/1947, stating that it was proposed to increase the grant from the current employment and Emergency Schemes Vote to £1280 subject to a local contribution of £120 to cover the cost of the works estimated at £1400. It was also stated that an allocation for the concreting of Cooper's Lane could not now be made available. The Town Clerk pointed out that provision had been made in the Estimates for a local contribution of £120. Councillor Everett contended that the County Council should be held liable for portion of the damage.

ADDITIONAL SITE FOR MR. J. TONER. Read letter from Mr. J. Toner, stating that he had decided not to proceed with the building of a second house for sometime as he anticipated difficulties in procuring the necessary Permit. He requested, however, that Council give him an option on the site in question. Council directed that Mr. Toner be informed that such an option could not be granted but that in the event of any further applications being received in respect of this particular Plot Council would duly inform him of such applications before arriving at any decision in the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING. Read letter from Secretary, Wicklow Golf Club, Applying for extension of Public Lighting so that a light might be provided at or near the entrance to his Club. Also read letter from Mr. J. Toner requesting Council to have a Street Lamp fitted to the existing Pole which stands outside his site on the Dunbur Road. Councillor Everett stated that lights were required more urgently at the Castle Gate and Convent Roads. The Chairman suggested that as no provision had been made for extra lighting in the Estimates, the matter should be deferred. After discussion it was decided to provide the lamp at the Castle Gate.

FUEL POSITION. The Chairman, stating that he understood that Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd., had been refused a licence to trade in Coal, suggested that Council should make representations in the matter to the appropriate department. The following Resolution was then proposed by Councillor William Clarke, and seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Connor -

"That we, the Wicklow U.D.C., strongly urge the Department of Industry and Commerce and Fuel Importers (Ire) Limited, to make supplies of coal available direct to Messrs. Haskins & Son and in this connection desire to point out that it was consequent on representations from this Council that Messrs. Haskins, applied for a Licence to trade in Turf."

ABBEY RIVER. The Town Clerk stated that a Notice had not yet been served on Canon Hoey in connection with the silting which was taking place in the Abbey River. After a long discussion the Town Surveyor was directed to submit a Report dealing with this whole question of the Abbey River - as regards silting, persons liable etc.

HOUSING. The Manager stated that a reply had been received from the Electricity Supply Board stating that they could find no record of an Agreement having been entered into with Mrs. Susan Whelan, regarding the removal, free of charge, of the Board's 10,000 volt Line to Magherymore where it crossed her land. It was pointed out, however, that an undertaking had been given to Mr. J. Everett, T.D., that the Board would be prepared to consider alteration of the line in the event of Building Development on the Plot adjacent to the Road.

The Manager informed the Council that it had been intended to publish notices inviting tenders on Saturday, 8th November, 1947, but that it would now probably be some days later consequent on necessity to have certain alterations made in the Bills of Quantities. He stated that it was proposed to allot eight weeks for tendering time.

GROUND RENT - R. WHITE. Read letter from Council's solicitor stating that as Mr. White had sold two of his houses to Messrs. Wynne and Bunn - in respect of which transactions Assignments had been duly executed - he should not have surrendered his lease to the Council and had left himself open to an action by both of these parties. He suggested that the County Manager should direct that proceedings be taken against Mr. White for ground rent now due. After discussion Council directed that Mr. White be informed of the position before any further steps be taken in the matter.

Read letter from Mrs. Rose Boyce, Bond Street, Wicklow, applying for tenancy of Mr. White's vacant house at No. 7 Bond Street. The Town Clerk pointed out that in view of the fact that this house had already been condemned by the Council permission could not be granted to Mrs. Boyce. Besides the question of Mr. White's tenancy was still under consideration.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD. Councillor Kane stated that in the event of Council's not objecting to the proposal, the Dominican Convent would be prepared to construct a new road skirting the New National School on the west side and linking Kilmantin Road and Upper Convent Road.

This would mean that portion of the existing road would be abandoned by the Council and would be appropriated by the Community. This area could then be used as a Playground. Council unanimously agreed that the suggestion was a good one. The Manager stated that he did not anticipate that there would be any difficulty regarding the abandonment of the stretch of road by the Council. He suggested that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Convent Authorities and request them to submit full details regarding their proposal.

SCHOOL SIGNS. Council directed that School Signs be erected at Convent Road and Hospital Lane in order to minimise accident risks in the case of children attending the Dominican Convent, Schools.

SEWER FOR DUNBUR ROAD. The Town Surveyor stated that in connection with the proposal to provide a sewer to serve the Dunbur Road Area an Inspector from the Department had inspected the locality and suggested that the sewer be laid at the rear of the houses on the North Side of the Roadway instead of placing it along the Road-margin as shown in his (Town Surveyor's) Plans. By means of a map the Surveyor explained the objections to the suggestion of the Inspector. After careful examination of the map Council agreed that the Surveyor's proposals were more satisfactory.

J. O'Lehan
2/12/47

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd OF DECEMBER, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lehan. Chairman Presiding.
L. Sutton.
E. Kane.
J. Brennan.
J. Everett, T.D.
J. O'Connor.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meeting held on the 4th of November, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION re INCREASED TAXATION. The Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution, passed by the Fermoy Urban District Council -

"That We, the Fermoy U.D.C. protest against the recent heavy taxation imposed on beer and tobacco which places a very heavy burden on the working man and which has already caused unemployment in these trades. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Finance and to each Local Authority in Eire."

COAL SUPPLIES FOR MESSRS D. H. HASKINS & SON LTD. Read letter from Department of Industry and Commerce (Ref. D.31/2098), stating that Messrs. Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd. had been authorised to meet any orders "placed with them by Messrs. Haskins for coal for resale to householders under the fuel rationing scheme." The Council noted with approval the contents of the letter.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET. It was decided to hold the Annual Fowl Market on Wednesday, 17th December, 1947.

ALL-NIGHT LIGHTING AT CHRISTMAS. The Town Clerk was directed to request the Electricity Supply Board to make the usual arrangements for all-night lighting at Christmas.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD. Read letter dated 27/11/1947 from Mother Prioress, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, in connection with the proposal to close portion of the existing road adjoining the Convent and make a New Road west of the New National school. The letter stated that the consent of the Council to such proposal would be greatly appreciated by the Community as it was considered that it would be beneficial from the point of view of: (a) The safety of the children (b) The avoidance of disturbance during class hours. It was added that the Community would be prepared to finance the making of a New Road of the same dimensions as the existing one. A Plan of the proposed Road, which was forwarded with the letter, was examined by the members of the Council. Read letter dated 24/11/47 from Council's solicitor stating that if the Council decided to abandon portion of an existing road it would be necessary for them to comply with the Provisions of Section 26 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The Manager in referring to this section

pointed out that it provided that the Order to be made by the Minister would "not affect the Right of Way of the Public over the surface of the road to be abandoned." After discussion it was decided to ask Council's solicitor if an order could be made abandoning portion of a road and terminating the Public Right of Way. It was then proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"THAT the Council hereby approve of the abandonment of the Urban Road leading from Lower Fair Green at Kilmantin Hill to Convent Cross-Roads and measuring 187 linear yards or thereabouts, on the understanding that a New Road will be constructed providing an alternative route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and approve of the making of an application to the Minister for the making of an Order declaring that this road be abandoned. Public Notice of the Council's intention to be given in the prescribed manner."

LAND FOR HOUSING PURPOSES. Read letter dated 26/11/1947 from Mr. A. Cullen, solicitor, acting for Miss A. Kennedy and Mr. Michael Kennedy, of Bridge Street, Wicklow, stating that his clients would be prepared to sell the portion of land containing 26 perches (approx) to the Council on the following conditions:- (1) Council to pay for the land at the rate of £120 per acre. (2) Council to defray cost of establishing title in addition to the cost of transferring the land to the Council. (3) Council to (a) erect a concrete wall or substantial iron fence as a boundary dividing off the 26 perches from the remaining portion of the vendors' land and (b) maintain this boundary. The Manager stated that the cost of establishing title is always a matter for the vendor. After discussion Council unanimously agreed (1) To pay for the land at the rate of £120 per acre. (2) To erect an iron fence with hedge as a boundary; but not to be liable for the maintenance of such boundary. (3) That the Council would not defray cost of establishing title. (4) That Council's solicitor be requested to advise in the matter.

ALLOTMENTS. Read letter from Mr. P. J. Dervan, Allotment Instructor from the Department of Agriculture, advising that Plottolders should be charged an extra 2/- per allotment, to cover the cost of spraying operations. He pointed out that in previous seasons when spraying was supposed to be carried out by the Allotment Holders only a limited number of allotments had been sprayed. This inadequate spraying had a detrimental effect on the yield of potatoes. He now suggested that the system of contract spraying as adopted in centres such as Arklow, Bray and Dun Laoghaire, should also apply to Wicklow. After discussion Council agreed that a sum of two shillings should be charged for spraying in addition to the rent of one shilling per allotment. Council suggested that in view of the bad yield from land at present in use some other land should be used for purpose of allotments scheme during the coming season. The following fields were mentioned as being suitable: (1) Field acquired as open space in connection with Housing Scheme. (2) Field at top of Whistler's Hill.

PROPOSED INDUSTRY. Read letter dated 27/11/1947 from Messrs. Briscoe Smith & Co., stating that they were still awaiting a reply from Belgium. They had recently addressed a further letter to the Belgian parties emphasising the raw material difficulty and enquiring further details of their plans.

WATERMAIN AT DUNBUR. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that it would be necessary to have a resolution passed authorising expenditure in connection with the laying of watermain at Dunbur Road. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Olohan, 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 by an amount not exceeding £60 for purposes of having new watermain laid along Dunbur Road, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses 1948/1949."

Councillor Sutton inquired if it was intended to charge for water connection in addition to contribution towards cost of water-main. The Town Clerk stated that the charge for connection to the main would be a separate one. In reply to Councillor Sutton the Town Clerk stated that he would make enquiries regarding the service of a Demand Note by the Rate Collector on Mr. Carnegie in respect of building site at Dunbur Road.

ROADS. The Town Clerk stated that as a result of damage caused to roads by storm on 2nd August, 1947, the amount in the current year's Estimates for Road Maintenance would not be sufficient. A supplementary Estimate in the sum of £100 would be required. It was proposed by Councillor J. Olohan, and seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, 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 by an amount not exceeding £100 in respect of maintenance of roads in the Urban District of Wicklow, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses 1948/1949."

SEWER AT DUNBUR ROAD. In reply to Councillor Sutton the Town surveyor gave details of the line of the proposed sewer at Dunbur Road. He stated that the Plans were almost completed and would be submitted to the Department at an early date. The Manager stated that immediately the Plans would be approved of by the Department, application could be made for the necessary loan etc.

ROADS. Read letter dated 24.11.1947 from Mr. J.W. Parkes of J, Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin, suggesting that Council should put up a Notice "No Thoroughfare" at the entrance to Brickfield Lane. It was agreed that the appropriate notice should be erected.

After discussion it was decided that the following Notices should also be put up :-

(1) "No Entry" Notice at top of New Street. (2) An appropriate warning notice at the Abbey Street end of St. Patrick's Road.

DUNBUR TERRACE. Councillor O'Connor referred to the necessity of providing a light at the steps leading to Dunbur Terrace. He suggested that it might be possible to move one of the existing lamps so that light might be provided at this point. He also referred to the very bad condition of the Pathway. The Town Clerk stated that an effort would be made to have the Path repaired when work on the roads would be carried out under the Grant, recently made available to the Council. Councillor Everett drew attention to the desirability of putting barbed wire around the ventilator shaft at Dunbur Terrace. The surveyor stated that he would arrange to have the work carried out.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF WORK. The surveyor informed the Meeting that he would be employing a large number of men in the quarries during the month of December. The Manager stated that it was hoped to commence work on Council's Relief Scheme before Christmas. It might be possible to employ men for purpose of preparation of material.

J. Olohan
6/1/48

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 6th JANUARY, 1948.PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lehan. Chairman Presiding.
 C. W. Hudson.
 L. Sutton.
 J. O'Conner.
 J. Brennan.
 E. Kane.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

MINUTES. The minutes of meeting held on the 2nd December, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VICE-CHAIRMAN. The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed the return of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. W. Hudson, who was resuming duty after an absence of some months, due to illness. The County Manager, speaking on behalf of the officials of the Council stated that he wished to be associated with the remarks of the Chairman. Councillor Hudson returned thanks for the welcome extended to him.

HOUSING SCHEME. The County Manager informed the meeting that the latest date for receiving tenders for erection of 80 Houses had been extended to Monday, 26th January, 1948. This extension was necessary as applications for Tender Forms had been received from two Contractors in the previous week. The Manager stated that it was probable that tenders would be received from at least the four contractors who had already paid their deposits. Council agreed that a special Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 27th January, 1948, for purpose of considering tenders received. At the suggestion of the Manager the Chairman undertook to be present in the Town Hall after 5 p.m. on Monday, 26th January, 1948, when it was intended to open the tenders. The Manager pointed out that it would thus be possible to submit relevant calculations and figures to the special Meeting of the Council on 27th January, 1948.

WICKLOW COASTGUARD STATION - Execution of endorsement on Lease. Read letter dated 16.12.1947 from

Office of Public works requesting that the approved endorsements duly engrossed on both parts of the Lease (Wicklow U.D.C. to Minister for Finance) dated 7th December, 1926 be executed by the Council. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved :-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby approve of the affixing of Council's seal to endorsement on Lease dated 7th December, 1926, between the Wicklow Urban District Council and the Minister for Finance."

The seal was duly affixed to both endorsements.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD. The Town Clerk stated that in compliance with section 26 of the Local Government Act, 1925 the appropriate Notice relating to the proposed abandonment of portion of a Public Road had been published in the "Wicklow People" on 13th December, and 20th December, 1947. Council could make application to the Minister for the appropriate Order abandoning such portion of a Public Road on any date after 20th January, 1948. Read letter dated 11th December, 1947, from Mother Prioresse of Dominican Convent intimating that her Community would be prepared to meet all legal and printing expenses involved. In reply to Councillor Hudson the Town Clerk stated that a Draft Plan of the proposed New Road had been submitted by the Architect employed by the Dominican Convent. The Town Surveyor had made certain recommendations and a New Map incorporating such suggested alterations was being prepared. After discussion it was decided that the revised map of the proposed New Road be examined by the Council at its meeting (special) to be held on 27th January, 1948.

ALLOTMENTS. The Town Clerk stated that as a result of recommendations made at the last meeting of the Council certain fields had been inspected by the Allotments Instructor from the Department of Agriculture with a view to utilising them for purpose of Allotments scheme in the current year. The Instructor had reported that only one of these fields (viz. field to be used as open space in connection with

Housing scheme) would be suitable. The Town Surveyor, however, had now indicated that portion of the field would be required for actual building purposes. The remainder would not be of sufficient area to prove suitable for Allotments. After discussion it was decided that the same fields as used for 1947 season should again be used for current Allotments scheme. The Chairman recommended that efforts be made to procure extra quantities of manure.

In reply to Councillor Hudson the Town Clerk stated that beneficiaries under the scheme could collect their seeds at the store of the merchant supplying such seeds.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1500 to the date of Council's Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6th April, 1948."

The Manager pointed out that it was unlikely that it would be necessary to overdraw on the Revenue Account to the extent of £1500 but that it would be advisable to have the sanction of the Minister in view of possible emergencies.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE. The Town Clerk stated that it would be necessary to obtain a formal Resolution from the Council authorising excess expenditure under certain Headings. As regards insurance it had been necessary to increase Fire Cover by 33%. With reference to maintenance of Waterworks it would be necessary to incur excess expenditure because of damage caused to Filter Beds by the storm in August, 1947. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, 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 by the following amounts -

- £5 for administration of Free Milk scheme.
- £5 for administration of School Meals scheme.
- £20 for Insurance Cover.
- £20 in respect of maintenance of Waterworks.

And it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses 1948/1949."

WATER SUPPLY - REGIONAL SCHEME. In reply to Councillor Kane the County Manager gave a detailed statement regarding the position of the proposed Regional Water supply scheme. The following were the main points of the manager's statement :-

- (1) The Consulting Engineer had suggested that the Vartry River in the Devil's Glen might be used for purpose of the proposed Regional scheme but that Glenealy would have to be excluded from such scheme.
- (2) Dublin Corporation indicated that they had certain rights over the Vartry River and furthermore that they were at present discharging sludge from the Filter Plant at Roundwood into the River.
- (3) Subsequently Dublin Corporation indicated that they would be prepared to provide a supply of filtered water to the Wicklow County Council and the Wicklow Urban District Council at a rate of 6d per 1000 gallons. This charge was much higher than had been expected as it was considered that 2d per 1000 gallons would be the maximum charge for such supply.
- (4) The following alternative sources of supply were then considered :-
 - (a) The Annamoe River at Annamoe
 - (b) The River Avonmore at Rathdrum
 - (c) Lough Dan.
- (5) Regarding the Annamoe and Rathdrum suggestions the Consulting Engineer stressed the additional cost of laying the pipe line and of the installation and maintenance of a Pumping Plant. The estimated cost of the Annamoe and Rathdrum scheme were £35000 and £38000 respectively as against £24000 in the case of the Devil's Glen.
- (6) The Lough Dan scheme if implemented would furnish a supply which would be adequate not only to provide an additional supply for Wicklow Town, Ashford and Rathnew but also to meet all County Council requirements which might arise in the course of years to come. The estimated cost of the Lough Dan scheme was £40000.
- (7) Before proceeding further with any of the alternative schemes it had been decided to seek Counsel's opinion concerning the Rights of the Dublin Corporation over the Vartry River.

HARBOUR ROADS. In reply to Councillor C. W. Hudson the Town Clerk stated that he had been informed by the Department of Industry and Commerce that particulars regarding the proposal of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to transfer the Harbour Roads to the Wicklow Urban District Council had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government. The approval of the latter Department would be necessary before a Ministerial Order transferring the Roads to the Council could be made.

J. O'Hanlon
11/2/48

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILSPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 27th JANUARY, 1948.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan Chairman Presiding.
 L. Sutton.
 R. Haskins.
 J. Brennan.
 E. Kane.
 C. W. Hudson.
 The Town surveyor was in attendance.

HOUSING TENDERS. Read letter dated 22.1.1948 from Mr. C. S. Downey, Public Works Contractor, stating that if the time for receipt of tenders were not extended he would find it impossible to submit a tender for the erection of 80 Houses. He requested Council to extend the latest date for receipt of tenders to 10th February, 1948, as requested by Mr. Downey.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD. Read communication dated 27.1.1948, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., enclosing letter from Mr. M. J. Healy Bayview, Wicklow, withdrawing his objection to construction of proposed New Road.

Read letter dated 24.1.1948 from Hon. Secretary, Quarterly Board, Methodist Church, Wicklow and Rathdrum Circuit, pointing out that as the opening of the proposed New Road would be directly opposite the entrance gate of the Methodist Manse he was directed by his Board to request the Council to ensure that adequate protection would be provided to safeguard the Methodist property in the event of flooding. Pending an assurance from the Council in regard to this matter he was objecting to the proposed New Road. Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that he was authorised to act on behalf of the Methodist Board. The map of the proposed road was submitted to the meeting by the Town surveyor and was examined by the Members. The surveyor in the course of his Report stated "Six new gully traps will be provided to take any surface water and I do not anticipate any trouble from flooding from the Upper Roads as the Convent Authorities will leave an opening from the Upper Roads as near point 'F' and will, I believe, maintain and clear any gullies, sewers, "box" shores, which will eventually come within their premises as a result of the proposal. It is agreed that the road will be constructed in the best manner to my specification which will provide for excavation, strengthening of foundations, and concrete surface. The grade will run evenly from Melancholy Lane direct to meet Bayview Road and will not be excessive having regard to other streets and roads, old and new already existing in the Urban Area." After further discussion Councillor Hudson stated that, except in the case of a possible cloud-burst such as that which took place in August, 1947, he was satisfied that adequate safeguards against damage by flooding would be provided and consequently he was now withdrawing the objection lodged by the Methodist Board.

The Chairman inquired as to the position regarding sewers and water-mains in the portion of road to be abandoned. After discussion it was decided to inform the Convent Authorities that it was necessary that the

Council should retain a way-leave over the portion of road to be taken over by the Convent to ensure adequate supervision of and access to sewers and water-mains and that a Clause to this effect would have to be included in an Agreement between the Dominican Convent and the Wicklow Urban District Council. The Town Clerk was directed to inform the Convent Authorities that it was essential that the requisite area of land be acquired from Messrs. Carr and Healy to enable the corners of the New Road to be eased as recommended by the Town Surveyor.

In reply to Councillor Hudson the Town Surveyor stated that he understood that the Convent were aware that they would be responsible for transfer of E.S.B. Standards and Lamps.

The Chairman inquired if the Town Planning Consultant had submitted his recommendations in connection with the proposed road. The Town Clerk stated the Consultant had indicated that he disagreed in principle with the proposal. The view and recommendations of the Council had been forwarded to him later.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Chairman, J. Olohan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby recommend that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order declaring that the Urban Roads leading from Fair Green Lower at Kilmantin Hill to Convent Cross-Roads and measuring 187 linear yards or thereabouts is to be abandoned. It is noted that the provision of section 26 of the Local Government Act, 1925, relating to Public Notices have been complied with."

EXECUTION OF LEASES. Wicklow U.D.C. to Elizabeth Murphy. On the proposition of Council J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, the Lease between Wicklow U.D.C. and Elizabeth Murphy, Kilpoole, of premises at Kilmantin Hill for a period of 75 years at the annual rent of £1. was duly executed.

Wicklow U.D.C. to Elizabeth O'Connor. On the proposition of Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, the Lease between Wicklow U.D.C. and Elizabeth O'Connor, Kilpoole, of premises at Kilmantin Hill, for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £1 was duly executed.

LAND FOR HOUSING. Read copy of letter dated 24/1/1948 from Mr. A. Cullen solicitor, for Mr. M. Olohan, addressed to Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Council's solicitor, requesting Council to grant his client a Right-of-Entry from the field which Council are purchasing to his client's adjoining field.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"That we hereby grant a Right-of-Entry to Mr. M. Olohan from the field which Council are purchasing to Mr. Olohan's adjoining field. The Right-of-way is to be of such dimensions as recommended by the Town Surveyor."

MONTHLY MEETING. In view of the date of Council's Monthly Meeting in February coinciding with the eve of the General Election it was decided to adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday, 11th February, 1948, on which date Council would be in a position to consider Tenders received for erection of 80 Houses.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. The Town Clerk stated that it was proposed to submit a scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for adoption by the Council at its next meeting.

J. Olohan
11/2/48

MINUTES.WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on February 11th. 1948

Present Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
J. Everett
J. Brennan
J. Brennan *E. KANE*
L. Sutton
J. O'Connor.
C. W. Hudson

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Councillor R. Haskins had informed him that he would be unable to attend the Meeting.

Minutes The Minutes of Meetings held on the 6th January 1948, and on 27th January 1948 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Housing tenders Councillor Kane proposed that in the event of the lowest tender being received from a contractor outside the country, such tender be not accepted by the Council.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the tenders received had been opened earlier that day in the presence of himself, the Chairman of the Council, the Town Surveyor, and the Town Clerk. The following were the tenders.

1. C. S. Downey,
Merton Works,
Sandymount, Dublin

No 20 5 roomed houses and site development	£31,658-15- 0
No 60 4 roomed houses, bungalows and development	£87,306-17- 2
	£118,965-12- 2

2. Wm Clarke,
Church St., Wicklow

No 20 5 room houses and site development	£39,535- 0- 3
No 60 4 room houses, bungalows and development	£107,820-0- 6
	£147,355- 0- 9

3. R. E. Richards Ltd.
33, High St,
Haversfordwest.
Pemb. South Wales.

No 20 5 room houses and site development	£ 44,204- 7- 2
No 60 4 room houses, bungalows and development	£127,243- 10- 7
	£171,447- 17- 9

The Manager stated that to each tender must be added the the Premium in respect of a guarantee Bond for the full amount of the Contract sum. The following were the respective amounts:-

	Amount of Premium.
	£ s. d.
1. C. S. Downey (Irish National Insurance)	1189- 0- 0
2. Wm Clarke. (The London and Lancashire Insurance Co)	7350- 0- 0
3. R. E. Richards Ltd (Norwick Union Fire Insurance Co Ltd)	Not known at time of tendering.

The Manager also pointed out that the tenders provided for certain alternatives. For concrete block walls- instead of mass concrete- each tenderer allowed a reduction. The following were the figures in each case.

	Amount of reduction
1 C. S. Downey	(a) £22-18-11 per 5 room house (b) £21-15- 7 " 4 " " (c) £20- 6- 0 " Bungalow
2 Wm Clarke	(a) 27- 1- 6 " 5 room house (b) 55- 3- 2 " 4 " " (c) 26-17- 3 " Bungalow
3 R. E. Richards Ltd	(a) 63-13- 8 " 5 room house (b) 53- 3- 5 " 4 " " (c) 53-12-11 " Bungalow

The Manager then submitted the following figures to the Council, pointing out that they were based on Mr Downey's tender, and that they did not take into account any reductions which might be effected by availing of certain alternatives as set out in the tender.

20 Houses

Mr Downey's Tender (Including apportionment of Premium on Guarantee Bond)	£- s. d. 31,975- 3 - 3
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Add in respect of cost of land, public lighting, Clerk of Works, Engineer's Fees, Quantity Surveyor's Fees, advertising, Mortgage etc	4,001- 5- 7
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Total for 20 houses	£35,976- 8- 10
Per house	1,798-16- 5

The economic weekly rent of such houses would be £1 - 7- 8. The rates at 30/- in the £. would be 5/9. As the Council did not propose to subsidise these houses from the rates, a very substantial grant would be required from the Transition Development Fund. A grant of £500 per house would reduce the economic rent to £1- 1- 0 per week.

60 houses

Mr Downey's tender (including apportionment of Premium on Guarantee Bond)	£88,179- 8-11
Add cost of land, public lighting, Clerk of Works, Engineer's fees, Quantity Surveyors fees, Advertising Mortgage etc	5,042- 3- 9
Total for 60 houses	£93,221- 12- 8
Per house	1,553- 13-11