

weekly
The economic rent of such houses would be £1- 3-9. Allowing for a grant of £450 from the Transition Development Fund, subsidy on £350 capital cost at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ and a subsidy of 6d in the £. from rates, the nett rent would be 14/10 per week. The rates per week at 30/- in the £. would be 3/6.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

" That we the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby recommend acceptance of the tender submitted by Mr C. S. Downey in the sum of £118,965-12- 2, plus cost of Insurance Bond, and less reduction for the use of concrete blocks, for the erection of 80 houses at various sites in Wicklow Urban District, subject to the sanction of the Minister and the provision of sufficient State Grants to allow of the houses being let at such rents as are considered reasonable by the Council." It was agreed that weekly rents (inclusive of rates) of 10/- and £1-0-0 respectively would be reasonable.

The Manager stated that Mr Downey's tender was based on the assumption that samples of sand submitted by him for analysis would be acceptable, and could be used in the construction of the houses and in development work.

In reply to Councillor Kane, the Manager said that it might be possible to have the amount of the guarantee Bond reduced.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

The Manager submitted to the Council a Scheme for adoption under the Small Dwellings Acts. The following were the principal conditions approved of by the Council:-

- (a) The limit of the Market value of the house to be £1750, the figure prescribed under the New Housing Act.
- (b) The sum to be advanced shall not exceed 80% of the market value of the premises.
- (c) The loan shall be repayable over a period of 35 years.
- (d) The loan shall be advanced in three instalments :-
(1st when up to wall plates, 2nd. when roofed, 3rd. when completed.)
- (e) House must be a new house, built after 1/1/48.

The Town Clerk was directed to ascertain what costs would be payable to the Solicitor and the valuer. He was also instructed to ascertain if Council could issue loans to be repaid by (a) Annuity, or (b) by instalment system as requested by applicants.

It was proposed by Councillor J Everett, Seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved:-

" That we the Wicklow Urban District Council here by approve of the Scheme for the making of loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts and we authorise the borrowing of the sum of £5000 from the Commissioners of Public Works ~~xxxxxx~~ with interest at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances to borrowers under the Acts."

Foreshore

Read letter dated 26/1/1948 from the Department of Local Government (ref. L. 1580/5/47) stating that the Foreshore protection works had been recently inspected by an Engineering Inspector of the Office of Public Works. It was pointed out that (a) about 40 feet of ~~the old sea~~

old sea wall is badly undermined and (b) that at the extreme north of the modern protection works the position had deteriorated since last inspected by the Office of Public Works Engineer, and that the cost of repairs would be about £300. It was also stated that the position should be examined further as to whether the value of the land, and the possibility of an ultimate break through to the river would justify the consideration of a Major Scheme which would probably involve a minimum expenditure of £15,000. It was also pointed out that the extension of the protection Scheme would appear to be a project which might be dealt with under the proposed Coast Protection Act if and when it becomes law. The Manager gave particulars to the Meeting of the Annual expenditure on the Foreshore - in respect of Loan charges and maintenance. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

" that we the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby request the Minister for Local Government to make available a substantial grant for the purpose of extending the Foreshore Protection Works to Urban Boundary. In this connection Council desire to point out that £100 per annum is being contributed by the Council towards the cost of maintenance, and that State aid is essential to allow of the necessary extension works. Further, we consider that the work to be carried out in connection with improvements to the old sea wall should not be regarded as maintenance"

Lease of Plot on South Quay.

Read letter dated 10/2/48 from Mr John Bradshaw, applying for a lease of the plot on the South Quay, adjoining the premises of the Wicklow Corn Co Ltd. The applicant stated that it was proposed to erect a garage on the site. The Town Clerk stated that the Wicklow Corn Co. had been making inquiries concerning this plot, but had not submitted an application for a lease. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. O'Lohan (Chairman) and resolved:-
" that we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of the Plot of ground at South Quay Wicklow for a period of 75 years, at an annual rent of £6-0-0 to Mr John Bradshaw, The Mall, Wicklow, who intends to erect a garage on the site".

Proposed extension of sewerage and water-mains

Read letter dated 24/1/1948 from Mr John P. Butler M.R.I.A.I., enclosing drawings showing details of ~~xxxxxx~~ details of proposed housing layout at Ballynerrin, Wicklow with provision for a possible thirty houses for Mr Arthur J. Delahunt Esq., 16, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, and requesting the Council to extend the sewer and water mains to serve the area. The Manager pointed out that the area in question was just outside the Urban Boundary. After discussion the Council who indicated that they were anxious to facilitate Mr Delahunt, directed that (a) the question of extending the Urban Boundary be considered and (b) Mr Delahunt to be asked if he would be prepared to pay appropriate sewerage and water rents if these services were provided.

Dumping Councillor O'Connor drew attention to the dumping which was taking place at the junction of Quarantine Hill and Castle St. It was also pointed out that the Council's Scavengers should be instructed to collect refuse which accumulates in Dispensary Lane.

Congratulations

Councillor Kane congratulated Councillor Everett on his re-election to the Dail. The Chairman and other members of the Council associated themselves with Councillor Kane's remarks.

J. O'Lohan
2/2/48

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON March 2nd 1948

Present Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding
 C. W. Hudson
 L. Sutton
 E. Kane
 J. Brennan
 R. Haskins

The County Manager was also in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on Feb. 11th 1948 were taken as read, and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Minister Congratulated.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson
 Seconded by Councillor R. Haskins, and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council extend sincere congratulations to our fellow-member, Councillor J. Everett T. D. on his appointment as Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and wish him every success in the carrying out of his new and onerous duties. We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the great work which Mr. Everett has performed in the past for the Town and County of Wicklow, and trust that he will find it possible to continue to render such services in the future".

Vote of Sympathy

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, in his recent bereavement occasioned by the death of his Father, the late Mr Wm M. Byrne, a former esteemed member and official of the Council".

Resolution re Rent Restrictions Act 1946

Read copy of following resolution received from New Ross Urban District Council:-

Proposed by Councillor T. Clerkin,
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs Lalor, and resolved:-

"That we the members of New Ross Urban District Council protest against the Rent Restrictions Act, in so much as that it enables the Landlord to increase existing rent by approximately 15 per cent of the money he expends in putting a house in a reasonable state of repair, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of State responsible, and to all the Public Bodies in Eire".

The Council directed that the copy of the resolution be marked "read".

County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1948

Read copy of County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1948, under which certain functions of County Councils and elective Bodies which have hitherto been executive functions and consequently were exercisable by the County Manager will in future be exercised and performed directly by the County Councils or elective Bodies. These transferred functions were set out in the Schedule to the order.

Local Government (Sanitary Services) Order 1948

Read Circ L. 17/48 of 17/2/48 from Department of Local Government giving a summary of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948. The following were the principal matters referred to in the circular.

- (1) Section I of the Act provides for a new citation of the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931, which with this Act may, as from 1st April 1948 be cited together as the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948.
- (2) Part 2 of the Act deals with the drainage of premises.
- (3) Part 3 relates to water supplies.
- (4) Part 4 of the Act will enable Sanitary Authorities to regulate matters arising from Holiday Camping.
- (5) Part 5 of the Act consolidates the law relating to Baths, Wash-houses Bathing Places etc.
- (6) Part 6 deals with Burial Grounds.

Transfer of Health Services

In reply to the Chairman the County Manager stated that consequent on the coming into operation of the Health Act 1947, the Free Milk Scheme, the Maternity and Child-Welfare Scheme, and the arrangements for the prevention of infectious diseases would be transferred to the County Council as from 1st April 1948. The Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Sub-Officer would become officers of the County Council as from that date, and their salaries would be payable by that Body. The transfer of these charges to the County Council would result in the saving of above £130, but this saving would be to a great extent off-set by the increased Demand from the County Council.

Increase of Wages

Read letter dated 24/2/48 from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers Union, seeking an increase of £1-0-0 per week on the present rate of wages paid in respect of labourers and carters employed by the Council. The letter further requested that two weeks annual holidays in respect of the same workers be given at the discretion of the Council.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor R. Haskins
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby recommend that the wages of the labourers and carters employed by the Council be increased by 8/- per week as from 1/4/1948.
 Application in connection with holidays to be deferred"

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Read circ. No 16/48 of 26/2/48 from Department of Local Government drawing attention to part six and the First Schedule of the Housing (Amendments) Acts 1948, which make certain amendments of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:- The circular dealt with the following matters relating to the Acts.
 1 Market Value Limit, 2 Expenses, 3 Rate of Interest on advances
 4 General Administration.

Application for Loan under the Acts

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Read letter from Mr Francis Finlayson applying for a Loan of £1700 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Town Clerk stated that he would forward the relevant forms to Mr Finlayson for completion.

Application for plot on Dunbur Road- J. Haughton

Read letter dated 28/2/48 from Mr J. D Haughton of Dunbur Rd, applying for lease of the plot of marshy ground adjoining his holding on Dunbur Rd. After discussion it was decided that Mr Haughton be requested to state the purpose for which he required this plot and that the Town Surveyor be asked to submit a report in the matter.

Proposed extension of Urban Boundary

Read letter from Council's Solicitor in connection with the proposed extension of the Urban Boundary, stating that the procedure would be rather protracted and that the matter could not be completed inside eight to ten months. The letter stated that should the Council decide to apply for an extension, detailed particulars of the procedure could be forwarded.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the proposal to extend the Urban Boundary arose from the application of Mr A. J. Delahunt for extension of sewer and water services to building site at Ballynerrin just outside the Urban area. Mr Delahunt had stated that he proposed building thirty houses on this site. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the estimated cost of the sewer and water-mains was £470. Regarding the proposal to charge a special rent in respect of such services, it would be necessary to know the number of houses which it was proposed to erect.

The members of the Council having studied the Sketch Development Map prepared by the Town Planning Consultant in relation to the proposed extension of the boundary directed that the Solicitor be requested to advise as to the procedure to be adopted in the matter.

Sewer at Dunbur

In reply to the Chairman the Manager stated that the formal sanction of the Department had not yet been received in connection with the proposed new sewer at Dunbur Road. All the necessary documents in connection with the matter had been forwarded to the Department. The Town Clerk was directed to request the Department to expedite this matter, particularly in view of the building developments taking place in the area.

Housing Scheme

The Manager informed the meeting that no communication had yet been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the acceptance of the tender submitted by Mr C. S. Downey in connection with the 80 houses Scheme. All necessary Documents and figures had been forwarded to the Department by the Council.

Abandonment of Urban Road

The Manager stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the proposed abandonment of portion of an Urban Road. The Town Clerk undertook to communicate again with the Department in connection with this matter.

J. O'Connell
6/4/48

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING (ANNUAL ESTIMATES) HELD ON MARCH 30th 1948.

Present Councillor J. O'Connell (Chairman) presiding
C. W. Hudson
R. B. Haskins
L. Sutton
W. Clarke
J. O'Connor

The County Manager was also in attendance.

The Council decided to examine each item of Expenditure and Receipts as shown in the Tables of Estimates submitted by the Manager.

ROADS

Footpaths The Town Clerk informed Councillor O'Connor that the Town Surveyor would arrange for the carrying out of the repairs to the footpath at Dunbur Terrace. The amount provided in the Estimates for Roads was adopted by the Council.

SANITARY SERVICES

Scavenging Councillor Clarke, referring to the dumping of rubbish at St. Laurence Road, stated that he did not wish to attach any blame to the Council's scavengers. The Manager stated that notices would be issued to the residents in the area, asking for their co-operation in the matter, and warning them that any person found depositing broken glass or dumping rubbish on the roadway would be prosecuted.

Public Lighting The Manager stated that the sum provided in the Estimates would allow only of the same number of lamps (viz-72) being lit as in the year 1947/48. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Parish, Church Hill, requesting the Council to restore the lamp to pole No 44 at Church Hill. After discussion relating to the public lighting in general, it was decided to request the E.S.B. to provide the following five additional lamps.

- 1 Lamp at Dunbur Terrace
- 2 Lamp opposite Golf Links Gate.
- 3 Lamp on Pole No 44 at Church Hill
- 4 Lamp at Abbey St, adjoining the premises of Mr L. Kelly
- 5 Lamp at Blackcastle Road.

The Estimate under this heading was accordingly increased by £20.

Regional Water supply

The Manager stated that as already explained to the Council, unavoidable delay had been experienced in connection with the proposed Regional Scheme, but that it was hoped that better progress would be made with the plans for the Scheme during the coming year. After discussion it was decided to reduce the Estimates under this heading by £20.

Excess Expenditure- Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson 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 by the following amounts:- - Scavenging Services £30; Health Salaries- £30; Fire Brigade- £10; Salaries (G.U.P) £130; Audit Fee- £37; Legal Expenses- £30!"

HOUSING SERVICES

In reply to Councillor Sutton, who inquired if the question of having housing repairs carried out by contract had been considered, the Manager stated that apart from the difficulty which would probably be experienced in finding a contractor to carry out the work, he considered that the direct labour method was more economic.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses The Manager stated that £50 had been included for the purpose of carrying out badly needed repairs to the Town Hall.

Town and Regional Planning. Councillor Hudson protested against the expenditure under this heading. The County Manager pointed out that since the Town Planning Acts had been adopted by the Council, it would be necessary to retain the services of an Interim Control Adviser.

Demolition of ruinous buildings The Manager stated that £40 had been included for the demolition of a row of houses at Strand St., Councillor O'Connor suggested that the premises could be converted into garages. The Town Clerk stated that he would submit the matter to the Council at its next meeting.

Corporate Estate

Read letter from St Patrick's G.A.A. Club and the Wicklow Branch of the Gaelic League, requesting the Council to replace the paling around the playing pitch on the Murrough. The Town Clerk stated that the estimated cost of this work was £40. After discussion, during which it was agreed that a concrete paling instead of wooden one should be erected, the Town Clerk was instructed to request St Patrick's Club to contribute towards the cost of the work, and to intimate that the Council would be prepared to receive a deputation from the G.A.A. in connection with the matter.

Foreshore Councillor Clarke stated that it would be necessary to remove the remainder of the girders from the foreshore. He also suggested that an extra step should be provided at the point leading from the promenade on to the beach. The Manager stated that these matters would be referred to the Town Surveyor.

Fire-Brigade The Manager informed Councillor Sutton that full details regarding the personnel and remuneration of the Fire-Brigade would be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.

Band Performances Councillor Haskins proposed that a sum be provided for in the Estimates for Band Performances. The Chairman spoke in favour of this suggestion. After discussion however, it was decided not to allocate any money for this purpose.

Each item on the Tables having been considered, the Council expressed itself satisfied that the minimum expenditure had been provided for in each case.

Councillor Hudson stated that he would not agree to an increase. If there were a higher rate for the coming year, there would be a protest from the rate-payers. He proposed that the Estimates be reduced by 6d. After a further examination of the Tables the following reductions were effected:-

1948 Housing Scheme (Loan Charges) £175
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates £ 35

This reduced the rate to 30/- in the £. (thirty shillings in the pound)

It was proposed by Councillor C. W Hudson seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration, we hereby adopt Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the financial year ended 31st March 1949, as set out in tables A, B. & C thereof."

It was proposed by Councillor C. W Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That we determine the rate set forth in column 8 (eight) of Table C. of the Estimates adopted by us, viz- Municipal Rate of 30/- in the £. (thirty shillings in the pound) to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the financial year ended 31st March 1949.

Manager Congratulated

Councillor Hudson stated that he wished to have recorded in the minutes, his appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Estimates had been prepared. The other members of the Council associated themselves with Councillor Hudson's remarks, and paid tribute to the County Manager and the Town Clerk for the manner in which the detailed figures had been presented.

J. O'Connor
3/4/48

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMinutes of meeting held on 6th April 1948

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

The County Manager was also in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 1948 were read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Acknowledgments Read letter dated 16/3/48 from Mr J. Everett, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, thanking the Council for their kind message of Congratulation and Good Wishes.
 Read communication from Mrs Wm. M. O'Byrne and Family thanking the Council for their kind expression of sympathy.

Application for camping site at Murrrough

Read letter dated 6/3/48 from St Francis' Boys' Guild, applying for a suitable camping site for 200 Boys during the period 16th July to 26th July 1948. The Council recommended that the use of the Murrrough be given to the Guild for the required period at a rent of £1-0-0.

Nuisance on Street

The Chairman referred to the nuisances which were being committed by tinkers who were making it a practice to park on Council's Housing Plot on St Laurence Rd. The Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Garda Authorities in connection with the matter.

The Town Clerk read the following Notice which had been circulated to residents in the St. Laurence Road area:-

Notice- Residents in the St. Laurence Road area are requested to co-operate with the Council Staff in keeping the Public Road **FREE FROM GLASS, other like DANGEROUS substances and NUISANCES** generally.

From and after the publication of this notice any person found depositing glass or like dangerous substance on the roadway, or committing any nuisance thereon **WILL BE PROSECUTED** without further notice.

G. A. A. Pitch at Murrrough

The Council received a Deputation from the G.A.A in connection with the proposed erection of paling around the playing pitch on the Murrrough. The following were the members of the Deputation:- Messrs W. Lawless (Co Sec. G.A.A.) G. Nichols, (Sec. St Patrick's G.A.A. Club, Wicklow) J. Murphy, and J. Rourke.
 Mr Lawless stated that the local G.A.A. Club were not anxious to contribute to the cost of the erection of the paling unless they held the pitch from the Council under some form of Tenancy Agreement, lease, annual letting etc. The present system of one-day letting was considered unsatisfactory. The deputation suggested that the Council grant a lease of a suitable portion of the Murrrough to the Local G.A.A. Club. If such a lease were obtained the local club would erect a paling and also intended building a wall around the playing pitch. By erecting such wall the club would ensure good gate-collections for matches.

When the deputation had withdrawn, the matter was discussed by the Council. The Manager pointed out that Legal opinion should be obtained. The Murrrough was a public Park, and the Council merely acted as custodians of the park for the public. A further point to be considered was the desirability of erecting a high wall on the Murrrough. Some of the Councillors referred to the necessity of having the soil on the playing pitch renewed every four to seven years. After discussion it was decided to-1, obtain the advice of Council's Solicitor in connection with the proposal to lease portion of the Murrrough, 2, to consider the suitability of the field at Whistler's Hill as an alternative playing pitch for the G.A.A.

Application for Building Lease

Read letter dated 8th March from Mr R. T. Killian, Brittas Bay Wicklow applying for lease of the building site at Dunbur Road Wicklow, situated between the premises of Mr Wallace and Mr Vize.
 Read letter dated 2nd April 1948 from Mr Louis Quinn, Abbey St., Wicklow, withdrawing his application for a building site on the plot. The Town Clerk stated that the area was 2 roods, 2 perches. If the Council decided to grant Mr Killian a lease of the whole plot as a building site, the ground rent to be charged- assuming that a rent of £7-10-0 in respect of a building site measuring 1 rood, 9 Perches was to be regarded as a standard rent- would be £12-11-0. If Council decided to provide two building sites on this plot the appropriate rent of each ~~plot~~ site would be £6-5-6.
 After discussion the Council decided to, 1, Offer Mr Killian the whole site for two houses at an annual rent of £12-11-0, or 2, offer him half of the site at an annual rent of £6-5-6.

Renewal of lease to Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd

Read letter dated 24th March 1948 from D. H. Haskins & Son, applying for a renewal of the lease dated 6th July 1874, of the Grocery and Hardware premises at Main St. The lease was due to expire on 25th March 1949, and the yearly rent is £3-4-4. Read letter dated 5th April 1948 from Council's Solicitor stating that Council could grant a renewal of the lease before the expiring date and could grant a renewal of the lease for 75 years. It was the practice of the Council to increase the rents on renewal by 25%

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson

Seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

" That we hereby grant a renewal of the lease dated 6th July 1874 of the premises at Main St Wicklow- at present used for purpose of Grocery and Hardware Business- to Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd, for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1949 at the yearly rent of £4-0- 5."

Lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road to J. D. Haughton

Read letter dated 20/3/1948 from Mr D. J. Haughton stating that he intended to use the plot- in respect of which he had applied for a lease- for the planting of Fruit Trees. Read report from Town Surveyor recommending that the plot be leased to Mr Haughton as it was a waste plot of Ground and would be improved by Mr Haughton.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson & resolved:-

" That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of the plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, measuring 38½ perches approximately to Mr D. J. Haughton for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of 25/-. The plot is not to be used as a building site, and its use is to be restricted to the planting of trees and shrubs or to use as a fowl run or Pleasure Grounds."

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

Read letter dated 15th March 1948 from Department of Local Government (Ref H.4595/2/48 Wicklow U.D.) stating that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £5000 for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The letter stated that repayment by the borrowers must be on the Annuity System.

Read letter dated 10th March 1948, from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council forwarding certified copy of Resolution passed by the County Council at its meeting held on 8th March 1948, formally consenting to the operation of a scheme under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts by the Wicklow Urban District Council. The Chairman inquired if a person would be entitled to obtain a loan under the Acts in respect of a Semi-detached dwelling. After discussion it was decided ~~to~~ to exclude semi-detached dwellings from the Scheme unless both houses were covered by separate loans.

Public Inquiry re Road

Read letter dated 23/3/1948 from Department of Local Government (Ref. R.M./33) stating that a Local Government Inspector, Mr P. J. Raftery, B.E., would hold a Public Inquiry at the Town Hall Wicklow on 7th April 1948 at 11-30 A.M., into the application of the Council for an order under Section 26 of the Local Government Act 1925 declaring that the portion of Urban Road from Fair Green Lower at Kilmantin Hill to Convent Cross Roads be abandoned. Councillor Kane handed in a revised Map of the New Road, which would avoid the necessity of acquiring portion of Mr M. J. Healy's land. After discussion it was

proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor

seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That whilst not objecting to the Amended Plan of proposed New Road as prepared by the Architect employed by the Dominican Convent, Wicklow we are still of the opinion that the corner at Mr Healy's premises should be eased as shown in the original plan submitted by the Town Surveyor."

Flooding at Bond St.

Read letter dated 11th March 1948 from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd. stating that flooding was taking place on the road at Bond St. in front of their new garage. Read report dated 19th March from the Road Overseer stating that no flooding had taken place on this road prior to the erection of the garage as provision had been made for ample drainage. The report of the overseer was endorsed by the Town Surveyor. Read letter dated 23/3/1948 from Messrs D. H. Haskins, requesting that this matter of flooding be discussed by the Council at its next meeting. The Council having heard the overseer's report directed that Messrs Haskins be informed that this matter was not a Council liability.

Mill Yard

Read letter dated 3/4/48 from Mr L. Sutton, Main St., requesting the Council to rent him the Mill Yard on the South Quay.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved

"That we recommend that the yard situate at South Quay, Wicklow, and known as the Mill Yard, be rented to Mr L. Sutton, Main St., Wicklow at a monthly rent of 5/- (five shillings).

Mr Sutton stated that in the event of his requiring the yard for Industrial PURPOSES he would obtain a lease of the premises.

Naming of New Road

It was decided that the Council at its next meeting would officially name the New Road adjoining Dunbur Road and commonly known as the Blackcastle Road.

J. O'Connor
3/4/48

Proposed extension of Sewer and Water Mains

Read letter dated 22nd March 1948 from Mr. John P. Butler, M.R.I.H.I. stating that provision had been made for thirty houses on the site at Ballynerrin, but that it was difficult to estimate the number which might be built within the next few years. The Manager pointed out that if Council provided Water and Sewerage, the applicant (Mr A. J. Delahunt) might later lease sites at an appreciated value, consequent on Council's expenditure. He also stated that the procedure in connection with the proposed extension of the Urban Boundary would be protracted. Besides it was likely that the County Council would oppose such extension. After discussion it was decided to defer the matter and to inform Mr Delahunt that the Council would allow him to connect his houses situated outside the Urban Boundary with the Council's Sewerage and Water-Mains on payment by him of the rents determined by the Council.

Fire-Brigade The Town Clerk read a report giving details as to the Personnel, Remuneration and Practices of the Council's Fire-Brigade. It was recommended that Mr John Dunne, a lorry-driver employed by the County Council be engaged as a permanent member of the Brigade. The Council considered the report satisfactory, but recommended that in cases where fires would occur in the vicinity of the Fire-Station, and the lorry would not be available immediately the trailer pump should be towed to the scene of the fire by the members of the Fire-Brigade.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Superannuation) ACT, 1948

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson "That I or someone on my behalf will move the following resolution at the meeting of the Council to be held on June 1st 1948

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to adopt part 3 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1948, as on and from the 1st October 1948, and we hereby declare that the number of persons to be at any one time in the employment of the Local Authority as permanent servants be limited to eight."

HOUSING- purchase of Land from Mr M. Olohan

The Council's Seal was affixed to Transfer of Land (Matthew Olohan to Wicklow U. D. C.) purchased by the Council for Housing purposes.

BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD

Mr. A. McGuinness

Read application from Mr A. McGuinness, Church St. Wicklow for building site at Dunbur Road, marked site No 3 on Map prepared by Town Surveyor. The Town Clerk stated that the area of the whole plot, including approach was 2 Roods, 8 perches. Excluding the approach the area was 2 Roods. The rents to be charged regarding Mr Carnegie's as the standard one would be £13-9-5 and £12-4-10 respectively. After discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the matter until the Manager and members had inspected the sites.

SEWER AT DUNBUR ROAD

Read letter dated 20/3/48 from Department of Local Government (Ref L. 816/48) stating that the Minister saw no objection to the Documents submitted but that alternative tenders should however, be invited for stoneware pipes.

HOUSES AT UPPER STRAND ST.

The Council directed that steps be taken as soon as possible to have the eight houses at Upper Strand St. demolished. The Town Clerk stated that notices were being issued to persons who were being issued to persons who were using some of the Houses as Stores.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on April 19th 1948

Present Councillor J. Olohan (chairman) presiding
 J. Brennan
 E. Kane
 L. Sutton
 J. O'Connor

The County Manager was also in attendance.

HOUSING SCHEME The Manager read letter from Department of Local Government (dated 6/4/48- Ref. H. 2331/5/48) relative to the Council's 80 houses Scheme, stating that the Minister had allocated a Grant from the Transition Development Fund in respect of the 40 Normal and 20 Slum-clearance houses of £400 per house, subject to houses being completed in time to enable the grant to be paid by the 31st December 1948. The letter stated that the Minister considered that the proposed Local Authority contribution and rent (6/6 per week exclusive of rates) in respect of the 60 houses is too low, having regard to the high cost of the scheme, the amenities provided and the current level of wages. In particular the Minister suggested that the rents suggested for the "Normal" Houses should be reviewed to increasing them substantially. In this connection it was considered that the Council should consider the desirability of the tenants of the older and cheaper Council houses being offered a transfer to the new "Normal" or "Slum-Clearance houses.

Regarding the 20 Better-Class houses the Minister is of the opinion that the rent is too low. The rent should in the Minister's view, be fixed as near as possible to the Economic Rent. The question of allocating a grant from the Transition Development Fund would be considered on receipt of the Council's further proposals.

The Manager submitted to the meeting the following particulars of rents which would require to be charged, taking into account the grant from the Transition Development Fund.

40 Normal Houses

Economic rent	I- 4- I
Less subsidy on £350 at 33 %	I- 7
	I- 2- 6
Less subsidy from rates at 6d. in the £.	I- 4
Less grant from T. D. F.	I- I- 2
Less grant from T. D. F.	5- 4
	- 15- 10
Add rates	3- 6
	- 19- 4

20 Slum-Clearance Houses

Economic rent	I- 4- I
less subsidy on £350 at 66 %	3- 2
	I- 0- 11
Less subsidy from rates at 6d. in the £.	I- 4
	- 19- 7
Less grant from T. D. F.	5- 4
	14- 3
Add rates	3- 6
	- 17- 9

20 Better-Class Houses

Economic rent	I- 6- 10
Add rates	5- 9
	I- 12- 7

The Manager then submitted to the meeting particulars of the prospective tenants of the various houses.

20 Better-class houses - Eight applications had been received for these houses. Only four of these applications however, could be considered suitable.

20 Slum-Clearance Houses The Manager submitted a report giving details of families residing in houses which had been scheduled for demolition in the Housing Summary 1944. Eighteen families were involved. Of these however, there were four cases in which it would not be possible to remove the tenants.

40 Normal Houses The Manager submitted a report giving particulars regarding the numbers in families, income etc of 38 applicants for Normal Houses.

All matters relating to the scheme were fully discussed by the Council. The Manager pointed out that it would appear from the reports submitted to the meeting that night that the housing shortage in Wicklow was not so acute as in other Urban Areas.

Finally the Council decided-

- 1, That a further special meeting of the Council be held on Monday, April 26th 1948 to deal with this question of the Housing Scheme.
- 2 That the present tenants of Council Houses be requested to state if they would be prepared to transfer to the new Normal or Slum-clearance houses.
- 3 That the applicants for Council houses be requested to state if they would be prepared to pay £-19-4 per week for new houses.
- 4 That Mr C. S. Downey, the contractor who submitted the lowest tender be requested to indicate if he would allow his original Tender-Figures to stand in the event of the Council deciding to erect less than eighty houses.
- 5 That the members of the Council absent from the meeting be requested to attend the special meeting of the Council on April 26th 1948.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Read letter dated 8th April 1948 from Department of Local Government (Ref. H.6684/48(B) Wicklow) stating that where the current Market Value of a house would in the opinion of the Council exceed £1750., no advance could be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect thereof.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:- "That the Council is strongly of opinion that instead of limiting the loans to houses with a Market Value of £1750, loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be made available for houses which do not exceed 1250 square feet in superficial floor-area regardless of current Market Value."

TRANSFER OF LAND BONDS

On the proposition of Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Council's Seal was affixed to 4 Transfers of 2468- Eire 4% Land Bonds.

MAKING OF RATE

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby make the following Rate and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of Land and other Hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us viz-

Municipal Rate for the service of the year ended 31st March 1949, of Three Hundred and Sixty Pence in the £. made up as follows	
Urban Roads	18
Sanitary services	75
Housing	44
General Urban Purposes	56
poses	
County Council services	169
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And, that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the statement and certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1948/49 and that the necessary notices be published forthwith."

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SITE Mr A. McGuinness

The Manager stated that he had inspected the site in question, and agreed that it would not be reasonable to charge a rent based upon the area. The site had not a proper Road Frontage and portion of the plot was boggy.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease of the plot of ground measuring 2 Roods, 8 Perches or thereabouts, and situate adjacent to Dunbur Rd., Wicklow, to Mr A. McGuinness for the purpose of erecting thereon a Dwelling House in accordance plans approved by the Council. The terms of the lease will be for 75 years, and the ground rent will be £2-10-0 per annum. The Dwelling house is to be completed within twelve months from the date of granting of the lease."

HARBOUR ROADS

In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk stated that the Minister for Industry and Commerce had not yet made an order transferring the Quay Roads to the Council. The Council directed that the Dept. be requested to expedite the matter.

PAINTING OF RAILING

The Council recommended that the following Railings be painted:-
1, Railing enclosing Halpin Monument, 2, railing dividing the Mall,
3, railing at Leitrim Place.

ROADS? DUMPING etc.

Reference was made to the unsightly dumping which was taking place at various points throughout the Town. The Town Clerk stated that a number of notices had been served on residents in the areas concerned and that any persons actually found dumping would be prosecuted. Reference was also made to the condition of High St. The Town Clerk stated that he would refer the matter to the Town Surveyor. Councillor Brennan referred to the desirability of providing a light at Summer Hill adjacent to the Nursing Home. It was decided that in view of what had been decided at the Estimates Meeting this matter could not now be considered.

GAS STANDARDS.

The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Gas Company to have all unused Gas Standards removed from the principal streets. He was also instructed to request Messrs Sheane and Kavanagh to improve the appearance of their premises at Main St, Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on April 26th 1948

Present Councillor J. O'Lohan (chairman) presiding
C. W. Hudson
W. Clarke
J. Brennan
R. Haskins
E. Kane
J. O'Connor.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

Schedule of uncollected rates

Each item on the schedule of uncollected rates for the year ended 31/3/1948 was examined by the Council. In the case of certain defaulters the Council recommended that every legal measure be adopted to expedite recovery of arrears. The Town Clerk pointed out that the collection represented a 4% increase on the collection for the previous year. The members of the Council paid tribute to the collector for the very satisfactory manner in which he had carried out his duties, during the year, 1947/48.

Rent Return for 1947/48

The Town Clerk submitted a report showing the following position of the rent collection as at 31/3/1948.

Corporate Estate Rents

Arrears at 31/3/1948 - £344-6-6
During the year the arrears had been reduced by £205-3-10
The Town Clerk stated that in three years the corporate Estate rents had been reduced by more than £1000.

Artizans Dwellings rents

Arrears at 31/3/48 - £160-6-11
During the year the arrears had been reduced by £64-0-11
The Council unanimously congratulated the collector on his excellent achievement during the year 1947/48.

Housing Scheme

The Town Clerk stated that he had circularised existing tenants of Council Houses and prospective tenants of the new houses, soliciting their views regarding the proposed rents. 68 replies had been received from existing tenants stating that they would not be prepared to transfer to the new houses at the rents indicated. Four replies- all from tenants of houses at Dunbur Terrace, were in the affirmative. 16 replies- all in the negative- had been received from persons residing in houses listed for demolition. 12 replies- 8 "yes" and 4 "No" had been received from persons who had made application for Council Houses. 5 replies- 4 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative had been received from persons who had applied for Better-class houses.

A full discussion then ensued regarding the the feasibility of proceeding with the Scheme. The Manager again submitted a list of applicants to the meeting, giving particulars of applicants of families etc.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be deferred pending possible developments in connection with the housing problem generally. Councillor Hudson urged that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Minister. Finally, on the suggestion of the chairman it was decided to ask the Minister for posts and telegraphs to meet the members of the Council for the purpose of discussing with them the problem which had arisen in connection with the housing Scheme.

It was thus hoped that the Council would be in a position to make a final decision in the matter at their monthly meeting to be held on May 4th 1948

G.A.A. Playing Pitch

Read letter dated 9/4/48 from Council's Solicitor stating that some years ago when it had been proposed to grant a lease of the Murrough, there had been great public indignation and a public inquiry had been held with the result that the project had not been proceeded with. In view of the fact that the Murrough was a public park, it was doubtful if the Council would be wise in granting a lease to the G.A.A.

Read report from the Town Engineer stating that he considered the field at Whistler's Hill- which field had been suggested as an alternative playing pitch- wholly unsuited as a football field, for the following reasons:-

- (1) The field would require to be levelled
- (2) The position of the field would leave the pitch exposed and unsheltered.
- (3) Facilities for car-parking along Dunbur Road are very limited

(4) It would cost at least £1000 to convert the field into a proper Football playing pitch.

On the suggestion of Councillor Haskins it was decided to adjourn the matter to the monthly meeting. The Chairman stated that some sort of paling should be erected before the date of the Annual Feis.

Lease to Mecalectric Limited

Read letter dated 13/4/1948 from Mr A. Cullen, Solicitor, stating that his clients Messrs Mecalectric Limited did not now intend to start a factory in Wicklow, and suggesting that the Council should recoup his clients the following amounts:-

- (1) £16-17-10 paid to Mr Wm Clarke in respect of expenditure incurred in rebuilding wall. (2) £15-4-0 cost of lease. (3) Mr Cullen's costs and rent already paid to Mecalectric Ltd. The Manager stated that he had directed that the attention of the Mr Cullen be drawn to the terms of the lease, and that he be informed that the suggestion as to the recoupment by the Council could not be entertained.

The Council approved of the action of the Manager in the matter.

Wall at Bachelor's Walk- adjoining Mrs McCarrolls premises.

Read letter dated 16/4/1948 from Town Surveyor, giving it as his opinion that the Council should rebuild the wall adjoining Mrs McCarrolls premises, and adjacent to Parnell Bridge. The Surveyor gave the following reasons:-

- (1) It is a retaining wall. (2) it is similar in construction to the wall on the South side of Parnell Bridge. (3) there is a public right-of-way along the river bank.

The Surveyor stated that the cost of rebuilding the wall would be £40. The Manager stated that he did not agree that the Council were liable for the rebuilding of this wall. There was no evidence that the Council ever had any responsibility for, or maintained the wall. Council had no responsibility generally for river-wall adjoining private property.

Foreshore

Read letter dated 19/4/1948 from Department of Local Government (Ref. L.5262/48) stating that the proposed extension to the Foreshore extension works would have to be deferred until after the passing or otherwise of the proposed Coast protection Act's.

As regards the repairs to the old sea-wall the letter reiterated the contention that such repairs were the responsibility of the Council. The Council agreed that nothing further could be done until the question of the proposed Coast protection Act had been passed.

Letter-Box at Glenview Road

Councillor Hudson drew attention to the desirability of having a letter-box provided at the Convent Road end of Glenview Road. The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Post Office authorities to provide this facility for the residents.

J. Hudson
3/4/48

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