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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly meeting held on July 6th 1948.

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

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Minutes. The minutes of meetings held on June 1st., June 17th., and June 25th 1948 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Acknowledgment. Read letter from Misses Kavanagh, Market Square, Wicklow, returning thanks to the members of the Council for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Resolution re Housing. The following resolution passed by Galway Corporation was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Redington and resolved:-
 that the cost of providing houses which is at present borne by Housing Authorities be made a National Charge, and that copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Local Government, Municipal Authorities' Association and to each Housing Authority."

Traffic Regulations. The Town Clerk stated that as directed by the Council at its last meeting he had interviewed the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna in connection with the Council's proposals to introduce Bye-Laws for the control of traffic within the Urban District. Regarding the proposed speed-limit, the Superintendent stated that it would not be possible to put such a Bye-Law into effect in Wicklow, as it was essential that a straight portion of roadway, measuring at least 220 yards should be available. As regards the Council's suggestion that the use of certain streets should be restricted to one-way traffic, the Superintendent had advised against this course as he considered that the size of Wicklow would not warrant such restrictions. In connection with parking at the Mall, the Superintendent had indicated that steps would be taken by him to ensure improvements in this respect. In this connection the Superintendent had pointed out that under the Road Traffic Act 1933, the Garda Authorities have sufficient scope to effect any improvements considered necessary as regards traffic regulations generally. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Superintendent had indicated that he would come before the Council to discuss this matter if the Council so desired. Regarding the proposal to close the entry to Coates' Lane, the Town Clerk stated that the Council's Solicitor had been requested to advise on this matter.

In the discussion which ensued, Councillor O'Connor suggested the narrowing of the foot-path at the Mall, from the corner of New St., to Shaw's premises, and the removal of certain steps along this stretch. It was also suggested that access to the Mall from Salt House Lane should be closed. The Town Surveyor stated that he would be submitting a special report regarding the widening of the Mall to the next meeting of the County Council.

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Change of Bus Stop The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Superintendent had stated that there did not appear to be any objection to the proposal to change the Bus Stop from its present site to the Market Square, but that he desired an opportunity to consider the matter further before committing his recommendations to writing.

Lands at Dunbur Road. Read letter dated 26/6/48 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, stating that his client, Mr. A. G. Brown, of Ballycullen, Ashford, had purchased a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, for the purpose of erecting thereon a number of Better-Class Houses. The Town Planning Consultant however, had objected to Mr. Brown's building proposals, but had suggested that the Council might exchange one of their fields, fronting Dunbur Road and measuring 1.507 acres for Mr. Brown's field which measured 1.560 acres.

The Chairman stated that it would appear that application should have been made to the Council in the first instance. Mr. Kane pointed out that Mr. Brown's Architects, in contacting the Town Planning Consultant probably wished to be informed as to the likelihood of permission being granted under the Town Planning Acts. The Manager stated that it seemed unlikely that the Consultant would take it upon himself to object to the proposed development of Mr. Brown's field without first consulting the Council in the matter. The Manager also stated that on his instructions, Mr Cullen had been informed that the proposal would be submitted to the Council, but that it was very unlikely that they would agree to it. Mr Cullen had also been requested to submit lay-out plans for inspection.

After discussion it was decided to inquire from the Town Planning Consultant if any approach had been made to him by Mr. Brown or his Architects, and if he had indicated that approval would not be given to the use of this field for building purposes. It was also decided to adjourn Mr. Cullen's application to the next meeting of the Council.

Yard at Quarantine Hill. Read letter dated 1st July 1948, from Mr. W. Clarke, Wentworth Place, Wicklow, applying for lease of the yard and premises at Quarantine Hill, which had recently been leased to Mecalectric Ltd. by the Council for the purpose of a factory.

Read letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor on behalf of ~~Messrs Mecalectric Ltd.~~ Messrs Mecalectric Ltd. stating that his clients were prepared to surrender the lease, but requested the Council to recoup them the expenditure already incurred. Alternatively, the Solicitor suggested that his clients, with the consent of the Council could assign their interest in the lease to the new tenant. After discussion it was ~~decided~~ decided to request Mecalectric Ltd to surrender the lease. When the lease would have been formally surrendered the Council would then be prepared to grant a lease to Mr. Clarke. The Council were of opinion that any question of payment of costs incurred by Messrs Mecalectric Ltd. was a matter between Mr. Clarke and Mecalectric Ltd.

New Sewer at Dunbur Road. Read letter dated 5th July 1948, from Department of Local Government (Ref. L. 816/5/48) stating that no objection would be raised to the acceptance of the lowest tender in the sum of £2167-7-7 for the construction of a new sewer at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied as to the competency of the contractor to implement the contract, and provided that the County Manager is satisfied as to the adequacy of the securities offered for the due performance of the contract. It was added that no objection would be raised to the proposed employment of Mr. R. Kavanagh as Clerk of Works on the Scheme with an allowance of £1-10-0 per week. The Town Surveyor pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain a way leave from the Golf Club.

Office for Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Read letter dated 6/7/48 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners applying for the use of the room in Town Hall, Wicklow, formerly held by them as the Harbour Secretary's Office. The Town Clerk stated that the room was not yet available, but he understood from the County Secretary that when certain Medical supplies would have been removed, the County Council intended to terminate their tenancy. It was decided that the Council would let the room to the Harbour Commissioners at a weekly rent of 5/-, when vacant possession of the room had been obtained.

Paling around Murrrough. Read letter dated 5th July 1948, from the Secretary, St. Patrick's G.A.A Club, conveying to the Council the sincere thanks of the Club for having erected a new paling around the playing pitch on the Murrrough.

New Printing Works. Read letter dated 6th July 1948, from Mr. L. Carroll, I, Dunbur Terrace, Wicklow, applying for permission to extend and improve a building on the premises of Messrs Fitzpatrick Bros., South Quay, Wicklow with a view to using it as a printing Office. A Draft plan of the building was enclosed. The Council decided that Mr. Carroll be requested to submit more detailed plans of the building which he proposed to erect. The Council indicated that they would not raise any objection to Mr Carrolls proposal provided that the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Slaughter House at Fitzwilliam Square. Read letter dated 2/7/48 from Mr. Daniel Nuzum, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, pointing out that the slaughter house adjoining his Butcher's premises had been licensed for more than 20 years, and that during that time no complaint had been made concerning the condition in which the slaughter house was kept. He also pointed out that the yard on the South Quay belonged to his brother, Mr Edward Nuzum, and that besides, the use of such yard for slaughtering purposes would cause him great inconvenience. After discussion the Council recommended that the licence in respect of the Slaughter house at Fitzwilliam Square be not renewed, and that Mr. Nuzum be requested to avail of the yard on the South Quay for the purpose.

River Wall. Read letter dated 30/6/48 from Mrs Marcella McCarroll Sea View House, Wicklow enclosing £10-0-0 as her contribution towards the cost of repairing the river wall adjoining her premises at the North West end of Parnell Bridge. The Council directed that the work be carried out without any admission on the part of the Council of liability for maintenance at any time in the future.

Housing Scheme Read report dated 6/7/48 from Town Surveyor on the progress of building of eight houses by direct labour. The report gave particulars of the men employed on the Scheme, and stated that two sites had already been cleared and that the third was in the process of being cleared. Concrete blocks were being made, and approximately half of the requisite supply of timber had been delivered. Only about 5 tons of cement remained in stock, and if the strike were not ended it would be necessary to cease work on the scheme within the next ten days.

Painting of Railings. In reply to the Chairman the Manager stated that arrangements would now be made for the painting of the railings at the Smoothing Iron as paint was now available.

Silver Strand Road. Councillor Kane referred to the proposed Silver Strand Road, and stated that the Council should take steps to bring about its early completion. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

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It was proposed By Councillor L. Sutton seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That this Council considers that in the allocation of Grants for road improvement works, due consideration should be given to the easing of traffic difficulties which would result from such improvements, and that Grants accordingly should not be allocated merely on the basis of the unemployment existing in any particular District."

Illness of of County M.O.H. It was proposed by Councillor J. O'lohan (Chairman) seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council learn with sincere regret of the illness of Dr. A. O'Connor, M.O.H., and hereby express our very sincere wishes for his speedy recovery."

Kilmantin Hill. The Town Surveyor informed Councillor E. Kane that he would arrange to have the cut across roadway, opposite the old jail at Kilmantin Hill filled with tar.

July 20th 1948

P. O'lohan 6/8/48

Dear Sir,
Referring to the...
The Managing Director of the firm is Mr. Jaroslav Kriz, owner of a fur concern in Czechoslovakia, which comprises one of the largest fur factories in Central Europe.
As shown on the enclosed rough sketch...
To start with, we propose to employ 60 women, both male and female. Since we reckon on utilizing local labour, to be trained by our qualified staff, we are confident that in a short time we shall reach the full output planned for. As regards wages and working hours, we will adhere to the existing laws and regulations.

We wish to assure you that our industry, as yet in its infancy, health, being closely related to the manufacture of alcohol. Accidentally, one of the main occupations of our town is that the premises must be kept scrupulously clean.
We may add that we attach great importance to the surroundings of our plant from the aesthetic point of view and wish to have them neat and well kept. We would therefore be desirous of occupying a site considerably larger than the actual building in order to allow for a less or an outward expansion.

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Illness of Mr. J. O'Connell. It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connell (Chairman) seconded by Councillor J. O'Connell and resolved: "That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council learn with sincere regret of the illness of Mr. J. O'Connell, and hereby express our very sincere wishes for his speedy recovery."

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on Thursday, 22nd July, 1948

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

The Town Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the County Manager would not be present as he was attending the adjourned monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council.

Read telegram from Mr. James Everett, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to prior engagement at Tralee, and stating that he would render every assistance in connection with the proposed Factory.

Proposed Factory The following letter from Kriz- Furs-(Ireland) Ltd. of 30 A. Clyde Road, Dublin, addressed to the Chairman of the Council was read:-

The Chairman,
 Wicklow U. D. C.

July 20th 1948

Dear Sir,

Referring to the conversation of our Directors with Mr. Sean O'Kelly, Town Clerk, concerning a suitable site for our factory which, we understand, would be available in Wicklow we desire to furnish you with the following information:

The Managing Director of our Firm is Mr. Jaroslav Kriz, former owner of a fur concern in Czechoslovakia, which comprised one of the largest fur factories in Central Europe.

As shown on the enclosed rough sketch we propose to erect a plant in Ireland covering about 6,000 sq. feet, to house about 200 workers and allowing space for future expansion.

To start with, we propose to employ 60 hands, both male and female. Since we reckon with utilizing local labour, to be trained by our qualified staff, we are convinced that in a short time we shall reach the full number planned for. As regards wages and working hours, we will adhere to the existing laws and regulations.

We wish to assure you that our industry is not injurious to health, being closely related to the manufacture of clothing. Incidentally, one of the main conditions of our trade is that the premises must be kept scrupulously clean.

We may add that we attach great importance to the surroundings of our plant from the aesthetic point of view and wish to have them neat and well kept. We would therefore be desirous of obtaining a site considerably larger than the actual building area in order to allow for a lawn as an outward decoration.

We would also appreciate it if the Council could see their way to reserve the space at the opposite side of the road facing the factory for possible extension.

Yours faithfully
(For Kriz Furs Ltd)

J. Rutica.

P. S. We may add that we have been granted the working licence by the Department of Industry and Commerce. (in Dublin)

The Town Clerk stated that on Saturday, 17th July, 1948 four Directors of the Firm had visited Wicklow and inspected the site North of the Marine Hotel. On Monday, 19th July, two of the Directors accompanied by a Technical Adviser, Mr. J. Zikmuntick, had again inspected the site, and subsequently stated that they had definitely chosen Wicklow as the site of their factory. Mr. Zikmuntick stated that the factory space would be approximately 6000 sq. feet, but that it was desirable that an additional area should be made available for purpose of possible expansion at a later date. He also suggested that the space opposite the factory site be reserved for houses proposed to be built for the workers.

The members, having examined the sketch plan submitted by Messrs Kriz Furs Ltd., and having noted the area included in the lease of the Marine Hotel premises, it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council consent in principle to the granting of a lease of an appropriate portion of the Murrough to Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., for industrial purposes. As the exact area and location of such factory site have not yet been determined, the formal granting of a lease to be deferred until such information is available."

The Town Clerk stated that one of the Firm's representatives would visit Wicklow on Monday 26th July, 1948 for the purpose of carrying out a further inspection, and had suggested that some of the local building contractors should meet him on the site. After discussion it was proposed that the members of the Council, the County Manager and the Town Surveyor should meet Mr. Ruticka on Monday, 26th July, 1948. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the local contractors to be present at the site at 11. A.M. on that date. The Chairman stated that it was proposed to show the representative the available sites in the town for housing.

Acknowledgment. Read letter from Mrs Fitzgerald and Family, of 12, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, stating that they would hold in grateful remembrance the Council's kind expression of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Lease to Mr. L. Sutton. On the proposition of Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Council's Seal was affixed to the lease of the plot of land at Sea View Road to Mr. L. Sutton for a term of 75 years from 25th March 1948 at a yearly rent of £6-15-0.

Commemoration
Co Wicklow '98 Commemoration. Read communication from Co Wicklow '98 Commemoration Committee, inviting the Chairman and members of the Council to attend the Commemoration Ceremonies at the Glen-of-Immaal on 22nd August, 1948

Erection of Fairy Lighting.

Read letter from Secretary, Wicklow Regatta Committee requesting the consent of the Council to the erection of poles along Leitrim Place, Bachelor's Walk, and across the Bridges in connection with the provision of Fairy lighting. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Surveyor had approved the granting of the permission. The Council recommended that the application be granted.

Resolution re Rates. A copy of the following resolution passed by the Bray Urban District Council was marked "read":-

Proposed by Councillor P. Loughlin;
Seconded by Councillor E. J. Little;
and resolved:-

"That where the amount demanded from any Rate-payer in respect of current rates for any year, is tendered on or before the 31st August, discount will be allowed to one-fortieth of the amount of the current rates demanded".

State Grants for Maintenance of Urban Roads.

On the proposition of Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Cr. C. W. Hudson passed at a joint meeting of the Urban District Councils of Monaghan, Clones, Carrickmacross and Castleblaney was unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Lonergan (Carrickmacross) Presiding Chairman, seconded by Mr. Patrick J. Maguire, (Clones) and passed unanimously:-

"That we the representatives of the Urban District Councils of Monaghan, Clones, Carrickmacross and Castleblaney, at a joint meeting in Castleblaney on the 25th June 1948, resolve that the Government be requested to make available for the maintenance of Urban Roads, grants similar to those which have been made available to County Councils for County Roads during the past few years, viz- on the first ten per cent over the average for the past six years, sixty-six and two thirds per cent; and for expenditure in excess of ten per cent over the average, seventy-five per cent; It is abundantly clear that the same need exists for the restoration of Urban Roads as County Roads. It is not likely that the cost to the State for Urban Districts in Eire would be as great as for any single County; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Urban District Councils in Eire, to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, and to the Minister for Local Government."

Paling around Clarke's Plot etc.

The Town Clerk informed the Chairman that arrangements were being made to remove the iron railings around Clarke's plot before the Regatta week-end. The Town Surveyor undertook to remove the rough chippings from the pathway across the plot and to replace them with $\frac{1}{2}$ " chippings.

Paths. The condition of the following paths was drawn to the attention of the Town Surveyor:-

- (1) Paths leading from Church St. to Parnell Bridge, (2) Path at Castle St., (3) Path at Dunbur Terrace (4) Path at New St.,.

The Surveyor stated that he was making arrangements to build river wall at the rear of Mrs McCarroll's premises. He informed Councillor Kane that he was considering whether the provision of steps would improve the corner between Fitzwilliam Road and Morton's Lane.

Garage at Strand St., Ravenagh Pros.

Letting of Office to Harbour Commissioners It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby affix the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council to the Agreement between this Council and the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, letting to the Commissioners for use as an office, a room in the top storey of the Town Hall under conditions as set out in the agreement".

The Official Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Agreement.

Bus Service from Wicklow to Glendalough etc. Referring to the lack of Public Transport facilities between Wicklow Town and such popular beauty spots as Glendalough, Rathdrum, Avoca etc., the members spoke of the difficulties which were at present being experienced by tourists in finding any means whatever of transport to these centres, and expressed the opinion that these conditions were seriously detrimental to Wicklow as a tourist resort. After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council respectfully request the Committee of Inquiry into the Transport position to give special consideration to the conditions which exist in relation to transport to and from this town. As the County Town, Seaport, and important tourist centre, we consider that the services provided are deficient. With the exception of recently provided and very limited connection with Arklow, there is no bus-service to link Wicklow town with the following centres:- Glendalough, Rathdrum, Avoca, and the South generally. We consider that services to these areas, especially generous ones during the summer months would prove a profitable development to the C.I.E as well as to the town of Wicklow".

Application to purchase land- Mrs M. Clarke. Read letter dated 28th July from Mrs M. Clarke, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, stating that she wished to rent or purchase a piece of land (100 sq. feet approximately) adjoining her property and owned by the Urban Council. The letter further stated that this piece of land was uncultivated and overgrown by bushes, and that its position rendered it an adequate shelter for persons who from time to time break into her garden. A map submitted with the letter having been examined by the members of the Council and the Town Surveyor, the latter was requested to inspect and report on the land in question, and in the meantime, Mrs Clarke to be requested to state if she would be prepared to accept a lease of the plot as the Council are not in a position to sell.

Fencing of Lane

Read letter from Mrs Annie Vickers (dated August 3rd 1948) requesting the Council to complete the closing of the lane at the rear of houses at Kilmartin Road. This matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

New Water-Service for Summer Hill Area.

The Chairman made reference to the inadequacy of the Water-supply in the Summer Hill area, and the members gave instances of the serious inconvenience to which residents in this district were being subjected at the present time, apart from the more important question of sanitation etc. The Town Surveyor having given his views on the matter, a discussion ensued during which it was decided that a new service for this area was an urgent necessity. The Surveyor stated that he would suggest the provision of a 5" main from the Market Square to the Golf Links, and accordingly undertook to prepare plans and specification in connection with the work involved, the approximate cost of which he stated would be £2,500.

Proposed Alterations in the Mall. The Town Surveyor submitted to the meeting a map which he stated would be brought before the next meeting of the County Council. The map showed the alterations which in the opinion of the Surveyor would be necessary in order to render the Mall a safe and suitable thoroughfare for omnibus and general traffic. The Members of the Council expressed their agreement with the proposed alterations.

Leases to Messrs Toner and Killian Owing to leases not being available the finalising of this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Preliminary details were submitted to the meeting in connection with applications received from Messrs Francis Finlayson and Andrew Finlayson for loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition Acts)

P. Clarke
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New Water-Service for Summer Hill. The Chairman made reference to the industry of the water supply in the Summer Hill area, and the members gave instructions to the various committees to make arrangements to be made in the event of the serious inconvenience to which residents in this area were being subjected at the present time. The Town Surveyor advised that the question of a new water supply for this area was being considered, and it was decided that a new service for this area would be necessary. The Surveyor stated that he would suggest the location of a "B" main from the Market Square to the Golf Links, and accordingly a book of proposals and specifications for the water main was prepared, the approximate cost of which was estimated at £1,000. The Chairman stated that the difficulty which was presented by the proposed alterations in the "A" main, which was to be laid along the route of the proposed alterations, was that it would be necessary to close the main for a period of time, and it was decided that the proposed alterations should be carried out in the next meeting of the Council, and the Surveyor would be necessary in order to render the main safe and suitable for use. The Chairman expressed his agreement with the proposed alterations.

The Chairman also referred to the proposed alterations to the main in the area of the Golf Links, and it was decided that the proposed alterations should be carried out in the next meeting of the Council, and the Surveyor would be necessary in order to render the main safe and suitable for use. The Chairman expressed his agreement with the proposed alterations.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on August 24th. 1948.

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

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

Proposed Factory.

The Manager read reports submitted by the Town Surveyor relating to interviews which the latter had had with representatives of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd. on the 17th and 19th of August 1948. The Town Surveyor in the course of his reports stated that the promoters were anxious to proceed with the establishment of a factory without delay. After discussion, it was decided that the Council fix an annual rent of £20-0-0 for the factory site.

Deputation.

A Deputation consisting of four representatives of Messrs Kriz-Furs(Ireland) Ltd. was received by the Council. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to the granting of a lease for 75 years of a plot of ground measuring 243 feet by 140 feet approx., as shown on the map submitted by the Surveyor and situated to the north of the Marine Hotel, to Messrs Kriz-Furs(Ireland) Ltd. subject to the condition that a factory be erected on such plot by Messrs Kriz-Furs, within a period of eighteen months from the date of the signing of the lease, and that the rent for such plot be £20-0-0 per annum."

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

"That we agree to allow to Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd. an option to lease for industrial purposes a plot of ground measuring approximately 240 feet by 130 feet, north of the plot which it has already been agreed to lease to this Firm, the rent for such plot to be pro-rata for that already determined for plot which it has been decided at this meeting to lease to this firm at a yearly rent of £20-0-0."

The Chairman on behalf of the Council and of the Townspeople of Wicklow extended a hearty welcome to the representatives of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., and wished them every success in their enterprise. He assured them that every facility and assistance would be afforded them by this Council. Mr. P. Ruticka, on behalf of the deputation, acknowledged the Chairman's remarks, and stated that he hoped that the spirit of co-operation and friendship at present existing between the Council and Kriz-Furs Ltd would continue.

Housing. After discussion relating to the necessity for providing housing accommodation for key-workers to be employed in the industrial enterprise of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That in order to provide accommodation for the key-workers to be employed in the industrial undertaking of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., we hereby agree to the erection of four houses on the site shown on the Murrough, Wicklow on the plan submitted by the Surveyor, and subject to the sanction of the Minister to the borrowing of £6000 from the Local Loans Fund to meet the cost of their erection. Such houses to be erected in accordance with the plans and specification approved for the better-class houses proposed to be erected at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, and an economic rent to be charged therefor."

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Read letter from Mr. A. McGuinness, Church St., Wicklow, applying for instalment of loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Manager pointed out that the question of raising the Market-value limitation of houses for the construction of which loans could be borrowed under the Acts was still being considered by the Department. The matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

Read letter dated 22nd August, 1948, from the Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, stating that the Commissioners were prepared to accept tenancy of the room in the Town Hall in accordance with the terms of the letting agreement, provided that the Council would agree to put the room in proper repair. The harbour Commissioners also requested the Council to improve the condition of the North and South Quay Roads.

The Surveyor was instructed to submit a report as to the cost of carrying out repairs to the room in the Town Hall, and also to arrange for the cleaning of the Quay-Roads.

Building Site- Mr. F. Kearney.

Read letter dated 24th August 1948 from Mr. F. Kearney, New St., Wicklow, applying for a lease of a building site in the field at Dunbur Road at present used for purpose of allotments scheme. It was agreed that there did not appear to be any objection to granting the application, but the formal granting of a lease was deferred to the next meeting of the Council, pending submission of maps and recommendations as to the rent to be charged.

Building Site- Mr. R. T. Killian.

Read application dated 13th August 1948 from Mr. R. T. Killian, for a lease of a building site on Dunbur Road, immediately adjoining the plot already applied for. It was decided that the application should be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, pending submission of further particulars.

Proposed Lease to Mrs M. Clarke.

Read letter dated 23/8/48 from Mrs Margaret Clarke, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, requesting the Council to give particulars of the proposed lease of the portion of the field adjoining her property at Mount Carmel. It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council pending submission of a map and recommendations as to the rent to be charged.

*P. Clarke
7/9/48*

The County Manager, Town Surveyor, in attendance.

Minutes of meetings held on 24th Aug., 1948 were read and adopted as proposed by the Chairman.

Urban Rates. The following resolution passed in connection with the Urban Rates was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That in view of the representations by rate-payers to the Government and the Government's intention to legislate to come to the relief of rate-payers in the Urban Areas, where the burden of rates has become intolerable and that in view of this resolution forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Association of Municipal Authorities and to each Municipal Authority."

Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd. Read letter dated 25/8/48 from Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce, intimating that the Minister would be prepared to grant a new Manufacturing Licence under the Control of Manufactures Act to the Company when formed to undertake manufacture. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the letter of Mr. William Clarke for the carrying out of alterations to the premises of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., at Main St., Wicklow had been accepted by the Department of Local Government, and intended to make temporary use of the premises pending the erection of the factory on the Murrough.

The Manager submitted to the meeting the draft lease prepared in connection with the proposed building of such factory and referred to the covenants included therein. The Council duly approved of the draft lease and map.

Change of Use Stn. Read letter dated 11/8/48 from the General Manager, G.I.S. stating that in view of the fact that the G.I.S. had now withdrawn their objection to the passage of buses through the town to the Market Square, his company intended to make application to have the roads approved by the Department of Local Government. In the meantime the company was endeavouring to acquire the necessary premises at the Market Square. Councillor Kane referred to the parking of cars at the Market Square entrance to the Hall. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the Garda Síochána.

Market Road. Councillor Haskins referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the stretch of road leading from Market Road to the town. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

Proposed lease to the M. Clarke
 Read letter dated 26/8/48 from the Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce, intimating that the Minister would be prepared to grant a new Manufacture Licence under the Control of Manufactures Act to the New Company when formed to undertake manufacture. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the tender of Mr. William Clarke for the carrying out of alterations to the premises of Mr. B. O'Toole at Main St., Wicklow had been accepted by Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., who intended to make temporary use of this premises pending the erection of the factory on the Murrrough.

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Resolution re Urban Rates. The following resolution passed by Galway Corporation was unanimously adopted by the Council:-
 "That serious representations be made to the Government to introduce legislation to come to the relief of rate-payers particularly in the Urban Areas, where the burden of rates has now become intolerable and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Association of Municipal Authorities and to each Municipal Authority."

Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd. Read letter dated 26/8/48 from Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce, intimating that the Minister would be prepared to grant a new Manufacture Licence under the Control of Manufactures Act to the New Company when formed to undertake manufacture. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the tender of Mr. William Clarke for the carrying out of alterations to the premises of Mr. B. O'Toole at Main St., Wicklow had been accepted by Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd., who intended to make temporary use of this premises pending the erection of the factory on the Murrrough.

Change of Bus Stop. Read letter dated 10/8/48 from the General Manager, C.I.E. stating that in view of the fact that the Garda had now withdrawn their objection to the passage of buses through the town to the Market Square, his company intended to make application to have the roads approved by the Department of Local Government. In the meantime the company would endeavour to acquire the necessary premises at the Market Square. Councillor Kane referred to the parking of cars at the Market Square entrance to the Mall. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the Garda Siochanna.

Marlton Road. Councillor Haskins referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the stretch of road leading from Marlton Bridge to the town. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 7th Sept. 1948

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

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

Minutes. The minutes of meetings held on 6th and 24th Aug., 1948 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution re Urban Rates. The following resolution passed by Galway Corporation was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

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The Manager submitted to the meeting the draft lease prepared in connection with the proposed building of such factory and referred to the various covenants included therein. The Council duly approved of the draft lease and map.

Change of Bus Stop. Read letter dated 10/8/48 from the General Manager, C.I.E. stating that in view of the fact that the Garda had now withdrawn their objection to the passage of buses through the town to the Market Square, his company intended to make application to have the roads approved by the Department of Local Government. In the meantime the company would endeavour to acquire the necessary premises at the Market Square. Councillor Kane referred to the parking of cars at the Market Square entrance to the Mall. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the Garda Siochanna.

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WICKLOW TOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 24th Aug 1948

- Present - Councillor J. Clarke (Chairman) Presiding
- C. W. Hudson
- W. Clarke
- R. E. Haskins
- L. Sutton
- E. Kane
- T. Brennan

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

The minutes of meetings held on 6th and 24th Aug 1948 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

The following resolution passed: The County Corporation was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That serious representations be made to the Government to introduce legislation to come to the relief of rate-payers particularly in the Urban areas, where the burden of rates has now become intolerable and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Association of Municipal Authorities and to each Municipal Authority."

Read letter dated 28/8/48 from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Ireland, enclosing copy of letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Ireland, in which the Minister would be prepared to grant a licence for the Harbour under the Control of Manufactures Act of 1947.

The Harbour Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. William Clarke, Clerk informed the meeting that the tender of Mr. William Clarke for the carrying out of alterations to the premises of Messrs. Kitz-Farr (Ireland) Ltd., who intended to make temporary use of this premises during the erection of the factory on the Harbour.

The Manager submitted to the meeting the draft lease prepared in connection with the proposed building of such factory and referred to various covenants included therein. The Council duly approved the draft lease and passed the following resolution:-

"That we hereby execute the lease between the Council and Mr. A. McGuinness, Church St., Wicklow, of the plot of ground at Sea View Road, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-10-0". The seal of the Council was duly affixed to the lease.

Letting of Salt House Lane Premises to Mr. L. Sutton. It was proposed by Councillor R. Haskins, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

"That we hereby seal letting agreement between the Council and Mr. L. Sutton, Main St., Wicklow, in respect of weekly tenancy of Salt House Lane premises at a weekly rent of seven shillings". The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Agreement.

Sealing of Contract re Sewerage Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby affix our seal to the contract prepared by our Solicitor and signed by the contractor Mr. R. T. Killian, in connection with Dunbur Sewerage Scheme."

Read letter dated 10/8/48 from the General Manager, G.I.E., in which the fact that the Garda had now withdrawn their objection to the passage of buses through the town to the Market Square, his company intended to make application to have the route approved by the Department of Local Government. In the meantime the company would endeavour to acquire the necessary carrying capacity at Market Square. Councillor Haskins referred to the carrying capacity at the Market Square entrance to the Market Square and directed to refer the matter to the Town Surveyor.

Councillor Haskins referred to the condition of the stretch of road leading from the Market Square to the town. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

Services. Read letter dated 1st September 1948 from Transport Inquiry, acknowledging receipt of copy of a resolution passed by the Council at its meeting held on August 6th, 1948, in connection with the Bus Services to and from Wicklow Town.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899 to 1948

Read Circ. No. H. 46/48 of 25/8/1948 from Department of Local Government, transmitting a copy of an order which the Minister had made with the consent of the Minister for Finance pursuant to section 38 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, raising to £2000 the market value limit for houses in respect of which loans may be advanced under the Acts. The Local Loans Fund would be made available to finance the operations of Local Authorities under the Acts, subject to the condition that advances would be made in respect of new houses only, and that the amount of the advance would not exceed 80% of the Market value in each case. The Town Clerk explained that the Council had already included these conditions in the scheme adopted by them under the Acts.

The County manager submitted figures to the Council indicating the increased annual payments which would result from the increase of the interest rate from 3% to 3 1/2 %.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acts. The Town Clerk stated that applications for loans under the Acts had been received from the following:-

- 1) Mr. Loughlin Sutton, Main St., Wicklow.
- 2) Arthur McGuinness, Church St., Wicklow.
- 3) Francis M. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow.
- 4) Andrew J. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow.

The four applicants were seeking loans of £1600- i.e. the maximum loan in each case- 80% of £2000, which had been certified by the Town Surveyor to be the Market Value of each house. The Manager read extract from Circ. No. 16/48 of 26/2/1948, from Department of Local Government, to the effect that the Local Authority should be satisfied that the person to whom the advance is to be made will be in a position to pay the instalments of Principal and Interest when due, and to maintain the premises in good condition. He stated that it would be necessary to make confidential inquiries regarding the income of Applicants.

Lease to Mr. McGuinness. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That we hereby execute the lease between the Council and Mr. A. McGuinness, Church St., Wicklow, of the plot of ground at Sea View Road, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-10-0". The seal of the Council was duly affixed to the lease.

Letting of Salt House Lane Premises to Mr. L. Sutton.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Haskins, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

"That we hereby seal letting agreement between the Council and Mr. L. Sutton, Main St., Wicklow, in respect of weekly tenancy of Salt House Lane premises at a weekly rent of seven shillings". The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Agreement.

Sealing of Contract re Sewerage Scheme.

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

"That we hereby affix our seal to the contract prepared by our Solicitor and signed by the contractor Mr. R. T. Killian, in connection with Dunbur Sewerage Scheme."

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The Town Clerk read communication (ref.L. 816/48) of 3/9/48 from Department of Local Government, informing the Council that it was not yet possible to indicate that grant would be made available towards the cost of the Sewerage Scheme.

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

"That we hereby authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Capital Account to an amount not exceeding £1200 for the purpose of making payments in connection with the Sewerage Scheme at Dunbur Road."

Councillor Clarke inquired from the Town Surveyor if Mr. Thomas Murphy would find it possible to connect with the new sewer. The Surveyor stated that he had been under the impression that Mr. Murphy's premises had been connected with the Coast-Guard Sewer.

In reply to Councillor Kane, the Surveyor stated that lime would render the septic tanks harmless from the point of view of health.

Lease to Mr. R. T. Killian. It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked "3" on map submitted by Town Surveyor, measuring 1 rood, 18 perches, and with a road-frontage of 72 feet-(i.e. a building plot of the same area as the adjoining plots leased to Mr. Toner), to Mr. R. T. Killian for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-10-0 - a dwelling house in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council to be erected on such site within a period of eighteen months from the 18th of Sept. 1948."

Lease to Mr. J. Toner. Read letter from Mr. J. Toner, stating that his plans were still in the hands of the Architect but that he would consider it a favour if a lease of the plot applied for were granted by the Council. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. P. Doyle, who holds the land under a yearly tenancy had informed him that no arrangements had yet been made between himself and Mr. Toner regarding the disposal of the plot. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, -marked "2" on the map submitted by the Surveyor, adjoining his present plot, and approximately of similar area and road frontage- to Mr. J. Toner, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-10-0 - a dwelling house in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council to be erected on such site within a period of 18 months from the date of granting of the lease."

Termination of Yearly Tenancies. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:- "That in accordance with the advice tendered by our Solicitor, we hereby decide that all Yearly ~~tenancies~~ lettings of Council Lands be terminated, and that all necessary proceedings for the termination of such holdings be taken as soon as possible."

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The Town Clerk read communication (ref. J.R. 28/48) of 2/9/48 from the Department of Local Government, informing the Council that it was not yet possible to indicate what grant could be made available towards the cost of the garage scheme. The Department, as in communication with the Special Employment Schemes Office, and would notify the Council immediately a decision could be reached in the matter.

It was proposed by Councillor J. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor ... and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorize the County Manager to withdraw on our Central Account to an amount not exceeding £100 for the purpose of making payments in connection with the garage scheme at Dunbur Road."

Councillor Clarke informed from the Town Surveyor that from a survey conducted in 1948 it was possible to construct 19 houses on the site. The Surveyor stated that he had been under the impression that Mr. Murphy's premises had been connected with the Council's sewer. After discussion the Town Surveyor, as directed to submit a report in the matter.

In reply to Councillor Kane, the Surveyor stated that some of the water tanks had been removed from the site of the building.

It was proposed by Councillor ... seconded by Councillor ... and resolved:-

That the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked "C" on the Surveyor's plan, to be used for the erection of a building and with a road frontage of 75 feet (1) - 75 feet (2) - 75 feet (3). The lease to be for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £40. The Council approved in accordance with the provisions of the Statute in that behalf made.

Read letter from Mr. J. Toner, stating that his plans were in the hands of the Architect but that he would consent to a favour if a lease of the plot applied for were granted by Council. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. J. Toner, who holds the land under a yearly tenancy had informed him that no arrangements had yet been made between himself and Mr. Toner regarding the disposal of the plot. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved:-

That the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked "C" on the Surveyor's plan, to be used for the erection of a building and with a road frontage of 75 feet (1) - 75 feet (2) - 75 feet (3). The lease to be for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £40. The Council approved in accordance with the provisions of the Statute in that behalf made.

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Applications for Leases. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that applications for further building plots on Dunbur Road had been received from the following:-

- (1) Mr. R. T. Killian, (application for second plot).
- (2) Mr. F. Kearney, New St., Wicklow.
- (3) Mr. J. J. Mooney.

The Town Surveyor submitted to the meeting a map showing the location and lay-out of nineteen houses, and the situation of proposed new roads in this area. He pointed out that it was necessary to plan the development of the area in order that the most economical and satisfactory use of Council's land be ensured. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the map submitted by the Town Surveyor showing location and lay-out of nineteen building plots at Dunbur Road."

The Town Clerk was directed to invite the applicants to select their building sites.

In connection with the development of this area, Councillor Clarke stated that it would be necessary for the E. S. B. to improve their service as it was insufficient to cope with increasing demands. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the E.S.B. and to forward to them a copy of the Surveyor's map.

Garage at Strand St. Read letter dated 30/8/48 from Kavanagh Bros., Main St., Wicklow, applying for a site in Upper Strand St. for the purpose of erecting a garage thereon. Read report dated 2/9/48 from Town Surveyor intimating that he would not recommend the Council to grant a site in Upper Strand St. for such purpose. The Surveyor pointed out that the Council after consideration had decided to demolish the eight condemned houses and to build a wall, and that it was possible that the area would be later required for purpose of a modified housing scheme. The Council decided not to grant Messrs Kavanagh's application.

River Wall. The Town Clerk stated that it would be necessary to have a formal resolution from the Council authorising the expenditure on repairs to the River Wall, adjoining the premises of Mrs McCarroll.

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

"That in accordance with the requirements of Section 25(I) of the County Management Act 1940, we hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sum specified in the Estimates for year 1948/49, by the following amount:- £40. for restoration of the River Wall adjoining Parnell Bridge."

Cleaning of Abbey River. Arising from a question by Councillor Kane, regarding the silting of the Abbey River, the Manager stated that the Law Agent would be requested to give advice as to the responsibility of the Council for the carrying out of the necessary cleaning operations. The Town Surveyor was directed to submit a report on the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Employment Schemes Grant. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no notification had yet been received from the Department regarding the allocation of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote. The Council directed that the Department be written to in connection with the matter.

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...The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the applications for further building plots on Dunbur Road which have been received from the following:-
 Mr. R. F. Con-way (application for second plot)
 Mr. E. J. Kearney, New St., Wicklow.
 Mr. J. J. Moorey.

The Town Surveyor submitted to the meeting a map showing the location and lay-out of sixteen houses, and the situation of roads in this area. He pointed out that it was necessary to plan the development of the area in order that the use of Council's land be secured.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

That we hereby approve of the map submitted by the Town Surveyor showing location and lay-out of sixteen building plots on Dunbur Road.

The Town Clerk was directed to invite the applicants to select their building sites.

In connection with the development of this area, Councillor Brennan stated that it would be necessary for the R.S.B. to provide their service as it was insufficient to cope with the existing demands. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the R.S.B. and to forward to them a copy of the Surveyor's report at Strand St. Read letter dated 30/9/48 from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Wicklow, applying for a site in Strand St. for the purpose of erecting a garage thereon.

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Extension of Time-Limit in Building Lease. Read letter dated 7/9/1948, from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that their client, Miss Winifred M. Flynn, had instructed them to dispose of her interest in the plot of ground situate at Dunbur Road, which was originally held by Mr. R. F. Con-way under lease dated 30th December 1939. Messrs McCarroll & Co requested the Council to extend the time for the erection of a dwelling-house to 30th December 1949. The Manager stated that as the lessee had not complied with the covenant to build, Council could recover possession of the plot and might find it possible to re-lease it at an increased rent. The Council, having considered the particular circumstances affecting the case, decided to grant an extension of time to enable the lessee to comply with the building covenant.

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to extend the time to 31st August 1949 for the erection of a dwelling house on the plot situate at Dunbur Road, originally leased to Mr. R. F. Con-way, under lease dated 30th December 1939." It was decided at the same time to ask the Law Agent to submit his advice in the matter.

Membership of Council. The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. J. Everett T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs had not attended an official meeting of the Council since 11th Feb. 1948. He stated that he was merely giving formal notice to the Council of the non-attendance of a member at meetings of the Council over a period of six months. The Chairman stated that the Council were aware that Mr. Everett had been unable to attend the Meetings because of his Ministerial duties. He had, however, continued to take an active interest in the work of the Council, and on occasions, had sent telegrams regretting his inability to attend important meetings. Accordingly, as far as the Council was concerned Mr. Everett was still a member of the Council, and he, as Chairman could state that it was Mr. Everett's desire to continue as such. The Council unanimously agreed with the Chairman's remarks.

Application for Lease- Mrs M. Clarke. Read letter from Mrs M. Clarke, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, requesting the Council to give her particulars of the proposed lease of the portion of Council's field, adjoining her property at Mount Carmel, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor submitted a map of the plot in question. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Corporation Lands - the angle of the field known as the Sledge Field- shown on the map submitted by the Surveyor and measuring 11.57 perches in area, to Mrs Margaret Clarke, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of 10/-."

Town Hall Premises. Councillor Sutton inquired if it would be possible to convert the Market Hall into use as a hall for the purpose of holding dances, debates, Club Meetings etc. He pointed out that the premises if so utilised would be a source of considerable revenue to the Council. The Manager stated that he had intended to inform the Council that the County Council was considering applying for the Market Hall for the purpose of converting it into a Library Premises. The tenancy of the existing Library premises in the town was about to be terminated and it was essential that another premises be made available without delay. After discussion the Town Surveyor was directed to submit plans and recommendations to the next meeting of the Council. The Manager stated that if necessary a special meeting could be convened to deal with the matter.

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extension of time-limit in building lease. Read letter dated 10/10/48 from Messrs J. R. McGovern & Co., stating that their client, Miss Winifred W. Flynn, had instructed them to dispose of her interest in the plot of ground situate at Dunbur Road, which was originally held by Mr. R. F. Conway under lease dated 30th December 1938. Messrs McGovern & Co requested the Council to extend the time for the erection of a dwelling-house to 30th December 1948. The Manager stated that as the lease had not complied with the covenant to build, Council could recover possession of the plot and might find it possible to re-lease it at an increased rent. The Council, having considered the parties' alternative circumstances affecting the case, decided to grant an extension of time to enable the lessee to comply with the building covenant.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Kane, seconded by Mr. W. Clarke and resolved:

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to extend the time to 31st August 1948 for the erection of a well-constructed house on the plot situate at Dunbur Road, originally leased to Mr. R. F. Conway, under lease dated 30th December 1938." It was decided at the same time to ask the L.A. Agent to submit his advice in the matter.

Membership of Council. The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. J. Everett T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs had not attended an official meeting of the Council since 15th Feb. 1948. He stated that he was merely giving formal notice to the Council of the non-attendance of a member at meetings of the Council over a period of six months. The Chairman stated that the Council were aware that Mr. Everett had been unable to attend the meetings because of his Ministerial duties. He had, however, continued to take an active interest in the work of the Council and on occasions had sent telegrams requesting his inability to attend important meetings. Accordingly, as far as the Council was concerned Mr. Everett was still a member of the Council and he, as Chairman, would state that it was Mr. Everett's desire to continue as such. The Council unanimously agreed with the Chairman's remarks.

Application for Lease - Mrs. M. Clarke. Read letter from Mrs. M. Clarke, Wicklow, requesting the Council to give her parties a lease of the portion of the portion of Council's field situate in property at Mount Carmel, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor submitted a map of the plot in question. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:

"That we hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Corporation Lane - the angle of the field known as the Sledge Field - approx. 100 sq. yds. to Mrs. M. Clarke, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of 10/-."

Town Hall Premises. Councillor Sutton inquired if it would be possible to convert the Town Hall into use as a hall for the purpose of holding dances, debates, G.D.P. meetings etc. He pointed out that the premises if so utilized would be a source of considerable revenue to the Council. The Manager stated that he had intended to inform the Council that the County Council was considering applying for the Market Hall for the purpose of converting it into a library premises. The Manager of the existing library premises in the town was also mentioned and it was essential that another premises be made available without delay. After discussion the Town Surveyor was directed to submit plans and recommendations to the next meeting of the Council. The Manager stated that if necessary a special meeting could be convened to deal with the matter.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th. October 1948

Present- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
 E. Sutton
 E. Kane
 J. Brennan
 J. O'Connor
 W. Clarke
 R. Haskins.

The County Manager was also in attendance.
 An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Minutes. The minutes of meeting held on 7th September, 1948, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution re Licensing Bill. Read copy of resolution from Cashel Urban District Council, protesting against the new Licensing Bill, insofar as it relates to the sale of intoxicating liquer on Sundays. After discussion, Councillor O'Connor proposed that the resolution be adopted. The motion however, was not seconded and the resolution was marked "read".

E. S. B. Service to Dunbur Road. Read letter dated 15/9/1948 from E. S. B. stating that the improvement of the supply position in the Dunbur Road area would entail an extension of the High Voltage supply and the erection of a transformer station about the middle of the prospective housing development shown on the Town Surveyor's map. The letter added that the position would be reviewed in the Spring, having regard to the actual development and to the availability of necessary line and substation equipment which at present is in very short supply.

Councillor Kane referred to the desirability of having the poles and transformer station sited in the most suitable position from the Council's point of view. It was decided to request the Town Surveyor to communicate with the E. S. B. in connection with the matter.

Parking at Mall. Read letter dated 10/9/1948 from Superintendent, Garda Siochanna, Wicklow, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 9/9/48 relating to parking at the Mall, and stating that the matter would have the necessary attention.

Bus Stop. The Manager informed the Council that in connection with the proposal to transfer the bus terminus from the South Quay to the Market Square he had received a communication from the Department of Local Government inquiring if the holding of fairs would affect the use of the Square as bus-terminus. The Council pointed out that the fairs were of a very limited character and recommended the Manager to inform the Department that the holding of fairs would not interfere with the use of the Market Square as a bus-terminus.

Improvement at Mall. The Manager informed the Council that plans for the improvement of the Mall had been prepared by the Surveyor, and would be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council. Arrangements would be made to have the plans available in the Town Hall for inspection by members of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-
"That having examined the plans for improvement to the Mall, prepared by the County Surveyor, we hereby recommend the County Council to approve of these plans and to arrange to carry them out at their earliest possible convenience."

Photographs of areas of the Town. Councillor Clarke referred to the desirability of the Council's possessing a photographic record of the changes and developments taking place in the Town. The Council unanimously agreed with the suggestion and recommended that steps be taken to obtain the necessary photographs, with a view to having them preserved in the Council's records. The Manager pointed out that it was possible that there were some old photographs of Wicklow Town available in the Offices of the County Council.

Complaint re Road. Councillor Haskins complained about the bad condition of the stretch of Road between Wolohan's Bridge and Ballymoney. The Council directed that the County Council be requested to improve the surface of this road.

New Coast Road. It was proposed by Councillor R. Haskins, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-
"That we again wish to draw the attention of the County Council to the desirability of completing the Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow and recommend that steps be taken by the Council to put this work in hands at the earliest possible date."

Building Plots at Dunbur Road, Mr. J. J. Mooney.
Read letter from Mr. J. J. Mooney, applying for lease of a building site marked No 16 on the map prepared by the Town Surveyor. The Town Clerk pointed out that the area of this plot was 54 perches, as compared with 58 perches in the case of the plot leased to Mr. Toner, and that accordingly the annual ground rent would be £7-0-0.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins & resolved:-
"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road- marked plot No 16 on the map prepared by the Town Surveyor to Mr. John J. Mooney for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-0-0- a dwelling house in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council to be erected on such plot within eighteen months from the date of the granting of the lease."

Mr. F. Kearney. Read letter dated 11/9/1948 from Mr. F. Kearney, New St., Wicklow, applying for lease of building site marked No 15 on map prepared by Town Surveyor.
It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-
"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of a lot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked plot No 15 on the map prepared by the Town Surveyor, to Mr Francis Kearney, New St., Wicklow for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7-0-0. - a dwellinghouse in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council to be erected on such site within 18 months from date of the granting of the lease."