



Lease of portion of field. Mrs M. Clarke.  
 Read letter dated 22/9/48 from Mrs Margabet Clarke, Mount Carmel Wicklow, accepting the terms of proposed lease of portion of the Bledge Field and thanking the Council for granting her application.

Cleansing of Abbey River. Read letter dated 13/9/1948 from Council's Solicitor stating that he was of the opinion that the Local Authority are responsible for cleansing the section of the Abbey River which runs under the roadway. The Law Agent pointed out that damages would be awarded against the Council if it were found that flooding was in any way caused or increased by the condition of the river-bed under the road-way. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Town Surveyor had been requested to submit a report as to the work required to be carried out and the cost thereof.

Lease to Miss Winifred Flynn- Extension of Building time.  
 Read letter dated 11/9/1948 from Council's Law Agent, stating that the Council had power to grant an extension of time for the purpose of building, and that accordingly, the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on 7th September 1948 was in order.

Loan re Sewerage Scheme. The draft Indenture and Form of Undertaking in connection with loan for sewerage scheme was submitted to the Council. The Town Clerk pointed out that the loan amounted to £1380. It would appear therefore that a grant of £920 i.e. a grant equivalent to 40% of the scheme would be made available to the Council.

A map showing the proposed extension of approximately 100 feet of sewerage main, for which Mr. R. T. Killian had submitted a tender in the sum of £233-13-6, was submitted to the Council. As the proposed extension did not provide facilities for Mr. T. Murphy, it was decided to await a further communication regarding the matter from the Town Surveyor.

Four Houses on Murrough. Read letter dated 13/9/48 (ref. H I0894/1948) from Department of Local Government stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the Council's proposal to erect four houses on the Murrough site for the accommodation of employers of Messrs Kriz-Furs (Ireland) Ltd. in accordance with the Council's resolution of 24th August 1948. The Town Clerk stated that Messrs Kriz-Furs Ltd had been informed that the Minister's sanction to build these houses had been obtained. No reply however, had been received from Messrs Kriz-Furs Ltd. Earlier on that day a representative of the firm had informed him over the telephone that he would come to Wicklow in the course of a week or two and explain the reasons for the delay in proceeding with their project. In the circumstances the Council decided not to take any action in the matter for the time being.

Hospital Site. Read letter dated 23/9/1948 (Ref. H.C. Gille Manntain) from the Department of Health stating that the matter of selection of a site for the proposed new County Hospital at Wicklow was being given the most careful consideration and that the Council would be informed as soon as a decision would be reached.

Read letter dated 5/10/1948 from Councillor C. W. Hudson, enclosing particulars regarding the number of patients treated at the County Hospital during the year ended 31/3/1948. In the course of his letter Councillor Hudson stated that he had endeavoured to place these figures before the County Council but the standing orders of that Council had prevented his reopening the matter of the hospital site. In view of the importance of the matter however, he now recommended that a joint deputation from the Medical profession practising in the town, the Urban District Council and the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to approach the Minister and to place before him the reasons why the proposed new County Hospital should be built on one of the excellent sites within the Urban Area.

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could be made available to them at a weekly rent of 5/- (five shillings). The Council also agreed that the necessary repairs should be carried out to this room. In reply to Councillor O'Connor, the Manager stated that having inspected the room in question, and after consultation with the Chairman, he had given directions to have repairs, estimated to cost £6., carried out to the Harbour Authority's Office in the Town Hall. He pointed out that at a relatively small cost the appearance of the Council's property could be improved, and its value enhanced.

Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Manager informed the Council that having consulted the Council's Law Agent in connection with the matter, he was in favour of limiting loans to borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to £1200 in the case of houses having a market value of £2000. This amount together with a grant of £275 should be regarded as being favourable to borrowers. The Manager also pointed out that it would probably be in the best interest of the borrower not to burden himself with excessive loan charges. Regarding his application for a loan under the Acts, Councillor Sutton stated that he would not require the full £1600. A loan of £1000 would suffice. After further discussion it was agreed that the particular circumstances affecting each application should be taken into account when determining the amount of the loans to be advanced and that the Manager should interview applicants and point out how desirable it was in their own interests to obtain the minimum loan required.

Assistant to Water Works Overseer. Read letter dated 27/9/48 from Mr. Andrew Devlin, assistant to water works overseer, stating that it was only recently he had learned that he was employed as a servant and not as an officer of the Council. Mr Devlin further pointed out that he had been under the impression when being appointed that he would be trained by Mr. DeCoursey with a view to taking over the duties of Water Works Overseer upon the latter's retirement. Mr Devlin also stated that he had been working Officer's hours and accordingly, requested the Council to inform him as to his present status. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Devlin had been appointed in January 1945 as a wholly temporary and casual employee of the Council. Since that date he had on the recommendation of the Town Surveyor been made a permanent employee of the Council. The records disclosed that at no time was his appointment regarded as being that of an officer. After a lengthy discussion regarding the matter it was decided to request the Water Works Overseer to submit a report indicating Mr. Devlin's position from the point of view of apprenticeship to a trade etc. The Council would then be in a position to discuss the matter further.

Cheap Fuel Scheme The Town Clerk informed the meeting that following receipt of a communication from Messrs Fuel Importers (Ire) Ltd to the effect that in future it would be necessary for the Council to arrange for the loading of turf at and haulage from of turf from the company's Fuel Dump, tenders had been sought from Traders and Hauliers for (a) supply of turf, and (b) haulage of turf from dumps. The only tender received was from Messrs A. Doherty & Co Ltd., Westmoreland St., Dublin. He quoted the following prices for turf delivered at Wicklow:-

75/- per ton Machine -on turf  
60/- per ton Hand -on turf.

Wicklow Corn Company had stated that they might possibly be able to supply turf at 80/- per ton but could not guarantee to supply turf to the Council throughout the period of the Inter Scheme.

After discussion the Chairman proposed that the Council recommend the issue of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of coal per week to beneficiaries under the Scheme instead of 1 cwt of turf.

the Council, in unanimously agreeing with the Chairman's proposal stressed that the issue of a smaller quantity of Fuel would not result in less benefit to the beneficiaries under the scheme in view of the higher calorific content of coal as compared with that of turf. The Town Clerk stated that Messrs Kearon and Tyrrell had informed him that they would supply coal at their own fuel depots to beneficiaries at 3/3d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

Resolution of Sympathy.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane seconded by Councillor R. Haskins and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs S. V. Delahunt and Family in their recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of the late Mr. S. V. Delahunt, a former esteemed member and Chairman of the Council".

*P. Delahunt*  
2/11/48

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd November 1948.

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

The Town Surveyor was in attendance.  
 The County Manager telephoned from Bray to state that he had been unavoidably delayed in Baltinglass, but that he would come to Wicklow if the Council so desired.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 1948 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Acknowledgment of letter of sympathy. Read letter from Mrs N. Delahunt, Seafield, Wicklow, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband, the late Mr. S. V. Delahunt.

Auditor's Report. The Auditor's report on the audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31/3/1948 was submitted to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the report was very satisfactory and the Chairman and other members of the Council paid tribute to the good work of the officers and collectors concerned. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that any balance to credit would be taken into account when the estimates for 1949/50 would be in course of preparation.

Loan of £1380- Sewerage Scheme.  
 It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of One thousand, three hundred and eighty pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1874 to 1948".

Siting of Proposed New County Hospital. Read following letter from Department of Health:-

18th Oct. 1948

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of the 5th October and previous correspondence regarding the site for the proposed Wicklow County Hospital.

I am to state that the Minister's advisers who have recently re-examined all of the suggested sites in the Wicklow/Rathnew region have reported that a serious deficiency in relation to the siting of a large County Hospital anywhere in this area is the lack of a satisfactory water-supply. It is reported that the Wicklow Town Water Supply is so inadequate that it must be cut off each night, and that at one period in the Summer of 1947 the supply was within a few days of being exhausted.

The Question of the water-supply for the hospital has been taken up with the Wicklow County Council who have under consideration a scheme for improving the supply in the Wicklow/Rathnew area. Only if satisfactory assurances are obtained that an adequate water-supply will be available in good time, can the question of proceeding with the planning of the County Hospital for erection in that part of County Wicklow be considered.

It should be noted that the Wicklow County Council are the promoters of the County Hospital project, and the Minister would not feel justified in opposing their recommendations unless there were strong reasons for doing so. The County Council approved unanimously of the Charvey Lane site for the erection of the General and Fever Hospitals, and, subject to the necessary assurances being received as to the water-supply, the Minister is advised that this is a suitable site from the building point of view, and is reasonable conveniently situated in relation to the population which it will serve.

If there is to be a change in the proposed site of the hospital on grounds other than that of water-supply it would have to be brought about at the instance of the County Council, and I am, accordingly to suggest that any further representations which you may consider desirable should be made to that body."

Miscellaneous etc.

In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk stated that he had not received any intimation that the Minister's advisers had visited Wicklow for the purpose of re-examining the suggested sites. The Town Surveyor also stated that he was unaware that such an examination had been carried out. After it had been pointed out that no shortage of water had occurred in 1947 and that such fact should be brought to the attention of the Minister, who should also be requested to indicate what sites in the Wicklow area had been inspected, it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter and of matters relating to the town water-supply to a special meeting of the Council to be held on 9th November 1948.

Water-Supply. The Town Surveyor informed the Council that the position at the reservoir was very serious, and that only about one week's supply of water remained. He stated that he proposed pumping water back to the reservoir through the old main along Marlton Road. The Council approved of the Council's proposals.

Housing Programme. Read Circ. No H. 56/1948 from Department of Local Government transmitting suggestions for the acceleration and expansion of the housing effort. The circular dealt with the following matters:-  
 (1) reconditioning of existing houses (2) building on derelict sites (3) Acquisition of vacant buildings (4) acquisition and development of sites for private building (6) diversity of accommodation in schemes, (7) adjustment of tenancies (8) unoccupied Local Authority houses, (9) provision of houses by County Councils near towns, (10) cottage repairs.

The Council directed that a survey of houses capable of being rendered fit for habitation at reasonable cost be carried out as soon as possible.

Read letter dated 23/10/48 from Department of Local Government (ref. H/1948 Wicklow U.D.) drawing the attention of the Council to the terms of section 5 of the Housing and Labourer's Act, 1937, as amended by Section 25 of the Housing (Amendment) Act 1948, under which grants may be made to persons upon whom notices under Section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1938 have been served. The Town Clerk pointed out that the number of any such grants could be ascertained when the survey already recommended by the Council would have been carried out.

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It should be noted that the Wicklow County Council are the promoters of the County Hospital project, and the Minister would not feel justified in opposing their recommendations unless there were strong reasons for doing so. The County Council approved unanimously of the Garvey Lane site for the erection of the General Hospital, and, subject to the necessary assurances being received as to the water supply, the Minister is advised that this is a suitable site from the building point of view, and is reasonable convenient in relation to the population which it will serve.

If there is to be a change in the proposed site of the hospital grounds other than that of water supply, this should be brought about at the instance of the County Council, and it would be accordingly to suggest that any further representations should be made to that body.

In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk stated that he had not received any intimation that the Minister's advisers had visited Wicklow for the purpose of re-examining the proposed site. The Town Surveyor stated that he was under the impression that a visit had been made in 1947 and that since that time no shortage of water had occurred in 1947 and that since that time should be brought to the attention of the Minister, who should also be requested to indicate what steps in the Wicklow area had been requested to be taken to improve the water supply to the hospital. The Minister stated that he had no objection to the proposed site, and that only about one week's supply of water remained. He stated that the proposed pumping water back to the reservoir through the old main along the main road, the Council approved of the proposed site.

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The Council directed that a survey of houses capable of being rendered fit for habitation at reasonable cost be carried out as soon as possible.

Read letter dated 23/10/48 from the Department of Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948, referring to the terms of section 3 of the Housing (Amendment) Act 1948, under which grants may be made to persons upon notice under section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1937, in respect of the cost of rendering fit for habitation the number of houses which should be specified when the survey is carried out, and that at one time in the past, and that a few days of being carried out.

Emergency Housing Association. Read letter from Emergency Housing Association, Drumcondra, Dublin, giving particulars to the Council of the aims and objects of the association and soliciting the co-operation and support of the Council for their organisation. The letter was marked "read".

Direct Labour Housing Schemes. Read circ. No H.57/1948 of 18th Oct. 1948 from Department of Local Government recommending that the system of carrying out building schemes by way of contract be supplemented by the adoption of Direct Labour Housing Schemes, by Local Authorities. Enclosed with the circular were extracts from a memorandum prepared by the Housing Authority in County Wicklow, where houses have been built by direct labour since 1934. The Department recommended that the methods employed by the Wicklow Housing Authority should be adopted by other authorities for the purpose of their Direct Labour Housing Schemes.

Building of eight houses by direct labour. The Town Surveyor submitted a report on the building of eight houses by direct labour, at Castle Street West (2 houses) Castle Street East (2 houses), and Monkton Row Lower (4 houses). The total expenditure on the scheme up to and including the 28th October 1948 was £4,090-16-10½, divided as follows:-

Labour (skilled and unskilled)	£1561-13- 6½
Materials (paid for)	£2529- 3- 4

The report stated that it was anticipated that the four houses in Castle Street West and East would be completed within six weeks, and the remaining four by the end of 1948. The Surveyor estimated that further expenditure to completion would be £3,100, and thus the total cost of building of the eight houses would be £7,200 approximately i.e. £900 per house. The Surveyor concluded his report by recommending the Council to proceed immediately with the building of the eighteen houses on the site at Cooper's Field.

The Town Clerk stated that a cost of £900 per house would mean that the houses could be let at inclusive weekly rents of approximately 13/- (subsidy at 33 1/3%) and 11/6 (subsidy at 66 2/3%) after taking into account the appropriate apportionment of fees etc. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson seconded by Councillor R. Haskins and resolved:-

"That having considered report from Town Surveyor submitting Estimate of cost of building of eight houses by direct labour, indicating that the cost per house will be £900 approximately, we hereby decide subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government to proceed with the erection of the eighteen houses at Cooper's Field by direct labour"

Bathing Places in Urban Area. Read copy of Circ. L. 50/48 from Department of Local Government referring to the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948 in regard to the regulation of bathing places and the provisions of safety precautions for bathers and enquiring whether any steps had been taken to give effect to section 37, 39 and 41 of the Act.

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the Bathing Places in the Urban Area and stated that equipment and appliances for saving persons from drowning were not available. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we recommend that lifebuoys and life lines be made available at the New Pier and Promenade for the safety of persons bathing at these Bathing places."

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Emergency Housing Association. Read letter from Emergency Housing Association, Dublin, giving particulars to the Council of the aims and objects of the association and soliciting the cooperation and support of the Council for their organization. The letter was marked "read".

Direct Labour Housing Schemes. Read circular No. H. 27/1948 of 18th Oct. 1948 from Department of Local Government recommending that the system of carrying out building schemes by way of contracts be abandoned in favour of the adoption of Direct Labour Housing Schemes by local authorities. Enclosed with the circular were extracts from a memorandum prepared by the Housing Authority in County Wicklow, where courses have been built by direct labour since 1934. The Department recommended that the methods employed by the Wicklow Housing Authority should be adopted by other authorities for the purpose of their Direct Labour Housing Schemes.

Building of eight houses by direct labour. The Town Surveyor submitted a report on the building of eight houses by direct labour, at Castle Street West (2 houses) and Castle Street East (2 houses), and Monkton Row Lower (4 houses). The total expenditure on the scheme was £4,000-18-10, divided as follows:-  
 Labour (skilled and unskilled) £1,861-13-6  
 Materials (paid for) £2,138-5-4

The report stated that it was anticipated that the four houses in Castle Street West and East would be completed within six weeks, and the remaining four by the end of 1948.

The Surveyor estimated that further expenditure on completion would be £1,000, and that the total cost of building of the eight houses would be £5,000 approximately, i.e. £625 per house. The Surveyor concluded his report by recommending the Council to proceed immediately with the building of the eight houses on the site at Cooper's Field.

The Town Clerk stated that a cost of £800 per house would mean that the houses could be let at inclusive weekly rents of approximately £13- (weekly at £13/3) and £11/6 (weekly at £8/3) after taking into account the appropriate appointment of fees etc.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor G. W. Hudson that having considered report from Town Surveyor submitting estimate of cost of building of eight houses by direct labour, indicating that the cost per house would be £600 approximately, we hereby decide subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government to proceed with the building of the eight houses at Cooper's Field by direct labour.

Bathing Places in Urban Areas. Read copy of Circular No. 50/48 from Department of Local Government relating to the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948 in regard to the regulation of bathing places and the provisions of safety precautions for bathers and enquiring whether any steps had been taken to give effect to section 37, 38 and 41 of the Act.

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the bathing places in the Urban Area and stated that equipment and appliances for saving persons from drowning were not available. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor G. W. Hudson and resolved:-  
 "That we recommend that lifebuoys and life lines be made available at the New Pier and Promenade for the safety of persons bathing at these bathing places."

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 Wicklow- Arklow Coastal Road. Read letter dated 18/10/1948 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council stating that a further letter had been addressed to the Department of Local Government indicating that the Urban Council were anxious to have the Wicklow- Arklow Coastal Road completed and requesting an early decision in regard to the allocation of a grant towards the cost of the work.

Read letter dated 1/11/1948 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council stating that a had been received from the Department of Local Government regretting that no funds could be made available at present for further work on the Wicklow- Arklow Coast road. The letter stated however that the position in regard to the making of a grant would be considered in the next financial year. The Council decided to make further representations in connection with the matter at a later date.

Slaughterhouse at Fitzwilliam Square. Read letter from Council's Solicitor stating that proceedings could be instituted in the District Court against Mr. D. Nuzum to enforce compliance with the Council's directions regarding the slaughterhouse at Fitzwilliam Square. After discussion the Council decided to adhere to its previous decision and not to recommend the granting of a licence to Mr. Nuzum in respect of his slaughterhouse at Fitzwilliam Square.

Lease to Mr. Bradshaw. Read letter dated 18/10/48 from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, returning draft lease (Wicklow U.D.C. to Bradshaw) asking to have it reconsidered by the Council. Mr. Hopkins objected to the following clauses:-  
 (1) Clause binding Lessee to use the building solely as a garage.  
 (2) Clause binding Lessee to apply to the Council for permission to sell or let the garage.  
 (3) Clause relating to Bankruptcy.

Mr. Hopkins also stated in his letter that he considered that the sum of £200 was a reasonable upper limit on the amount that the lessee should expend in erecting the premises. The Council's Solicitor in letter dated 18th October 1948 advised the Council to insist on clauses 1, 2, & 3 and stated that a clause limiting the cost of the building to £200 should not be included.

After discussion it was decided (1) to retain clause relating to the use of the building solely as a garage, but that the lessee could use the garage for other purposes with the prior consent of the Council (2) to adhere to clause binding lessee to apply to the Council in the event of impending sale or letting. (3) that the Town Clerk should discuss the Bankruptcy clause with the Council's Solicitor, and report back to Council in the matter.

Regarding the cost of the building it was agreed that no limit should be insisted upon provided that the building should be erected in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council.

Cheap Fuel Scheme. Read letter dated 13/10/1948 from Department of Social Welfare (ref. H. 1239) recommending that further efforts be made by the Council to obtain supplies of fuel at lower cost than 60/- per ton as quoted by Messrs Boherty & Co Ltd. The letter stated that in regard to the recommendation of the Council that coal be substituted for turf under the scheme, legislation would be necessary to implement that recommendation and the Minister was not at present prepared to introduce such legislation.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that tenders for the haulage of turf from Fuel Importers Dumps at Gorey and Dublin at 30/- per ton had been received from Mr. P. J. Anderson of Glenealy. This would mean that the cost of turf per ton delivered at Wicklow would be 71/- and 66/- in the case of turf hauled from Gorey and Dublin respectively. A tender had also been received from Mr. J. Merrigan, Rathnew for supply of machine-won turf from Clonsart at 70/- per ton. The Town Clerk stated that on 30/10/48 Mr. Merrigan had informed him that he would supply hand-won turf at 68/- per ton. Particulars regarding the tenders had been communicated to the Department and on 1st November 1948 the Department had telephoned to state that efforts were being made to arrange

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with Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd to supply turf and that in the meantime Messrs Doherty & Co Ltd could supply at 60/- per ton.

Letting of Council House at No 3, Urban Villas.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that twenty five applications had been received for tenancy of Council's house at No 3, Urban Villas. The Chief Medical Officer of Health had interviewed applicants inspected their present living accommodation and submitted a list of 10 to the Council. After a protracted discussion it was unanimously agreed- Councillor O'Connor consenting only on condition that the house vacated by Mr. Donnelly would be given to Mr James Clarke- that Mr. James Donnelly, 21 St Laurence Rd. be recommended for tenancy of No 3 Urban Villas.

It was proposed by Councillor ~~xxxxxxxx~~ E. Kane, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan

"That we recommend that Mrs Mary Bell, placed No 1 on list submitted by Chief Officer of Health be appointed tenant of No 21 St. Laurence Road"

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor seconded by Councillor L. Sutton

"That we recommend that Mr. James Clarke be appointed tenant of No 21 St. Laurence Road."

In favour of the amendment- Councillor J. O'Connor, L Sutton, R. Haskins, W. Clarke, and the Chairman- 5.  
Against- Councillor E. Kane and J. Brennan. (Cr. Hudson did not vote)  
The amendment was carried by 5 votes to 2 Councillor Hudson not voting.

Allotments Scheme. The Town Clerk stated that it would be necessary to provide new fields for the purpose of the 1949 Allotments scheme. After discussion it was provisionally agreed that the following fields be utilised for the purpose:-  
Dunbur Road Portion of the field (48 Allotments) at present used in connection with the scheme, and in the event of its not being possible to procure any other suitable fields in the area, the field at present being held by Mr. James Nolan under an 11 months letting.

Ballynerrin. Regarding the Ballynerrin area it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the Town Surveyor who would be in a position to indicate what fields originally acquired for Housing purposes could be taken up for allotments.

School Meals Scheme. The Town Clerk submitted a report to the meeting on the School Meals Scheme, which commenced on that date- viz- 2nd November 1948. The report indicated that the premises of Mrs E. O'Toole at Main St., Wicklow were again available as a School Meals depot, and that efforts had been made to recruit new members for the ladies Committee who assisted in the distribution of the meals.

Housing Layout at Dunbur Road. The map prepared by the Town Surveyor showing proposed lay-out of houses at Dunbur Road was again submitted to the members. The layout as shown was unanimously approved of by the Council.

Letting of Room in Town Hall. Read letter dated 20/10/1948 from County Director, Irish Red Cross Society, Wicklow Branch, stating that owing to the general lack of support for the Society in the town the local branch would not be justified in undertaking liability to pay the rent of £13. per annum in connection with the proposed letting of room in Town Hall. The Town Clerk stated that when the room in question would have been prepared, suitable tenants would be sought.

Assistant to Waterworks Overseer. Read letter dated 12/10/1948 from Waterworks Overseer, Mr. J. DeCoursey, Stating that Mr. A. Devlin, who was assisting him at the Waterworks was not serving his time as a plumber. Order- Noted.

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Proposed Revision of Salary. Read letter dated 4/10/1948 from Secretary, Plumbing Trades Union, Wicklow Branch, applying for an increase of Salary for Mr. J. DeCoursey, Waterworks Overseer, and a member of their Union. An increase which would bring Mr. DeCoursey's salary, inclusive of emoluments up to the local rate for tradesmen was sought. The Town Clerk stated that as in the case of the other officials of the Council, Mr. DeCoursey's salary had been revised as on and from the 1st April 1947, on the basis of a 50% increase on the remuneration payable in 1939. Mr. DeCoursey's present salary is £270 per annum and his emoluments are free house and garden and fuel to the value of £20 per annum. The Town Clerk pointed out that the annual wages of a tradesman at 3/- per hour for a 48 hour week would be £374-8-0. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-  
"That we recommend that the salary of Mr. J. DeCoursey, Waterworks Overseer be increased by an amount equivalent to £10-0-0 per week the increase to take effect as on and from 1st January 1949 (1949)"

Proposed Sewerage Extension at Dunbur Road. Read report dated from Town Surveyor stating that for the purpose of providing sewer main for houses at Sea View Road he recommended a line of 6-inch main extending from M.H. No 18 via plot owned by Mr. L. Sutton, and thence under the concrete road-way to plot attached to house owned by Mr. T. Murphy. The Surveyor recommended that the work be carried out by direct labour at an estimated cost of £108. In this connection he pointed out that he had received a tender from the contractor Mr. R. T. Killian, at a higher figure per yard than the estimated cost of extension by direct labour.

Abbey River. Read report dated 2/11/48 from Town Surveyor recommending that a caterpillar tractor be hired for one week for the purpose of clearing the opening to the Arch at Bachelor's Walk. Afterwards the report stated men could be engaged to enter under the arch-way and road to clear away the accumulated sand. The Surveyor estimated that the cost of the work would be £45. The Council unanimously approved of the Town Surveyor's proposals.

Application for Lease- Mr. L. Sutton.

Read letter dated 28/10/48 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co Solicitors, stating that their client Mr. Loughlin Sutton, another party were interested in starting a mineral water factory in the town, and that Mr. Sutton wished to apply for a 75 year lease of the small field at Monkton Row, known as the "Well Field". The Council stated that the field was at present held from the Council by Mr. George Doolittle under a yearly tenancy and that Mr. Sutton had Mr. Doolittle's consent in making the application for a lease. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan

"That we hereby grant a lease of the small field at Monkton Row situated at the rear of Miss Stringer's premises, and known as "Well Field" to Mr. Loughlin Sutton for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1-5-0. Factory premises for purposes of proposed Mineral Water Industry to be erected by Lessee in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Council within a period of 18 months from the date of the granting of the lease."

Town Water-Supply. Read report dated 2/11/48 from Town Surveyor stating that the situation in regard to the Town Water-supply was critical and that as there was only 1 week's supply of water in the reservoir he proposed either (a) pumping from Three-Mile-water, or (b) pumping from the river at Marlton Bridge back to the reservoir. He requested the approval of the Council to his proceeding with whichever of these two proposals would be considered by him to be suitable, according to circumstances. The Council unanimously recommended that the Surveyor's proposals be implemented without delay.

Dunbur Water Main. The Town Surveyor submitted a report on the proposed New Water-Main for Dunbur Road area, indicating that the plans and specification were almost ready. He recommended the laying of (1) a 6" pipe from the Market Square to the Golf Links Gate (2) a 4" extension main from corner of Monkton Row at Summer-Hill to existing Main at Monkton Row Lower. The Surveyor indicated that the approximate cost of the work as proposed was £3767. The Surveyor's proposals were approved by the Council.

Superannuation Act- R. Jenkinson.

Read letter dated 29/10/48 from Mr. R. Jenkinson, Lower Strand St., Wicklow, stating that as he understood that the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1948 would not apply in his case. He wished to inquire if he would be entitled to receive a gratuity in view of the fact that he had completed 30 years service as scavenger to the Council. It was unanimously recommended that Mr. Jenkinson's application be specially inquired into and that if considered necessary his case be referred to the Department of Local Government.

Letting of Harbour Office. Read letter dated 1/11/48 from Secretary Wicklow Harbour Commissioners stating that the Harbour Commissioners did not take up occupation until 4th October 1948 owing to the carrying out of repairs to the Office the Commissioners should only be liable for rent as on and from 4th October 1948. The Council recommended that tenancy be regarded as commencing on 4th Oct 1948.

*J. Olohan  
7/12/48*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on 8th November 1948

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

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance. An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor R. Haskins.

Water-Supply. The Manager submitted to the Council detailed statement dealing with the proposed Wicklow Regional Water-Supply Scheme. The statement indicated that Professor P. F. Purcell, M.A.I., Consulting Engineer, had examined and reported upon the following possible sources of supply:-

- (1) Extension of present source of supply to Wicklow town;
- (2) Rathnew Stream; (3) Three Mile Water; (4) ~~Petter's~~ **Petter's** River;
- (5) Ballyduff Stream; (6) Vartry River; (7) Supply from Dublin Corporation; (8) (a) Munduff Stream and (b) Barnbawn Stream for the purpose of a separate supply to Glenealy; (9) Annamoe Pumping Scheme;
- (10) Rathdrum Pumping Scheme; (11) Lough Dan Gravitational Scheme.

The Manager stated that the Consulting Engineer, having carefully considered the various sources of supply, had recommended the Lough Dan Scheme. The Scheme would not involve any compensation for water-rights; there would be an ample supply to meet any increased consumption; and it would allow of possible future extensions to other districts in the Eastern part of the County. Regarding the apportionment of costs it was proposed to charge one third of the annual costs to Wicklow Urban District Council, and two thirds to Wicklow County Council. The resulting charges and poundage rates would be:-

Wicklow Urban District Council- £536- i.e. 1/3 in the £.  
Wicklow County Council £1072- i.e. 2/3 in the £.

Members of the Council referred to the serious position of town water-supply, and inquired if it would be possible to provide a separate scheme which would cater for Wicklow Town, and which could be implemented much more quickly than the suggested Lough Dan Scheme. The possibility of procuring supplies from Three Mile Water was discussed at length, and the estimated cost annually of such a scheme, which would involve pumping and the erection of a storage tank were calculated. Finally it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the proposed Regional Water supply scheme, involving the procurement of a supply of Water from Lough Dan, and recommend that steps be taken to implement this scheme as expeditiously as possible, and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to make available a substantial grant towards the costs of the scheme."

The Town Surveyor was instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Council, a report regarding the feasibility of providing a permanent dam at Marlton Bridge, in order that an alternative supply of water would be available in the event of the supply in the reservoir becoming completely exhausted at any time before the supply from Lough Dan would be available.

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Letting of Council House. The Town Clerk stated that the Manager wished to discuss with the Council matters relating to the letting of the Council's house at No 3, Urban Villas. At their meeting on November 2nd, 1948 the Council had recommended that Mr. James Donnelly, of No 21, St. Laurence Road, be transferred to No 3, Urban Villas, and that Mr. James Clarke, be appointed tenant of No 21, St. Laurence Road. The Manager explained to the meeting that he considered Mrs Mary Bell, placed No 1 on the list submitted by the Chief Medical Officer of Health to be the most deserving applicant, and proposed to appoint her tenant of No 21, St. Laurence Road. After a long discussion the Council unanimously (Councillor O'Connor having left the meeting) approved of the Manager's proposal.

Temporary Overdraft.

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 £8000 in anticipation of the receipt of the necessary loans from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of Council's housing and sewerage schemes."

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 25 (I) of the County Management Act 1940, hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sum specified in the estimates of expenses by the sum of £100 for the purpose of Emergency works at water-works consequent on depletion of water-supply in reservoir, and by the sum of £50 for the carrying out of the necessary work in connection with the cleansing of the Abbey River, as recommended at the meeting of the Council held on 2nd November 1948, and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses for the year 1949/50."

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th December 1948.

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

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

Minutes. The minutes of meetings held on 2nd and 8th of November, 1948, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution re Agricultural Grant. The Council unanimously adopted the following resolution, passed by the Cork County Council:-

"That all agricultural land within Urban Areas be in a position to avail of the Agricultural Grant, and copies of this resolution be forwarded to each Urban Council in Eire."

Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts- L. Sutton.

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

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the application for Registration and Mortgage Deed, in connection with the granting of a loan of £1000 to Mr. Loughlin Sutton under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Loan of £11,000- H.W.C. Acts. It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane,  
seconded by Councillor R. Haskins and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £11,000, proposed to be advanced by them to us, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1948."

Lease to Mecalectric Ltd. Read letter dated 16/11/1948 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, stating that his clients, Messrs Mecalectric Ltd. did not now propose establishing a factory in Wicklow. He pointed out that Messrs Mecalectric Ltd. had already incurred expenditure amounting to £69-11-0, and inquired if the Council would be satisfied to allow them to offer the yard at Quarantine Hill for sale. After discussion it was unanimously decided to inform Mr. Cullen that the Council were not prepared to waive the terms of the lease, and required the surrender of the premises in the event of their not being utilised for industrial purposes.

Annual Fowl Market. Monday, the 20th day of December 1948 was fixed as the date of the Annual Fowl Market.

Option on Building Site at Dunbur Road. Read letter dated 16/11/1948 from Mr. R. T. Killian, requesting the Council to continue to allow him an option on the site at Dunbur Road, until such time as he would be in a position to make a final decision regarding building on the plot.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Killian a further option on the plot in question up to 31st January 1949. It was agreed however, that no further extension would be allowed.

Grants under Housing Act 1948 (Section 19). Read Circ. No. H/67/1948, from Department of Local Government, drawing attention to parts 4, 5, and 6 of the Housing (New Houses) regulations, 1948, which deal respectively with Grants payable by Housing Authorities to- (a) persons (including companies) erecting houses for letting; (b) public utility societies erecting houses for letting to persons of the working classes, and agricultural labourers, and (c) public utility societies which erected such houses over the two years up to November, 1947. The Town Clerk stated that as suggested in the Circular, the attention of possible applicants was drawn by advertisement in the "Wicklow People" to the grants payable under Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act 1948. A number of inquiries in connection with the grants had already been made by prospective applicants. The Manager explained the provisions of the Act to the Council. He pointed out that it would appear that the making of grants to applicants who would have complied with the regulations was obligatory on the Council. The Council agreed that in view of the revenue from rates on the new houses, and the fact that two-thirds of the grant would be recouped by the State, the making of grants under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1948 would not be a burden on the Council.

Yearly Tenancies. Read letters from the following in connection with the proposed termination of yearly Tenancies:-

- (1) Mrs Margaret Clarke, who states that she is prepared to surrender her yearly tenancy and accept tenancy on the basis of an eleven months letting; (2) Miss Dorothy Wall, who stated that she was not desirous of surrendering her yearly tenancies, but suggested that the Council might offer her compensation for the loss of her fields; (3) Mrs Angela Doyle, who stated that the surrender of her holdings would entail great hardship for her, and requested the Council to reconsider the matter; (4) The Dominican Convent authorities, who stated that they would be prepared to take a lease of the fields in question, and (5) Mr. Henry J. Hamilton, who claimed that the surrender of his field would impose great hardship on him, and requested the Council to offer him some compensation for his loss of tenancy. Also read letter dated 7/12/1948 from Council's Solicitor, pointing out that a yearly letting of land enables a tenant to acquire the landlord's interest in the holding, but that it would be in order for the Council to grant leases where the land is held by virtue of a yearly tenancy. After discussion it was decided that the Council would be prepared to grant leases to persons at present holding land under yearly tenancies, and that in cases where such tenants were not prepared to accept leases or to take the land on the basis of an eleven months letting, notices to quit were to be issued. It was also agreed that the Solicitor be requested to advise as to suitable covenants which might be included in such leases.

Water-Supply. Read report dated 7/12/1948 from Town Surveyor, stating that having considered matters relating to the suggested provision of a dam at Marlton Bridge, he suggested that in view of the fact that the Regional Water-Supply would be available in 2 or 3 years, it would be inadvisable to construct a permanent concrete dam or embankment, the cost of which he estimated at £150. He stated that a temporary dam such as that which had been erected in recent weeks could be provided in case of emergency at a cost of £38 approximately. After discussion the Surveyor pointed out that the type of permanent dam envisaged by the Council would be more costly than he had estimated. It was decided that the Surveyor should make further investigations and report thereon to the Council.

Read copy of following resolution passed by the Council of the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce at its meeting held on 1st December 1948:-

Proposed by Mr. R. Haskins, seconded by Mr. H. Delahunt and resolved:- "That we the Council of the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce having considered letter from Department of Health, stating that a serious deficiency in relation to the siting of a County Hospital in the Wicklow Rathnew region is the lack of a satisfactory water-supply, wish to emphasise that the Wicklow town water-supply is adequate to meet the needs of such County Hospital. In this connection we desire to stress the fact that even should the supply of water in the reservoir at any time decrease to an appreciable extent, it is possible to augment such supply by pumping operations. The success of the temporary pumping system recently installed at Marlton Bridge has proved that Wicklow town possesses a water-supply which is sufficient to meet requirements at all times, and would be adequate to meet any increased demands which might result from the building of a large County Hospital in the area".

Councillor Hudson stated that if they were in a position to convince the Department of Health that the town possessed a sufficient water-supply the new County Hospital would be built in Wicklow town.

Housing Survey. The Town Surveyor submitted to the meeting a detailed report on the recent Housing Survey carried out by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Surveyor. After discussion the Town Clerk was directed to circulate copies of the report to the members, and it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the next monthly meeting of the Council.

Rate Collector. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the age of 65 years had been fixed as the retiring age for pensionable Rate-Collectors, and that as Mr. E. Kennedy was 65 years of age on 9th Mar. 1947, he would be due for retirement on 30th April, 1949, i.e. on the date from which the Minister's Order would become operative. The Manager stated that the Department had been requested to sanction the retention of Mr. Kennedy in office for the maximum period possible. The Council unanimously agreed that it was desirable to retain the services of Mr. Kennedy as long as possible, and paid tribute to the manner in which he had carried out his duties in recent years.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:- "That we desire to represent very strongly to the Minister for Local Government that in the interests of efficiency and economy Mr. E. Kennedy be retained in office as Rate Collector to the Council, notwithstanding the recent order requiring pensionable Rate-Collectors to retire at the age of 65 years."

Remuneration of Water-works Overseer. The Manager referring to the recommendation of the Council made at its meeting held on 2nd Nov. 1948, to the effect that the remuneration of Mr. J. DeCourcey, Water-works Overseer be increased by £1-0-0 per week as from 1st January, 1949, pointed out that the conditions affecting Mr. DeCourcey's employment were not analogous to those affecting the employment of ordinary plumbers. The latter did not enjoy the advantages of a whole-time, pensionable office. Moreover, the Manager pointed out that Mr. DeCourcey's remuneration had been increased as from 1st April 1947, and that such increase, as in the case of the other officers of the Council, represented a 50% increase on the rate of remuneration obtaining in 1939. After further discussion, during which it was pointed out that Mr. DeCourcey's duties had increased considerably in recent years, the Manager stated that he would submit the proposal to the Department. The Manager also stated that it was probable that a further revision of Local Government Officials remuneration would be made in the near future.

Housing Tenancy. The Council unanimously recommended that Miss Jane Vicker, daughter of the previous tenant be appointed tenant of No 2 Old Dunbur Rd.

Date 4th January 1949. Signed

J. O'Connor  
Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings held on Tuesday 4th January, 1949.

Present: Mr. Joseph O'Connor (Acting Chairman) Messrs. R.B.Haskins, J. Brennan and E.Kane.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also present.

Letters were read from the Chairman (Mr. J.Olohan), and Vice-Chairman (Mr. C.W.Hudson) regretting inability to attend owing to illness. The Members wished them a speedy return to normal health.

On the proposition of Councillor R.B.Haskins, Councillor J. O'Connor took the Chair.

Illness of Town Clerk:

The Manager informed the Council of the illness of Mr.O Ceallaigh, the Town Clerk, and the members expressed the hope that he would have a speedy recovery. Meantime Miss F. Middleton was temporarily discharging the duties of Town Clerk.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 7th December, 1948:

On the proposition of Councillor Haskins, seconded by Councillor Kane the Minutes of meeting held on 7th December, 1948, which had been circulated, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

2. Retirement of Rate Collector:

Letter of 21st December, 1948 (Ref.G.113/49) from the Department of Local Government stated that if Mr. Kennedy Rate Collector is entitled to a superannuation allowance his retirement is automatically required under the Local Government (Officers Age Limit) Order, 1948.

It was decided to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision and to allow Mr. Kennedy to remain in office for at least the year beginning 1st April, 1949.

3. Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road:

Letter of 22nd December, 1948 (Ref. L.816/14/48) indicated that the Minister had no objection to the proposal to lay a further extension of the 6" pipe for a distance of 84 lineal yards by direct labour at a cost of £120.

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

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of the sum of £120 repayable in a period of 25 years for the purpose of extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for a distance of 84 lineal yards, such loan to be an addition to the loan already authorised of £1,380."

The Manager stated that the total cost of Sewer exclusive of addition of £120 was estimated at £2,300, and that a Government Grant of £920 had been notified.

The Surveyor gave details of the progress of the work.

4. Site for County Hospital:

Letter from Department of Health of 23rd December, 1948 (Ref. H.C. 53/1/1B) stated that the following sites were inspected by the Minister's advisers:-

- (i) Site at Ballynerrin Lower, a little to the south east of Marlton House.
(ii) Site at Drumkay, south of St. Patrick's Catholic Church;
(iii) Site, within Wicklow Urban District, behind the Grand Hotel;
(iv) Site at Merrymooting opposite the Wicklow Rathnew cemetery;
(v) Site at Charvey Lane, Rathnew
(vi) Site at Rathnew, opposite the Charvey Lane site.

It was decided again to represent to the Department that it is the view of this Council that the water supply to the town of Wicklow would be adequate for the needs of a County Hospital, and that accordingly the site for the institution should be within the Urban District of Wicklow.

5. Control of Fire Brigade:

It was decided to adjourn to the next statutory meeting consideration of a letter from the County Secretary in connection with a recommendation of the Local Government Department that the control of the Urban Council Fire Brigade should be taken over by the County Council, and in the meantime to obtain from the County Council details of the costs to the Urban Council of this proposal.

6. Housing Scheme - Progress Report:

Report of Town Surveyor of 4th January, 1949, gave the following information:

8 Houses: All roofed. Plastering being done on 2 blocks. Timber floors laid in 4. Outoffices complete for 6. 8 skilled and 22 unskilled men are employed. Expenditure to date -£710 per house approximately.

18 Houses: Excavation for road proceeding. Rock drilling has removed almost all material to foundation level. Foundations for 4 houses laid in concrete, and foundations dug for 2 additional.

The Surveyor also gave further information to the members in reply to inquiries.

The Report was noted.

7. Rents for Council Houses (8 Houses Scheme):

The Manager gave details of the estimated cost of the 8 houses on various sites, and of the State Grants which were expected, and the Rents which might be fixed based on these figures.

It was decided after a discussion, to defer the determination of Rents for these 8 houses until further information as to the costs of the 18 houses on sites in Cooper's Field would be available, since it was thought desirable to have similar rents for all the 26 houses.

8. Housing Survey:

The Report on recent Housing Survey, which had been circulated to the members, was considered.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this item to a Special Meeting of the Council to be called by arrangement with the Chairman.

9. Meter in office used by Harbour Commissioners:

Letter of 4th December, 1948 from the Secretary to the Harbour Commissioners stated that owing to their financial position they were unable to meet account for £5 for installation of Meter in office rented by them from Council in Town Hall.

The Manager stated that the rent payable to the Council was 5s/- per week (£13. per year) and that this office had been decorated and improved by the Council. He thought the Commissioners should meet the charge, but some of the members present expressed the view that a landlord ordinarily paid a charge of this character.

After discussion it was decided to ask the Commissioners to meet one-half the cost.

10. Town Planning Acts - Application of Mr. A.D. Finlayson:

Submitted application, together with plans, etc. from Mr. A.D. Finlayson for 2 dwelling-houses on land at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. Reports of Town Planning Consultant and Town Surveyor stating there was no objection, subject to certain conditions.

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by Councillor R.B. Haskins

Resolved - That permission be granted subject to condition that roof covering is similar to that of adjoining houses recently erected, and that the drains from these two houses be connected to drainage from adjoining houses so as to link up with the new sewer being constructed by Council at rear of plot on which these houses stand

Passed.

11. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loans - Application from Francis M. Finlayson and Andrew J. Finlayson:

The Manager stated that sub-leases had been submitted relating to the two houses at Dunbur Road which were being completed by Mr. A.D. Finlayson. Mr. A.D. Finlayson by leases dated 1st December, 1948, leased the two plots to Messrs. F. M. and A.J. Finlayson for a period of 62 years at rents of £5 per annum in each instance

The Council considered that loans of £1,200 each might be made to Messrs. F.M. Finlayson and A.J. Finlayson subject to the usual conditions and that Council's Solicitor and Manager were satisfied with the Titles, incomes, etc.

12. Erection of Houses on Field leased to Mr. A.D. Finlayson in 1938:

In reply to inquiries the Manager gave particulars of the Lease of 6th September, 1938 from Council to Mr. Andrew Finlayson of a field measuring 2 acres and 37½ perches at Dunbur Road. The rent was £8 per annum, and the term of the Lease was 75 years from 29th September, 1938. The field was leased for the building of dwellinghouses thereon. The resolution of the Council of 5th April, 1938, stated that the Lessee might erect on the plot such number of houses as might be approved by the Town Surveyor.

It was decided that the Town Surveyor should submit to the next meeting of the Council a Report as to the number of additional houses which he considered Mr. Finlayson might be permitted to erect on this plot.

13. Council houses at Castlefield - Application from tenants for concrete paths and outoffices:

A memorial from 10 tenants of Council Houses at Castlefield asking that concrete pathways to their houses and outoffices be provided, was submitted.

A Report from the Town Surveyor gave the costs of these improvements as: Concrete paths - £8 per house; outoffices - £60 per house.

The Manager stated that the present rent (including rates) of these houses was 7/7d. per week. It was unlikely that the Department would agree to a subsidy from State Funds for these improvements in view of the urgent and considerable demands requiring to be met for new houses.

If such improvements were made he thought that the cost would have to be recovered by means of additions to the present weekly rents. A short term loan (for say 10 years) from the Council's Treasurers would require a very substantial addition to the present rents if there was to be no loss to the Council's funds. The annual charge on £68 repayable in 10 years would mean an addition of about 3/4d. per week to the rent for such a period. There was the difficulty that any tenants appointed to one of these houses after the period of 10 years would have the benefit of the improvement without having had to pay for it, as the addition to the rent presumably would be terminable after 10 years.

The Chairman pointed out that there are many other Council houses without outoffices, and that if they were provided in this instance then the Council might expect many similar applications.

In the discussion which followed the Surveyor stated that he could arrange to improve the pathways at a very small cost by the laying of a coat of small chippings.

It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should arrange for the putting of chippings on the pathways leading to the houses and that the question of providing outoffices be deferred.

14. Pathway at Middle Castle Street:

The Chairman drew attention to the condition of the pathway and space opposite houses in Middle Castle Street, and it was agreed that the Manager should inspect the place with the Surveyor for the purpose of ascertaining the improvements which might be made.

15. Public Lighting:

An application from Mrs. Sarah Smith for a light outside her house at Greenmount, Church Hill, was deferred to the Estimates Meeting of the Council in March next.

16. Use of Town Hall for Meeting of National Council for Blind

In a letter of 17th December, 1948, Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, County Director of Irish Red Cross Society, asked for permission to use the Town Hall for an inaugural meeting to form a local Committee of the National Council for the Blind, on 12th January, 1949, at 8 p.m.

Permission was unanimously granted.

17. Town Planning Acts - Application of Mr. N. Quinn, Abbey Street:

An application from Mr. N. Quinn, Abbey Street, for approval to alterations to his business premises at Abbey St., was submitted.

The Surveyor stated there was no objection.

It was decided to grant permission.

18. Applications for Grants under Housing Act, 1937

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor, Kilmantin Hill, and Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, applied for Grants towards cost of improvement of houses owned by them.

It was decided to ask for details of the works.

19. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loan - A. McGuinness

A letter of 5th January, 1949, from Mr. A. McGuinness asking that his loan be increased from £1,200 to £1,600 was submitted.

The Manager gave details of this person's application and stated that he considered a loan of £1,600 would place an undue burden on Mr. McGuinness's resources having regard to his income.

After a discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor E. Kane  
Seconded by Councillor R.B. Haskins

That the Council approves of a loan of £1,400 to Mr. A. McGuinness under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts on the security of the house being erected by him at Seaview Avenue.

The meeting then concluded.

*John O'Brien*  
*1/2/49*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings held on Tuesday 1st February, 1949

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) Presiding;  
Councillors W. Clarke; E. Kane; L. Sutton  
and J. O'Connor.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also present.

A letter was read from Councillor C.W. Hudson, regretting his inability to attend the Meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 4th January, 1949:

On the proposition of Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January, 1949, which had been circulated, were taken as read, and were signed by the Chairman.

2. Unlicensed Slaughterhouse - Proceedings against Mr. D. Nuzum:

It was indicated that at the recent District Court proceedings, the Justice had adjourned this case for the purpose of ascertaining if the Council would consider the further representations made by Mr. Nuzum regarding his difficulty in obtaining alternative accommodation for a Slaughterhouse. A letter of 15th January, 1949, from Messrs. C. J. Louth & Son, Solicitors, Arklow, stating that their client, Mr. Nuzum, could not obtain any other premises for use as a Slaughterhouse, and that the premises on the South Quay were owned by his brother, was submitted.

After a discussion it was:

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor  
Resolved - That we hereby agree that proceedings against Mr. Daniel Nuzum be adjourned, and that a Licence be granted to Mr. Nuzum for a period of twelve months to allow him to find alternative accommodation for the purpose of his slaughtering business.  
Passed.

3. Revision of remuneration of officers of the Council

A letter of 18th December, 1948, from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister would be prepared to approve of a bonus of 11s/- per week for married officers, and 5/6d. per week for unmarried officers and women, as from 29th May, 1948, where such officers were in receipt of remuneration not exceeding £350 per annum, was submitted.

The County Manager stated that the officers of the Council to whom this arrangement would apply, were: - Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Overseer; Mr. J. Decourcey Waterworks Overseer; and Miss F. Middleton, temporary Clerical Assistant. The cost of such allowances in the financial year to the 31st March, 1949, would be:- Mr. O'Toole £23.2s., Mr. Decourcey £23.2s., Miss F. Middleton £11.11s. - Total £57.15s. The Manager mentioned that the Council already had decided to allow an increase of £1 per week to Mr. Decourcey, but that in view of this general revision of remuneration it might be unlikely

that the Minister would sanction the increase of £1. per week.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor

Resolved - That we hereby authorise an increase of £57.15 over the provision made in the Annual Estimates for the purpose of payment of cost of living bonus to the officers set out in list submitted.  
Passed.

4. Lease to Mr. R.T. Killian of Plot at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Read letter of 7th January, 1949, from Mr. R.T. Killian, asking for an option on Plot adjacent to his house at Dunbur Road, for a period of one year, as he did not propose to build at present.

It was decided that Mr. Killian be informed that the Council could not allow any further extension of time in connection with proposal to lease this plot.

5. Co-ordination of Fire Brigade Service

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter in order to obtain details of costs from the County Council. The County Manager mentioned that these details at present were being prepared and would be transmitted to the Council at an early date.

6. Application for use of Room in Town Hall

Letter from Senator P. J. McCartan, Wicklow, applying for use of room in Town Hall for purpose of holding Irish Classes, was submitted.

It was decided to inform the applicant that no suitable room in the Town Hall was available for this purpose.

7. Dunbur Road Sewerage Scheme

Letter of 17th January, 1949 (L.30/2/49) from the Department of Local Government, was submitted. The Department stated that having regard to the small amount of the supplemental loan required for the extension of this Scheme, it was considered that the matter should be deferred until the entire Scheme had been substantially completed, and a firm figure was available for the final all-in cost. The Department also stated that it would not be possible to allocate any further Grant towards the cost of this Scheme.

The Manager mentioned that already the Council had been notified of a Grant of £920 towards the cost of the Scheme. The total cost exclusive of the additional £120, was estimated at £2,300.

The Department's letter was noted.

The Town Surveyor in report dated 1st February, 1949, stated that the Contract was now overdue for completion. The period for the work was four months ending in December, 1948. He had written to the Contractor, who had given the following explanation of the delay:-

1. Difficulty in procuring cast-iron pipes;
2. Delay in getting access to Golf Links, for the purpose of the Scheme.

The Surveyor stated that regarding (1) there undoubtedly was a delay in getting a Licence for the pipes. Regarding (2) the Surveyor considered this a matter over which the Urban Council would have no control. The Surveyor considered that if the Contractor were to be allowed an extension to the end of February, 1949, it should be on the understanding that he would be liable for any additional expense incurred by the Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Law Agent for his views, drawing attention to the condition attaching to Government Grant that the work should be completed before 31st March, 1949.

8. Improvement of Roads at Bond Street and Castle Street

The Town Surveyor reported as follows in connection with these matters:-

- (1) Concrete path at Bond Street West would in his view be necessary owing to the very heavy and increasing traffic on this road. He estimated the cost would be £65.
- (2) The space in front of four houses at Castle Street was rough and uneven. This space was immediately beside the public road, and did not appear to be incorporated in any Lease. The cost of concreting the plot of ground would be £30; tar macadam would cost £12.

After a discussion it was decided to adjourn Item I to Estimates Meeting, and to authorise the Surveyor to put in concrete kerbing and use tarred chippings on space in front of houses at Castle Street at estimated cost of £12.

9. Dump at Brickfield Lane

Members of the Council drew attention to the condition of the Dumping Ground at Brickfield Lane.

It was decided that the Surveyor should arrange for the erection of two concrete pillars at the railway end of Brickfield Lane, so that persons could not have access to this Dumping Ground, which was closed some years ago. In addition it was decided that: - (1) Council's Solicitors to advise as to ownership of land on which Dump is situate; (2) Surveyor to arrange for levelling out of Dump, and for planting of a small number of trees on it next Winter.

10. Erection of Post Office and Telephone Exchange at The Mall, Wicklow.

In letter of 31st January, 1949, from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs, it was indicated that it was proposed to erect a new Post Office and Telephone Exchange building at Wicklow, and negotiations were proceeding for the purchase of the residue of the leasehold interest in the premises known as Ryan's Hotel, The Mall, Wicklow. The property which includes three cottages is held by Mrs. Langrell from Wicklow Urban Council under lease of 75 years from the 29th September, 1916, at a yearly rent of £9.0.7d. The Department's proposals will necessitate the clearance of all existing buildings

on the site preparatory to the erection of new official premises. The Department inquired if the Council would have any objection to the demolition and building work on this property.

It was decided to inform the Department of Posts & Telegraphs that there would be no objection to the erection of a Post Office and Telephone Exchange on this site, and to inquire from the Council's Solicitors regarding Mrs. Langrell's Lease in view of the Ground Rent and Rates which were due.

11. Lease to Mr. John Bradshaw of Plot at South Quay, Wicklow

Correspondence from Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor, acting for Mr. Bradshaw, and from the Council's Solicitors in connection with proposed Lease to Mr. Bradshaw of plot of ground at South Quay, on which he proposed to build a Garage, was submitted.

Having considered the various objections to the terms of the proposed Lease made by Mr. Bradshaw's Solicitor, the Council decided that the following clauses should be retained:-

- (i) Clause requiring that the building shall not be used for any other purpose than as a Garage, unless with the prior consent of the Council;
- (ii) Clause requiring that building of not less value than £200 be erected on the site;
- (iii) Clause requiring that Lessee shall not assign or sell the premises without the consent of the Council.

It was agreed that the clause entitling the Council to retain possession of the property in the event of the lessee becoming a Bankrupt, or going into liquidation, should be waived.

12. Resolution from Buncrana Urban Council in relation to arrest and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty

The following resolution was

Proposed by the Chairman  
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke

Resolved - That we the members of Wicklow Urban Council hereby record our strong protest against the arrest and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty, and desire to express our sympathy with His Holiness The Pope, and with the people of Hungary; that copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of External Affairs  
Passed unanimously.

13. Repairs to Council Houses:

In letter of 4th January, 1949, (Circ.H.1/49) the Department of Local Government stated that the maintenance and repair of dwellings owned by local authorities was essentially a revenue charge, and that recourse to raising of Loans for this purpose could be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. Housing Authorities were reminded that the amount required to finance repair work should be carefully calculated and fully provided for in their Annual Estimates.

It was decided to inform the Department that the cost of repairs is defrayed by the Council as a revenue charge.