

14. Use of Condemned Houses

An application was submitted from Mrs. Rice, Strand St., to rent or purchase house in Bond Street, which had been condemned as unfit for habitation, and closed by the Council.

The Surveyor reported that this is a site upon which the Council might erect a House, and was included in the Housing Survey recently made. Mrs. Rice at present is living in a house owned by George Jenkinson. It also is unfit for habitation. The house which she asked to be allowed to occupy is owned by William White. He would not recommend the granting of this application.

Mr. William Hayden, Bond St., Wicklow, asked that he might be allowed to rent an old house in Bond Street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Hunter, for use as a store. The house forms part of Mr. White's property which he understood had been handed over to the Council.

The Surveyor stated he could not recommend the Council to agree to this proposal, as if the premises was occupied as a store it might be impossible to get the occupier to vacate it later.

Order: Inform both applicants that the Council could not grant their applications.

15. Branch Library and County Library Headquarters:

In letter of 5th January, 1949, the County Librarian asked for details of work undertaken by the Council for the accommodation of the Branch Library at Wicklow, and a statement of the terms upon which the work had been done, together with information as to any proposals for the improvement of the Library, which the Council may have had under consideration.

The Manager stated that in reply addressed to the County Librarian Committee it had been pointed out that the Urban Council had to make this accommodation available or otherwise Wicklow would have been left without a Branch Library. The rent fixed for the accommodation in the Town Hall was £26 per year which was the same as that previously paid by the County Council for inadequate and unsatisfactory accommodation elsewhere.

The correspondence was noted, and it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke
Seconded by the Chairman

Resolved - That the County Library Committee and County Council be asked for their views regarding:- (1) conversion of part of Town Hall premises into County Library Headquarters; or (2) the acquisition and adaptation of the Assembly Hall, Wicklow, for use as a Library Headquarters
Passed.

16. Housing

The following resolution received from Galway Borough Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make a Public Appeal to large firms, Trade Unions, Insurance Companies, Banks, etc. to assist in bringing to an end the existing deplorable housing conditions by building for their employees and members, and that copies of this resolution be circulated to Local Housing Authorities".

17. Application of Mr. P. Dove re land for Poultry Farm

Letter from Mr. P. Dove, c/o Mrs. Fitzgerald, 12 Leitrim Place, Wicklow, regarding lease or purchase of land for the purpose of erecting thereon a house and outbuildings for pedigree Poultry Farm, was submitted.

The Surveyor stated that he had given Mr. Dove particulars of land owned by the Council, but had not heard anything in the meantime from the applicant.

The matter was noted.

18. Letting of Playing Pitch at Murrough:

Wicklow Town Football Club applied for use of the Murrough on the following dates:- 6/2/49; 20/2/49; 6/3/49; 20/3/49, and 3/4/49.

It was decided to grant the Club the use of the Murrough on the usual terms, viz: £1 for each date.

19. Town Planning Acts: Application from Mr. R.T. Killian

Application from Mr. R.T. Killian for permission to erect outhouse adjacent to his dwelling at Dunbur Road, Wicklow in accordance with plans, etc. submitted.

Order: Submit to Town Planning Consultant.

20. Remuneration of Council Employees

In letter of 28th January, 1949, the Irish Transport and General Workers Union requested that the wages of their members, four labourers and one carter who were employed by the Council should be increased by 20/- per week. In support of their claim they stated that the present rate for builders' labourers in the area is 1/10³d. per hour, whilst the rate paid to their members employed by Wicklow Urban Council is 1/5³d. per hour.

It was decided to defer consideration of this application to the Annual Estimates meeting.

21. Scavenging Charges

In his report for the month of December, 1948, the County Medical Officer of Health, recommended that the charge for collecting refuse in Wicklow Urban Area might be discontinued. He felt that this charge leads to indiscriminate dumping and defeats the object of the service.

The Manager mentioned that the receipt from Scavenging charges amounts to about £50 per year.

After a discussion on the subject it was decided that the charge for collecting of domestic refuse be retained.

22. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Loans to Mr. F. Finlayson and Mr. A. Finlayson:

Mr. F.M. Finlayson and Mr. A. D. Finlayson asked that the Loans to them under the provisions of the Small Acts be increased from £1200 to £1400.

It was agreed that the Loans to these two borrowers be

increased to £1400 each, having regard to the market value of the houses they were erecting.

23. Housing Scheme - Erection of 18 Houses at Coopers Field

The Manager mentioned that it would be necessary to arrange for the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of the money required to defray the cost of these 18 houses. The provisional estimate of cost was £18,000.

Proposed by Councillor William Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Loughlin Sutton

Resolved - That the Council hereby authorises the raising of a loan of £18,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting 18 houses at Coopers Field, Wicklow, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. The loan to be repayable on the annuity system in a period of 50 years with interest at 2½%.

Passed.

24. Housing Schemes - Overdraft Accommodation

It was indicated by the Manager that thus far money was not available from the Local Loans Fund or Transition Development Fund to meet the payments arising in connection with the erection of the eight houses on various sites, and 18 houses at Coopers Field. It was expected, however, that the loan would be available at a very early date, as formalities (completion of Mortgage, etc.) now had been concluded. At present the Council had sanction to overdraft accommodation of £8,000, but it was likely that this would be exceeded by the time the loan would be available, and he recommended that the Council agree to increasing the temporary overdraft to £10,000.

Proposed by Councillor William Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Loughlin Sutton

Resolved - That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby authorise the borrowing from the Council's Treasurers, by temporary overdraft on Capital Account of the sum of £10,000 to meet the cost of erecting houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, pending the receipt of instalments of loan from the Commissioners of Public Works.

Passed.

25. Housing Programme - 1949/1951

In letter of 28th January, 1949, (Circ.H.9/1949) the Department of Local Government asked that details be given of the proposed housing activities during the financial years 1949/50 and 1950/51, under the headings of (1) number of houses to be commenced; (2) number of houses for which site development will be carried out and (3) number of houses for which sites would be acquired.

It was decided to inform the Department that the Council had already arranged an immediate programme for the erection of 80 houses, and had acquired lands necessary for this purpose; the Minister to be requested to make a Grant available to the Council for the purpose of development of sites, and also for the construction of new roadway giving access to site at Coopers Field.

26. Mineral Water Factory: Application under Town Planning Acts:

It was decided to submit to the Town Planning Consultant the application for approval to proposed Mineral Water Factory, submitted by Mr. Nolan, Main St., Wicklow.

27. Surrender of Lease by Mr. H.J.Hamilton - Yard at South Quay

In letter dated 1st February, 1949, Mr. H.J.Hamilton, stated that he was now surrendering his Lease of Yard at South Quay. He stated that there were four signs on the outside of the premises, and wished to know if he might remove them.

It was decided to accept the surrender of the Lease of the premises, and to permit Mr. Hamilton to remove the signs.

28. Houses at Castle Field - Condition of Paths:

Tenants of Council houses at Castle Field, Wicklow, again asked that the Council provide concrete paths to their dwellings. They stated that they did not consider chippings would be suitable for the paths.

The Surveyor stated that the cost of concrete footpaths for these 10 houses would amount to £120.

Order: Inform tenants that it is not possible to provide concrete footpaths for these houses.

29. Lease to Mr. A. Finlayson - Plot at Dunbur Road

The Manager mentioned that at the last meeting it had been decided to give further consideration to the question of the number of houses which might be erected by Mr. A. Finlayson on the plot measuring somewhat over three acres, which the Council leased to him in 1938. The Council felt that there was a danger that this site might be overcrowded if the housing density were too high.

After a discussion it was decided that the maximum number of houses which would be permitted on this site would be nine in all, i.e. five houses only to be erected in that part of the entire plot leased to Mr. Finlayson, which lies between the house owned by Mr. Sturgeon and the Golf Links boundary. Town Clerk to instruct Mr. Finlayson that all houses must be connected to the new sewer which has been provided by the Council.

30. Plot at Dunbur Road - Lease to Mr. R. Conway

In letter of 1st February, 1949 Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co. stated that their client Miss Winifred Flynn had purchased the interest of Mr. R.Conway in the plot at Dunbur Road which he held under lease dated 30th December, 1939. Since Miss Flynn was unable to comply with the Council's resolution of the 7th September, 1948 to erect a dwelling house on the plot before 31st August, 1949, she had agreed to sell her interest in the plot, subject to the approval of the Council, to Mr. A. Finlayson. The consent of the Council was requested to the proposed sale.

The Manager stated that the rent on this plot was £2.2s. per year. The original lessee, Mr. R.Conway, had failed to comply with the covenant requiring him to build a house on the site, and was granted an extension to the 30th June, 1947. Miss Winifred Flynn then purchased Mr. Conway's interest and was given until 31st August, 1949, to erect a dwelling on the

plot.

The Council decided that since a number of extensions of time had been granted in respect of the erection of a dwelling on this plot, and it could not look favourably on the proposal now submitted for the sale of interest, especially in view of the fact that Ground Rents recently determined on building sites were £7. and £7.10s.

It was decided to inquire from the Council's Solicitors regarding an increase of Rent for this plot if permission were to be given to sale of interest.

31. Lease to Andrew Dunne - Assignment to Mrs. Ellen Dunne

In letter of 31st January, 1949, Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co. Solicitors, stated that by Deed dated 22nd December, 1948, the premises demised by Lease dated 25th October, 1937 to Andrew Dunne and situate at High Street, Wicklow, were assigned to Mrs. Ellen Dunne.

The Assignment was noted.

32. Contribution to Irish Tourist Association

Letter dated 17th January, 1949, from Irish Tourist Association, asking for a contribution, was marked "Read".

33. Cleaning of Filter Beds at Water Works:

The Water Works Overseer and Surveyor reported that the cleaning of the Filter Beds was urgently required. The Town Surveyor stated that the work would entail the employment of two men for about 6 weeks, and estimated the cost at £50.

Proposed by Chairman
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £50 in excess of the provision made in the Annual Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of cleaning the Filter Beds at the Water Works.

Passed.

34. Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board - Auditor's Report

The report of Miss M. Browner, Local Government Auditor, on the audit of accounts of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board, for the year ended 31st March, 1948, was submitted and noted.

35. Association of Municipal Authorities

Letter of 28th January, 1949, from the Hon. Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities, asking the Council to join this Association, the annual contribution to which was £3.3s. was marked "Read".

36. Bus Terminus

The Council expressed its appreciation of the assistance given by Superintendent Ward, Garda Síochána, in arranging for Bus Terminus at Market Square, Wicklow.

37. Vote of Sympathy

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council expressed its sympathy with Mr. J. Decourcey, Water Works Overseer, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Kirwan.

Appointment of Acting Town Clerk

It was mentioned by the Manager that from recent Medical Reports received in connection with the illness of Mr. O. Ceallaigh, it seemed that he would be unable to resume duty for some time. Up to the present from 17th December, 1948, Miss Middleton had been Acting Town Clerk. The Annual Estimates now would have to be prepared and there was a danger that the office work might get into arrears with the very limited assistance which was available. Accordingly he recommended that Mr. George Nichols of the County Council's staff might be appointed as Acting Town Clerk, and Miss Middleton would then act as Clerical Assistant in the office. The remuneration payable to Mr. Nichols would be the minimum on the scale for the position of Town Clerk, viz: £350 per annum, plus C.L. Bonus.

The Council approved of the proposed arrangement and authorised the necessary expenditure.

P. O'Connell
1/3/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February,
1949

Present: Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding;
Councillors J.O'Connor; R.B.Haskins; W. Clarke;
L. Sutton; E. Kane.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also present.

A letter was read from Councillor C.W.Hudson (Vice Chairman) regretting his inability to attend, owing to illness.

Lease to Patrick Smith - Premises at South Quay:

In letter of 8th February, 1949, Mr. Patrick Smith (of Smiths Electrical Dealers), Church St., Wicklow, applied for Yard on South Quay, formerly occupied by Mr. H. Hamilton and recently surrendered to the Council by the latter. The firm would use the yard for the purpose of extending their Radio, electrical, cycle business. At present they had six men employed and were very confined for space.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

That a lease of the premises at South Quay, Wicklow, formerly in occupation of Mr. H. Hamilton, be granted to Mr. Patrick Smith, Church St., Wicklow; the rent to be fixed at 25% higher than present rent. It to be a condition that business be commenced on property within six months.

Town Planning Acts - Mineral Water Factory at Monkton Row:

Regarding the application of Mr. J.P.Nolan for approval to erection of a Mineral Water Factory at Monkton Row, the following resolution was adopted on the proposal of Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor: -

That we hereby recommend that the Town Planning Consultant reconsider this application as this site is most suitable owing to a spring water supply being available, which is necessary for the manufacture of mineral waters.

Housing - Development of Sites at Ballynerrin:

The Town Surveyor submitted estimates of costs of development (site clearance, roads, sewers, and water-mains) of lands at Ballynerrin, included in 80 houses scheme. The cost of development of sites for 34 houses was estimated at £9,486., and of sites for 20 houses at £1,895.

The Council approved of this development work and decided that the Local Government Department be asked to make a Grant from the Transition Development Fund towards the cost of the work.

Rents of Council Houses - Scheme for Adjustment of Existing Rents;

After a discussion on the advisability of adjusting the present rents charged for Council houses, it was decided that a Scheme should be prepared and submitted setting out proposals for increasing rents.

It was considered that such a Scheme was necessary having regard to:- (1) increase in cost of repairs; (2) subsidy required from Rates towards cost of new Schemes; (3) difficulty which would arise in future lettings consequent on the disparity between rents for new houses and those for houses erected in former years even though the accommodation be somewhat similar.

It was decided that the increased rents, if approved, would apply only to any new lettings, and not to existing tenancies.

Housing - (80 Houses Scheme)
Determination of Rents for 26 new Houses (8 on
Derelict Sites and 18 at Cooper's Field;

Details of estimated costs of the 26 new houses and of the resulting annual charges were submitted. The all-in cost of the 8 new houses on Derelict Sites was now estimated at £998 per house. Owing to rock excavation and other difficulties of the site the houses at Cooper's Field would be dearer. The all-in cost of these 18 houses was now estimated at £1,253 per house. The average all-in cost for the 26 houses was £1,175. The following would be the Annual Charges per house:- Loan Charges £41.5.11d. (50 years @ 2½%); Repairs £4; Cost of Rent Collection £1.15s; Insurance 10/10d. Total £47.10.11d. Receipts would be:- Transition Development Grant (equivalent to £400 Capital Cost) £14.1.2d. Housing Subsidy under 1932 Act (33⅓% of Loan Charges on £350) £4.2s. A balance of £29.7.9d. would require to be met from Rent charged to tenants and the subsidy allowed from Rates.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to charge a rent of 14s/- per week inclusive of current rates. Since the Poor Law Valuation of the houses was expected to be £7 the Rates at 30/- in the £ would be £10.10s. or 4/1d. per week approximately. The net rent, i.e. exclusive of Rates, therefore, would be 9/11d. per week. The Manager indicated that if the inclusive Rent were fixed at 14/- per week the annual subsidy from Rates required would be £3.9.11d. per house. For the sixty houses in this Scheme (other than the 20 better-class houses) the Council had decided last year that they would give a subsidy from Rates equivalent to a charge of 6d. in the £. This would be £210 or approximately £3.10. per house.

On the proposition of Councillor R.B. Haskins, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, the following resolution was adopted:-

That having examined the details submitted in respect of costs of 26 houses it is hereby decided that the weekly rent, exclusive of Rates, be fixed at 9/11d. per week, which is equivalent to a rent inclusive of current Rates of 14/- per week, and that an annual subsidy of £3.9.11d. per house be allowed from the Rate Fund.

Letting of 8 New Houses

The applications received were examined in detail and

at length and it was decided to allocate the 8 new Houses at Castle St., and Monkton Row as follows:-

<u>Tenant selected</u>	<u>House allocated</u>
Joseph O'Rourke, Summerhill	House in Castle St. (nearest to Carroll's Corner)
Mrs. Sarah Healy, St. Laurence Road. (Transfer)	House in Castle St. adjoining that allocated to Mr. J. O'Rourke
Mrs. M. Kinsella, Castle St.	House in Castle St. Middle
James McCall, Dunbur	House in Castle St., Middle
James Clarke, 16 Convent Road	House at Monkton Row
William Tavener, Strand St.	do
Mrs. Mary Gallagher, Fitzwilliam Square	do
Joseph Sweeney, The Mall	do

It was decided that William Coughlan, Railway Cottage, Newcastle, (employed for past 6 years at Wicklow Railway Station) be allocated the house at St. Laurence's Road, from which Mrs. Healy is being transferred to a new house at Castle Street. It was also decided that landlord of house at present occupied by Mr. Joseph O'Rourke be asked to let this house when vacated to Miss Frances Middleton.

Housing Survey:

The Report on a Special Housing Survey carried out by Chief Medical Officer, and Town Surveyor in November, 1948, was considered. Copies of the Report already had been circulated to the members of the Council.

The following decisions were taken on the Report:-

Fitzwilliam Road:

House owned by Mrs. Healy - vacant - No. 1 & 2 on Map
To be demolished.

It was decided to take no action regarding the remaining houses in Fitzwilliam Road included in the Report as these houses are mostly owned by the occupants and they would not be agreeable to transfer to new houses. Moreover the Council considered that the standard of accommodation was not so far below that normally required as to justify any action at present. The Surveyor stated that the site of No. 10 (owned by Mrs. O'Reilly and vacant) would not be suitable for building on it, as it was too narrow.

Rocky Road:

It was decided to take no action regarding Nos. 15 and 16 Both are owned by Mrs. W. Dickenson. No. 15 is occupied by Mrs. Dickenson and No. 16 by Mrs. Reid.

Nos. 17 (owned by Mrs. Dickenson) and 18 (owned by Repps. Art Moran), both vacant, to be demolished. The Surveyor stated neither was suitable for building.

No. 19. Owner - Mrs. Grimshaw; occupier - Mrs. Johns.
Serve Repairs Notice

Abbey Street

No. 20. Owner - Very Rev. Canon Hoey; occupier - Matt Duff. Ask owner if alternative accommodation could be provided by converting some other building on his property into a dwelling.

Strand Street Lower

No. 21. Owner - Mrs. A. Ring; occupier Jos. Byrne.
No action at present.

Sea Front

Nos. 22, 23 and 24 (occupied by Wm. Byrne, Thos. Kelly and vacant respectively) No action at present.

Sea Front (near Saw Mills)

No. 25. Owner - Wicklow U.D.C. To be demolished.
Site not suitable for building.

Regarding the remaining houses on Sea Front and at Strand Street it was decided that favourable consideration would be given to any of occupants who applied for new Council houses. Whilst the houses do not reach required standard of fitness, it was considered that the provision of alternative accommodation was not an urgent matter. Whenever any of the houses become vacant by transfer of the occupants to Council houses, they are to be demolished.

Bond Street

It was considered that the same conditions applied to houses in Bond Street. If any vacated they should be demolished. Three new houses might be erected on the sites whenever the houses became vacant.

Quarantine Hill

Nos. 62 to 67 inclusive. It was noted that apart from No. 66 (occupant Jos. Keogh) families occupying these houses are small. Houses considered by Council to be in fair condition. If No. 66 or 67 becomes vacant, two houses to be converted into one dwelling.

Castle Street

No. 68. Owner - William White; occupier Mrs. Kavanagh.
Serve Notice requiring Repairs.

No. 69 Vacant (Owner - Wm. White) To be demolished.

Nos. 70 to 73 - No action.

Castle Street Middle

Nos. 74 and 75 Owner to be asked to convert these two houses into one dwelling. Surveyor to submit estimate of cost. Possibility of obtaining reconstruction Grant to be examined.

Nos. 76 to 80 No action.

Castle Street East

Nos. 81 to 84 - Notice to be served on owners requiring provision of proper sanitary accommodation (flush lavatories)

Castle Street, West

Nos. 85 to 87 - No action.

Nos. 88 to 93 - Inquiry to be made from owner if he would dispose of houses to Council in order that the six houses might be converted into four dwellings of an improved type.

Monkton Row

Nos. 94 to 99 - Serve Notice on owner requiring the installation of proper sanitary accommodation (flush lavatories)

Colley Row, Upper

Nos. 100 to 103 - No action at present. Special consideration to be given to any of occupants who apply for tenancy of Council houses. When vacated, houses to be demolished.

Colley Row, Lower

No action at present. Houses, except No. 107 (John Dunne) are occupied by small families.

High St., Middle

Nos. 109 to 111 - It is understood that this area is being acquired for a new Post Office.

High Street, West

Nos. 112 and 113 - No. 112 - closed. No. 113 - Occupant Jos. Darcy, to be given favourable consideration for a Council house, and Nos. 112 and 113 to be then demolished.

Hillside

Nos. 114 to 117 - No action at present

The Mall

Nos. 118 and 119 - Occupants to be given favourable consideration for a Council house and houses to be demolished when vacated.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

J. O'Leary 5/4/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMinutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1949.

Present: Councillor J. O'Leary (Chairman) presiding; Councillors R.B. Haskins; W. Clarke; E. Kane; J. Brennan; C.W. Hudson; L. Sutton.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 1st February, 1949.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 1st February, 1949, which had been circulated to the Members, were taken as read, and were signed by the Chairman.

2. Lease to Martin Brien of Plot known as "The Haggard".

Letter dated 31st January, 1949, was read from Martin Brien, of No. 2, Glenview Road, Wicklow, applying for lease of plot of ground at rear of Convent Road, known as "The Haggard". Mr. Brien, in his letter stated that this plot was rented from the Council by the Brien family for the past forty years.

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

That we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground known as "The Haggard" to Mr. Martin Brien, No. 2, Glenview Road, Wicklow for a period of 31 years at an annual rent of £1. 6. 0d.

3. Renewal of Lease to Mary Ellen Finlay & Edward Kennedy, of Premises at The Mall.

Letter dated 30th January, 1949, received from Mary Ellen Finlay and Edward Kennedy, requesting the Council to renew lease on premises at The Mall, Wicklow, at present occupied by Mary Ellen Finlay. The original lease of the property was in the name of the late Edward Kennedy, father of the applicants.

The Manager stated it would be advisable to obtain legal advice on this subject, as there was a considerable amount of Rates due on this property. It was decided that the applicants be requested to furnish the original lease and to seek Solicitor's advice.

4. Application by William Ruttledge for Yard at South Quay.

Letter dated 22nd February, 1949, was read from Wm. Ruttledge, of Quarantine Hill, applying for yard at South Quay for use as a slaughter yard.

The Council decided that no yard was available at present and Mr. Ruttledge was to be informed to that effect.

5. Leases - Corporate Property. - Yard at South Quay.

The position of the granting of lease to Mr. Patrick Smith, of yard at South Quay, was discussed, and the Council unanimously decided to adhere to its decision of the 9th February, 1949, to lease this property to Mr. Smith.

Regarding the leasing of Corporate Property, it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

That in connection with the disposal by lease or other form of letting of Corporate Property (buildings, yards, etc.), in future offers to be invited by public advertisement.

6. Plot at Dunbur Road - Miss W. Flynn.

Letter dated 9th February, 1949, from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co., was read which stated that in the case of existing Leases, the Council cannot increase the rent, nor can the Council unreasonably withhold consent to the assignment of the lease in question at present held by Miss W. Flynn.

Councillor W. Clarke intimated that Miss Flynn had been in communication with him regarding the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site, and as a result of this information the Council decided to defer consent to the transfer of this plot to Mr. Andrew Finlayson until more definite information from Miss Flynn was received.

7. Proposed Mineral Water Factory.

Letter dated 16th February, 1949, was read in which the Town Planning Consultant stated his reasons for withholding consent to the proposed factory. The Council decided that it would not object to the use of this site for a factory provided that the applicant submits plans which would be regarded as suitable by the Town Planning Consultant.

8. Auction Mart on Old Gaol Site.

Application was made by Messrs. Clarke Delahunt & Co., Wicklow, for permission to rent two yards inside the Old Gaol premises for use as Livestock Saleyards. The Manager stated that the Council was the market authority and its approval would be necessary before any public mart could be set up. The Chairman suggested that a lease of portion of the Ball Alley should be offered to Messrs. Clarke Delahunt & Co. as this site was Corporate property, whereas the Old Gaol premises was County Council property.

Following a discussion it was decided to arrange for a conference between this firm and the following Councillors:- Messrs. J. O'Lehan, R.B. Haskins, and C.W. Hudson.

9. Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Letter from Department of Local Government dated 22nd February, 1949, was read stating that no objection would be raised, in principle, to the proposed provision of a Scheme based on Lough Dann.

The following Resolution was proposed by Councillor E. Kane and seconded by Councillor R.B. Haskins, and resolved:-

That we note the approval of the Minister for Local Government to the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme based on Lough Dann and we consider that the costs of such scheme and the annual charges arising therefrom be apportioned in the proportion of 20% to Wicklow Urban District Council and 80% to Wicklow County Council.

The position of the present water supply was discussed and suggestions were made as to the feasibility of augmenting supplies by pumping water from (1) Two-Mile-Water River or (2) Marlton River.

The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, 16th March, 1949, to discuss the position and to hear a report from the Town Surveyor on the possibility of augmenting present supplies by pumping from Marlton River.

10. Housing - Revision of Rents.

When the question of housing arose, Councillor E. Kane pointed out that at the previous Housing Meeting he had supported Councillor Haskins in the suggestion that as each house became vacant, the Council should raise the rent. He would like to refute any suggestion that he wished that rents should be increased to existing tenants.

11. Housing - Letting of 8 New Houses at Castle St. & Monkton Row.

Regarding the 8 New Houses, it was stated that two persons (William Tavernor and James McCall), to whom new houses were allotted, refused to accept tenancies. The Council, therefore, decided that the following arrangements should be made:-

(1) Mrs. E. McCarthy, 6, Bungalows, St. Laurence's Road, to be transferred to house at Castle St. Middle, which James McCall declined; and

Patrick Hayden, Urban Villas, to be allocated bungalow which will be vacated by Mrs. E. McCarthy.

(2) Stephen Devlin, St. Laurence's Road, to be allocated new house at Monkton Row, which William Tavernor declined; and

John Dunne, High Street, to be allocated house which may be vacated by Stephen Devlin.

12. Application of James E. Cox for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Council recommended a Loan of £1600 to Mr. James E. Cox, Harbour View, Wicklow, subject to final approval of Manager.

Regarding Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, Councillor W. Clarke inquired as to the possibility of obtaining loan for an existing building under these acts.

The Manager stated that a loan could be obtained for an existing building provided that the applicant was not registered as the owner, and that the lease had at least 60 years to run. In recent years, however, it had been the policy to restrict loans to New Dwellings.

13. Camping Sites.

Applications were received from (1) A. Boyd, 71, Thistle St., Glasgow, for St. Francis' Boys' Guild, and (2) William Blair, 9 Langlands St., Kilmarnock, for camping sites on the Murrrough, for fortnights in the months of July and August.

The Council recommended that these applications be granted at a nominal charge of £1 per fortnight in each case.

14. Slaughterhouse Licences.

Slaughterhouse Licences were signed by the Chairman and Sealed in respect of the following:-

Daniel Nuzum, Fitzwilliam Sq.; P. Timmins, Market Sq.; Fitzpatrick Bros, Fitzwilliam Sq.; J.P. Nolan, Main St.;

15. Skilled Trades Resolution.

Resolution from Bray Urban District Council regarding apprenticeship to skilled trades was read.

Councillor W. Clarke proposed and Councillor E. Kane seconded the adoption of the Resolution which was as follows:-

That having regard to the dearth of skilled labour in the Building Trade at the present time, this Council views with uneasiness the Rule operating in those Trades (viz. Bricklayers, Carpenters, Plasterers and Plumbers) whereby only the sons of those who are presently working in those trades can be apprenticed. We look on this rule as being very arbitrary and is calculated to create a monopoly for those concerned and, at the same time, impose a boycott against a number of young men who would be anxious to become apprentices to the Trades named.

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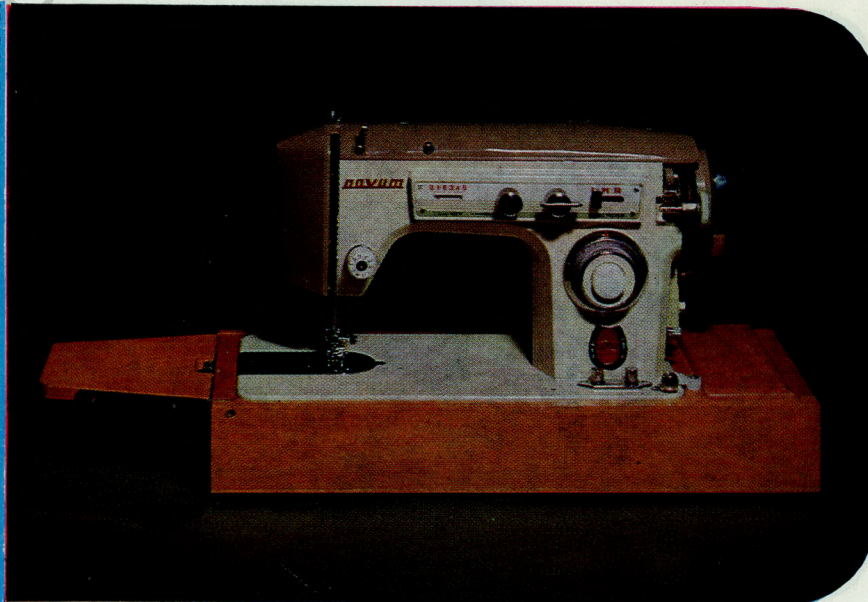
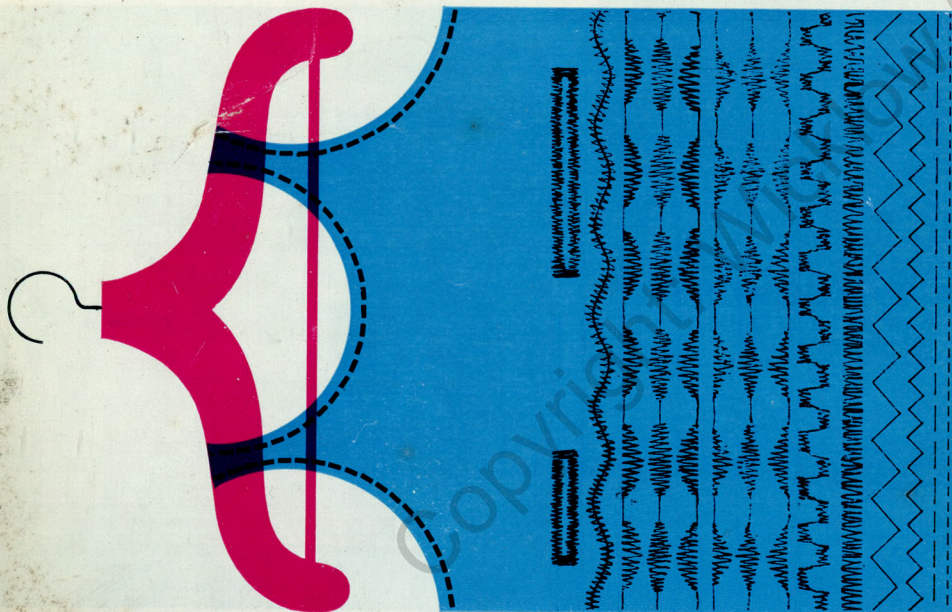
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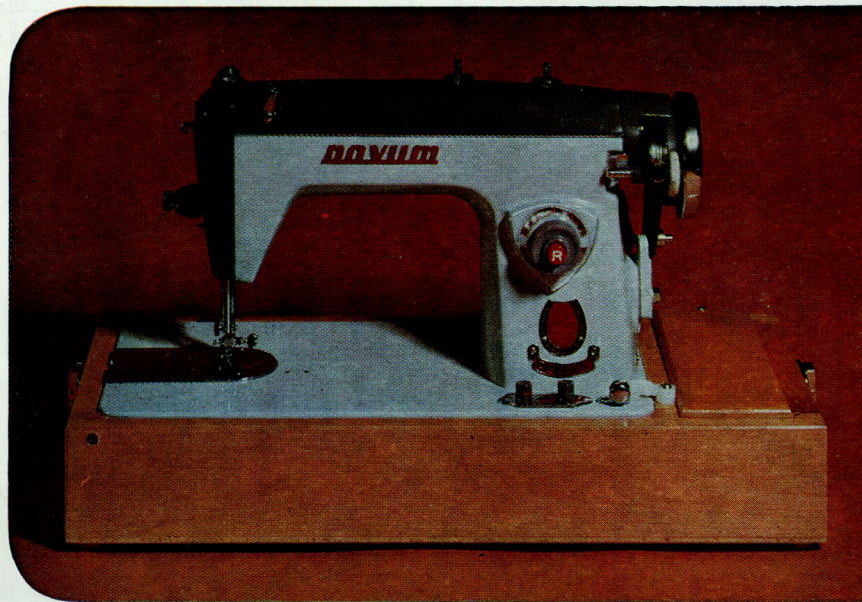
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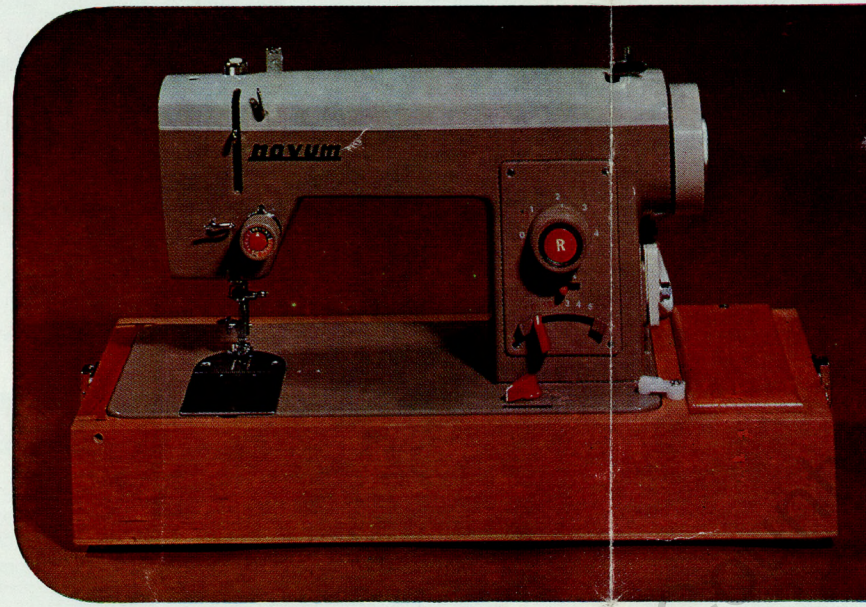
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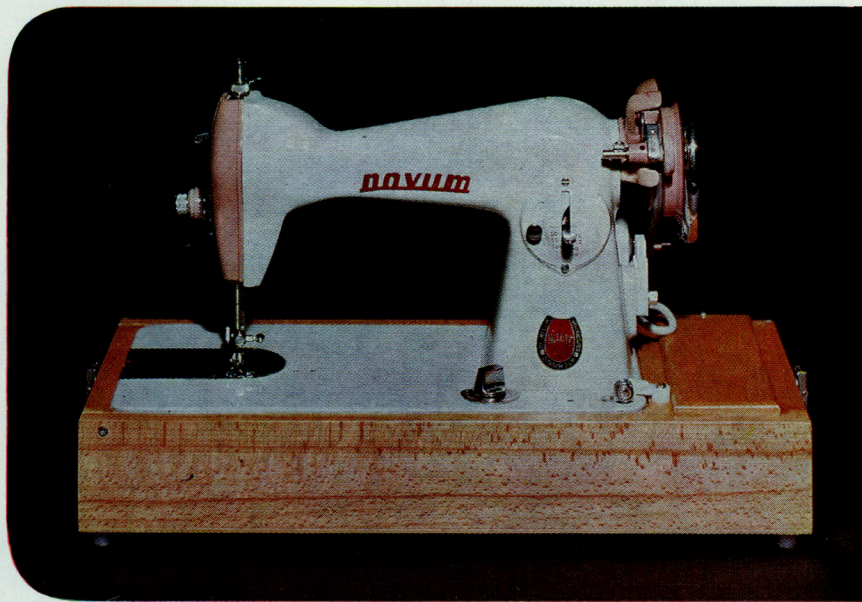
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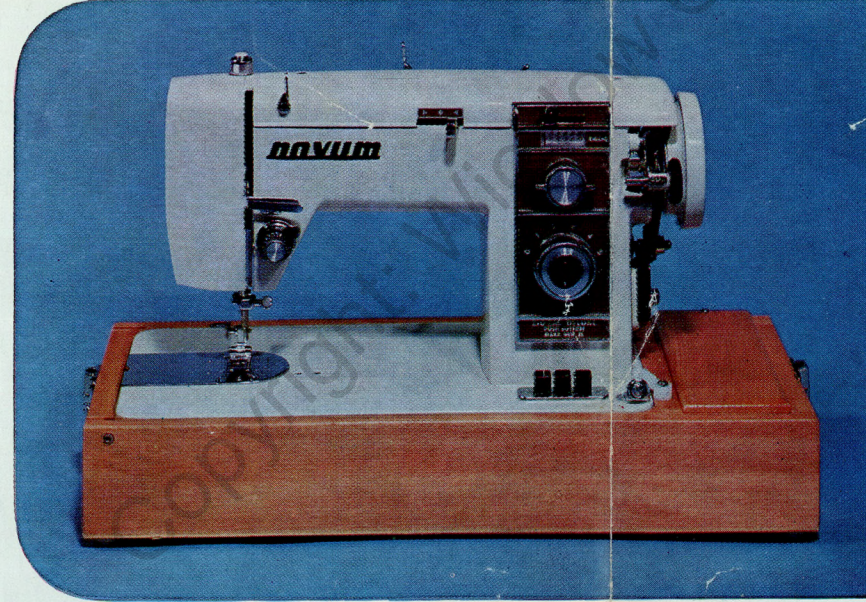


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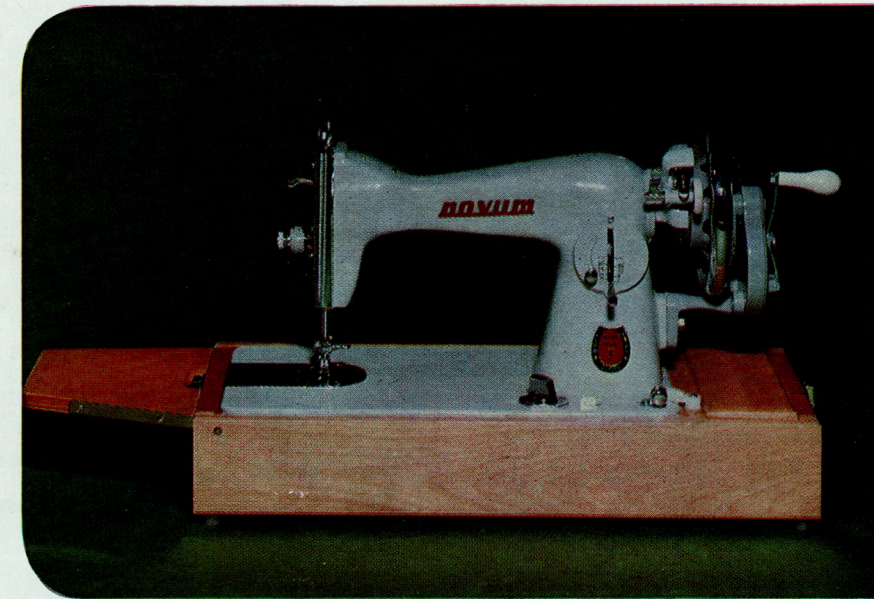


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16. Sewerage Contract - Dunbur Scheme.

Letter from Council's Solicitor dated 21st February, 1949, was read regarding date of completion of this Contract. The Manager stated that the date fixed for completion of the Contract was 12th December, 1948. The Solicitor suggested that the simplest thing to do would be to deduct £1. 10. 0d. per week for period in excess of prescribed time, in respect of fees for Clerk of Works, from the Contractor's final payment. The Town Surveyor stated that there was extra expenditure on this scheme, due to excess rock having been encountered and extra excavation due to linking up the sewerage to new houses.

The Manager stated that it would be necessary to obtain a further loan of £772 and the following Resolution was passed:-

Proposed by: Councillor L. Sutton
Seconded by: Councillor E. Kane. and resolved

That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, an additional loan of £772 be procured from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable in 35 years, for the purpose of completing the sewerage scheme at Dunbur Road, and that the Local Government Department be requested to make an additional Grant towards the scheme on the basis of the original Estimated Cost.

It was also indicated by the Council that the following persons should be required to connect up with the new Sewer:- Messrs. Haughton, Wallace, Burke, Vize, Murphy and Finlayson.

17. Dumping Ground - Brickfield Lane.

Letter read from Council's Solicitor stating that in view of the fact that the Council had uninterrupted use for over 12 years of this land, that Council have a Title to same. The Town Surveyor was requested to furnish Certificate to the effect that this place was used by the Council for this period. Mr. E.C. Lambert was to be requested to close the entrance he had opened on to this dumping ground.

18. New Post Office at the Mall, Wicklow.

Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, wrote stating that Mr. A.B. Cullen, Solicitor, would personally undertake to discharge all Ground Rent and Rates due to 25th March and 31st March, 1949, respectively, and suggested that under these circumstances it would be in order for the Council to consent to the Assignment of the Lease.

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

That this Council notes the Solicitor's advice and agrees to the assignment of Mrs. Langroll's interest to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, subject to all Ground Rent, Rates, and other charges being cleared.

19. Appointment of Clerk/Typist.

Letter dated 8th February, 1949, from Secretary, Wicklow County Council was read, setting out results of Competitive Examination for Clerk/Typists, and indicating that Miss Mary Walsh, 25 Court St., Enniscorthy, had intimated preference for appointment to Wicklow Urban District Council.

The Manager indicated that it was intended that this girl should take up duty with the Council as from 1st April, 1949, subject to Medical Certificate and references being in order, and subject to the sanction of the Minister. Regarding the temporary employment of Miss E.M. Middleton, as Clerk/Typist, the Council requested that alternative employment be sought for this employee in the County Council Offices.

20. Co-ordination of Fire Brigades.

Letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council was read regarding Co-ordination of Fire Brigades, which was noted.

21. Demand from Rathrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Demand was received from the Clerk, Rathrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board, in respect of the Financial Year 1949/50. It was noted that this demand showed an increase of £8 over the demand for 1948/49.

22. De-Control of House Building.

Circular Letter No. 13/49 dated 17th February, 1949, from Department of Local Government, stating that in future building licences will no longer be required for Local Authorities' Housing Schemes. Noted.

23. Town Planning Acts.- Erection of Dwellings at Friarsfield.

Plans were submitted by Messrs. J. Kane, Contractors, for 10 House scheme at "Friarsfield", Friars' Hill, Wicklow. The Council saw no objection to the proposal. Plans were to be transmitted to the Town Planning Consultant with this indication.

24. Water Supply Extension - Market Square to Golf Links.

The Town Surveyor submitted an Estimate of £4138 for this scheme.

The Council decided to consider the scheme further in conjunction with the Annual Estimates.

25. Wicklow Coursing Club.

Letter dated 28th February, 1949, was received from Denis A. O'Connor requesting that the Council lands be included in the preserves of the Wicklow Coursing Club (on behalf of whom Mr. O'Connor was making application).

The Council approved of this request.

26. Salary of Mr. J. DeCoursey, Waterworks Overseer.

Department of Local Government, in a letter dated 24th February, 1949, relative to proposed increase of £1 per week to Waterworks Overseer, enquired reasons for proposed increase.

Letter was noted.

27. Garage at Strand Street.

Letter read from Messrs. Kavanagh Bros., Main St., requesting permission to erect a garage on site of condemned houses at Strand St.,

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor for his report.

28. Lease to Mr. Behall of Premises at Quarantine Hill.

Letter from the Directors of "Ace Candies", South Quay, stating that they have no further interest in acquiring premises at South Quay, as Mr. A.B. Cullen, Solicitor, had requested a sum of £72 on behalf of the present leaseholder, Mr. Behall, in consideration for certain improvements which had been carried out.

The Council directed that Mr. Behall be again asked to surrender his Lease, since he has not complied with covenant to erect a factory. The Council further directed that the Council's Solicitor be made aware of the position.

29. Resolution of Protest re Arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty.

Letter from Department of External Affairs acknowledging resolution of Council and stating that copy of same had been forwarded to the Ambassador to the Holy See. Noted.

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30. E. S. B. - Cable to supply Current for houses on Dunbur Road.

It was stated at the meeting that an adequate supply of electricity was not available for houses in the Dunbur Road area, and the E.S.B. was to be requested to make arrangements for the betterment of supply in this area. It would appear that the present cable was not powerful enough to bear the necessary supply.

The Council that the new arrangements for collection of E.S.B. accounts is not suitable and that a more convenient collection system should be provided, and that a proper office open at reasonable hours should be made available. The Council is expressing public opinion in this matter and no reflection is cast on the local staff who are very courteous and capable.

The meeting then concluded.

P. O'Leary
5/4/49

"WICKLOW" URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 22nd. March, 1949.

Present: Councillor J. O'Leary (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors: E. Kane; C. W. Hudson; R. B. Haskins;
J. Brennan and L. Sutton.

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

Yard at Quarantine Hill.

The Chairman and Members agreed to receive a representative of "Ace Candies", a local Firm which is anxious to secure yard at Quarantine Hill, at present leased to "Mecalectric Ltd". The representative of the Firm, Mr. Hynes gave particulars of the requirements of "Ace Candies" and intimated that if this yard was leased to his Firm, it would help to extend the business, and allow for employment of approximately thirty hands. He also stated that the present accommodation was totally inadequate and unsanitary. The Council gave sympathetic consideration to this application and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to ask the Council's Solicitor to take the necessary steps for the recovery of these premises from Mr. Behal, Director of "Mecalectric Ltd". Directions were also given that Mr. William Clarke be asked whether or not he requires these premises and if he would forego lease in favour of "Ace Candies".

Water Supply.

The Town Surveyor submitted a report on the Water Supply position and furnished a Graph showing the position of the Reservoir each year from 1942 to the present date. The Surveyor's report was as follows:-

To/
The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow Urban District Council.

As requested, I have made a preliminary investigation into the question of providing a Scheme for the supply of water to the Town, should a similar emergency arise in 1949 such as we had in November, 1948. The question arises as to whether a temporary dam should be constructed (a) on the lower side of Marlton Bridge; (b) above the Bridge in Marlton Glen, and having stored a certain amount of water as we did last year by pumping through 8" mains back into the filter beds at the old Reservoir.

I have taken several levels and measurements in and around Marlton Bridge and The Glen: by erecting a concrete Dam at the point in the Glen where the level in the stream would be 100.00 O.D., and to height of 20', it would be possible to impound a quantity of water amounting to 1,200,000 gallons which is equivalent to rather less than 12 days' supply, provided that water is not wasted in the town in the Summer months, but the cost of this Dam in concrete would be about £4,000, which would include various piping, valves, fencing etc. The construction of these works would I think, hardly be justified however, having regard to (1) the comparatively low level of the site; and, (2) the very fact that there is a leak in the present old reservoir embankment at Ashtown amounting to about 72,000 gallons per day. This leak occurs at 2 feet immediately below top water level of overflow: and the amount of water approximately in this top 2 feet loss in capacity is about 3,000,000 gallons. It would seem therefore that the proper course to take would be to make an effort to repair the existing old embankment, the cost of which I am unable to state, but would have to be ascertained only by examination and as the work would proceed.

Letting of Council House.

The decision to let new Council house at Castle St to Mr. J. O'Rourke was confirmed as were also the lettings of the other seven houses.

Council House at 19, Glenview Road.

Report from Rent Collector was read which stated that No 19, Glenview Road was now vacant.
Letter read from Mr. Henry Smith making application for tenancy of this house.
The Council approved of Mr. Smith's application.

Adjustment of Rents.

At a previous meeting it was the wish of the Council that in future lettings of Council houses a revised rent should be payable by the incoming tenants. The County Manager therefore submitted revised figures in respect of the following houses:-

Nos. 1 and 6 Bungalows, St. Laurence Road.
No. 19, Glenview Road.

The revised rents would be 10/1 in respect of the Bungalows, (34 Houses Scheme) and 6/4 in respect of 19, Glenview Road, (28 Houses Scheme) as compared with rents of 7/7 and 5/1 heretofore.

Votes of Sympathy.

The Chairman and Members passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. P. T. Healy and the late Mrs Byrne, all members standing.

The County Manager associated himself and the Staff of the Council with these votes of sympathy.

J. Whelan
5/4/49.

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The other alternative is to erect a temporary sod ditch and bag dam as we did in 1948, but this time above the Marlton Bridge and impound about 2,000,000 gallons which could be pumped as soon as it could be observed that the streams, where fall off was present, that the reservoir was dangerously lower below the critical point.

At the moment, the reservoir stands 2'4" below overflow level. At the same time last year (1948) it stood about 18" below the overflow, so that we are now not in as good a position as in 1948. However, the level is remaining steady, and the signs are that we are about to have more rain and that the water will rise again.

At the same time, the quantity available in the reservoir is less than it has been usually at this time of the year since 1944: but, even in 1944 the water did not fall in September below a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons, that is, in other words, its lowest level was 3 feet above the draw off point in September 1944, and thereafter, it rapidly rose to overflow about the middle of November, 1944.

I do not think, that even with a large dam erected at Marlton Glen, that the final solution to this supply of water for the Town of Wicklow could be obtained, and in any event, the levels available in the Glen are not sufficient to feed even some of the lower parts of the town as it exists today, because of the very bad state of the water-mains within the Urban Area, in the lower Districts especially. I refer particularly to Castle St., The Murrrough and Church Hill, where the mains are only 3" in diameter and are extremely corroded, therefore requiring much extra pressure to deliver water through.

I finally suggest that I be given authority to examine the reservoir embankment and see what repairs could be carried out to increase the capacity by holding as much water as possible which is going to waste, and that in the meantime, a temporary Dam should be erected and arrangements made for emergency pumping.

Yours faithfully.

J. T. O'Byrne.
Town Surveyor.

Various aspects of the Water Supply were discussed and regarding the Regional Water Supply Scheme based on Lough Dan, the Members were of the opinion that the figure estimated as the cost of this Scheme viz- £40,000 was altogether too low.

In order to give effect to the Town Surveyor's wishes it was decided to approve of the erection of a Dam on Marlton Stream, above the Bridge on the lands of Mr. D. O'Connell, Marlton House.

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

"That the Surveyor should arrange for the construction of a Dam on Marlton Stream and that a Deputation from the Council meet Mr. O'Connell in connection with the matter".

The deputation to interview Mr. O'Connell to be as follows:- Councillors Haskins, Kane, Hudson and the Chairman (Mr. J. O'Lehan). The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. O'Connell and request an appointment for Friday, 25th March, 1949 at 2.15 P.M. or at such alternative time as would suit him.

Demolition of House at Bond St.

The Town Surveyor suggested to the Council that, as houses were to be demolished at Bond St., he be allowed to use the debris therefrom as filling for roadway being constructed in the vicinity of Ashford Bridge. He intimated that the County Council would be responsible for the demolition of these ruinous buildings and for the carting of the debris to Ashford. The Council agreed to his suggestion.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Estimates Meeting held on Wednesday,
30th March, 1949.

Present: Councillor J. O'Lehan (Chairman), presiding; also Councillors J.L. Connor, J. Brennan, C.W. Hudson, R.B. Haskins, W. Clarke, and L. Sutton.

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also present.

The Council examined the Tables of Receipts and Expenditure submitted by the County Manager.

ROADS

Under this heading the Council allowed a sum of £100 in respect of New Works instead of £455 as shown in the Tables submitted for consideration. The County Manager was requested to endeavour to obtain a grant from the Department of Local Government with a view to the carrying out of some of the work listed as New Works.

SANITARY SERVICES

Public Lighting: A letter was read from Mrs. Sarah Smith, "Greenmount", Wicklow, requesting the Council to have a light placed opposite her residence at Brickfield Lane. No action was taken on this matter.

Councillor Hudson asked whether the Council or the Harbour Board paid for the public lighting of the North and South Quays and stressed that in the event of the Urban Council being responsible for payment, that this liability should be immediately transferred to the Harbour Board.

Following a discussion relating to the water supply position and as to the question of Wicklow Urban District Council being a party to the Regional Water Supply Scheme based on Lough Dan on the figures set out by the County Council, Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Hudson which reads as follows:-

"That I or some member on my behalf will move that the Resolution approving of the Regional Water Supply Scheme based on Lough Dan, be rescinded".

The Chairman agreed to have this Notice of Motion moved at the next meeting of the Council.

No alteration was made in the figures submitted in respect of this Service.

HOUSING SERVICES

The County Manager pointed out that Loan Charges in respect of the 80 Houses Scheme were being provided for the year 1949/50.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses: A reduction of £40 was made in respect of this item.

Demolition of Ruinous Buildings: A figure of £40, which was shown in respect of demolition of ruinous buildings, was struck off after a discussion relating to demolition of condemned houses at Bond Street. The Town Surveyor stated that ruinous buildings at Bond Street were being demolished, the Council having consented at its previous meeting to the carrying-out of this work.

Band Performances: A letter from St. Patrick's Pipe Band was read, asking that provision be made in the current rates for a contribution to the Pipe Band. It was stated that the Band would be glad to give recitals during the summer months by arrangement between the Council and the Band Committee.

The Council agreed to allow for a sum of £35, being a contribution equal to the proceeds of ld. in the £ for the year 1949/50. The Chairman and Councillor

stating that no renewal should take place until such time as the rates due on the property were discharged in full. A sum of £87-7-1 was due to 31st March 1949. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to indicate to the interested parties that there must be agreement before lease can be renewed and that all rates must be paid.

Lease to John Power, Main St.

Application from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor on behalf of Mr. John Power, Main St., for renewal of lease on property at Main St. It was unanimously agreed to grant a renewal of this lease for a period of 75 years, with a 25% increase in rent payable. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor for preparation of the new lease.

Lease to Thomas Dickenson- Premises at Summer Hill.

Application was received from Mr. M. B. Cullen on behalf of Mr. Thomas Dickenson, requesting Council to grant a new lease of plot of ground at Summer Hill, Wicklow. It would appear that a Mrs Martha Heatley was formerly in possession of this plot, but assigned it to Thomas Dickenson. The Council directed that Mrs Heatley be written to and asked to furnish information regarding the original lease. The matter was also to be referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Town Planning Acts- Garage at Brickfield Lane.

Application from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins for permission to erect a garage opposite his residence at Brickfield Lane. The Council saw no objection to the use of site for purpose of erection of a garage. Applicant to be requested to submit plans and specification.

Town Planning Acts- Bungalow at Dunbur Road.

Application from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co on behalf of Miss M. Flynn for permission to erect a bungalow at site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. The Council approved of the project and referred the matter to the Town Planning Consultant for his approval.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts- Application from Mr. J. E. Cox.

Application from Mr. J. E. Cox, Harbour View, for loan of £1600 under Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts. The County Manager explained that the maximum loan available would be 80% of the Market Value of the House as certified by the Town Surveyor. As Town Surveyor had given certificate for value of £1800, the Council agreed to granting a loan of £1440. Certificate to be obtained from Solicitor as to Title..

Town Planning Acts- Application from Mr. R. T. Killian.

Application received from Mr. R. T. Killian for permission to erect boundary wall and lean to shed on plot of ground at North Quay. The Council directed that Mr. R. T. Killian be requested to furnish information as to his Title to the plot on which he proposed to build the wall and shed.

Plot used by Mr. R. T. Killian for Dumping Timber.

Following a discussion regarding North Quay, the Acting Town Clerk was directed to request Mr. Killian to remove timber from the plot which he now uses at North Quay.

Resolution from Fernoy U.D. Council.

Resolution regarding cut in Grant hitherto available for restoration of language was marked "Read".

Resolution from Carlow County Council.

Resolution of protest against collectivisation of transport system was marked "Read".

Resolution from Cork County Council.

Resolution from Cork regarding relief to ratepayers in County Cork was marked "Read".

Resolution from Birr U.D.C.

Resolution regarding revision of rents of Council houses was marked "Read". The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Town Clerk of Birr that action on the matter has already been taken by this Council.

Hand-won Turf.

Letter from National Turf Producers' Association regarding maximum production of hand-won turf was marked "Read".

Circular from Department of Local Government re Age-Limit Order.

Circular letter dated 3rd March 1949, stating that Local Government (Officers' Age Limit) Order 1948, has been revoked and that the question of resignation of any rate collector is now purely a matter for the Council inasmuch as after the age of 65 the Council may retain or resign a rate-collector if in the opinion of the Council such collector is considered unfit and incapable of carrying out his duties efficiently.

Irish Public Bodies- Annual Meeting.

Letter from Irish Public Bodies Insurance Co requesting that the Council appoint a delegate to its Annual Meeting to be held in the near future. The Council unanimously agreed to the appointment of the Chairman as delegate.

Application from "Ace Candies"

Application was made by "Ace Candies" for permission to erect Kiosk at the Promenade for the purpose of sale of Minerals, Sweets etc., during the Summer Months. Council agreed to this application for period from 1st May to 30th Sept. 1949 at a rent similar to that paid during 1948 i.e. £1-0-0 per month.

Lease to Mr. Behal "Mecalectric" Ltd.

Having heard particulars regarding lease of premises held by "Mecalectric Ltd", the Council directed that the Solicitor be instructed to recover possession of the premises.

Materials for Housing Scheme.

Letter from Wicklow Labour Party requesting details regarding method of obtaining supplies of materials for Housing Schemes in Urban Area. Letter was marked "Read".

'98 Monument.

Letter read from Wicklow Labour Party asking that action be taken regarding the defacement of '98 Monument by printing steps of same as traffic indicators. Letter was marked "Read".

Cisterns in Council Houses.

Report was read from the Council's Rent Collector stating that several houses were in urgent need of new W.C. Cisterns. The Acting Town Clerk stated that at present it was possible to obtain

delivery of the usual cast iron type and the Council therefore was asked to agree to the obtaining of copper cisterns. The Council agreed to the purchase of copper cisterns.

Town Planning Acts. Erection of Garage at Strand Street.

The Town Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the construction of garage at Strand St. by Messrs Kavanagh Bros., on site of demolished buildings, provided suitable plans and specification were submitted to and passed by the Council.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to request Messrs Kavanagh Bros. to furnish plans and specification.

Town Planning Acts. Mineral Water Factory.

A revised plan of the Mineral Water Factory at Monkton Row was placed before the Council and approved.

Old Photographs of Wicklow.

Four Photographs of various parts of the Town of Wicklow were handed in at the Town Hall on behalf of Mrs McMillan, High St. The Council expressed appreciation of this kind gesture.

J. O'Brien
9/5/49

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