

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on August 5th, 1949

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors C. W. Hudson; L. Sutton; J. O'Connor;
R. B. Haskins.

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of Annual Meeting held on June 29th., 1949, and of Monthly Meeting held on July 5th., 1949, both of which had been circulated to the members, were taken as read, and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Housing- Loan of £25,500 for erection of 20 Normal Houses at Ballynerrin.

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

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of the sum of £25,500, (twenty-five thousand five hundred pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 50 years, for the purpose of erecting 20 houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, on lands in Ballynerrin"

The Council noted report from Town Surveyor, that work on these 20 houses could start by direct labour in September 1949, and his expectation that the 18 houses in progress at Dunbur, would be finished by the end of September.

Housing- Proposed Better-Class Houses at St. Laurence Road-
Loan of £12,000.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor O'Connor and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of the sum of £12,000 (Twelve thousand pounds), repayable in 50 years, for the purpose of erecting 8 Better-Class Houses at St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts".

Electricity Supply in Dunbur Road Area.

It was decided to make further representations to the Electricity Supply Board to expedite the extension of High Voltage Supply to the Dunbur Road Area, and if satisfactory assurance was not forthcoming from the Board, to make special representation to the Department of Local Government and the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Extension of Water-Mains to Dunbur Road.

It was noted that the closing date advertised for the receipt of tenders from Contractors was 23rd. August, 1949, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on that date to consider any tenders received.

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Wicklow- Arklow Coast Road. The Acting Town Clerk read the following letter from the Department of Local Government:-

22nd. July, 1949

The Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5th. inst., forwarding the terms of a resolution passed by the Council, asking that a deputation be received to discuss the making of a grant towards the completion of the new Coast Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, and to state that all grants made available to the Wicklow County Council for works to be carried out in the current financial year have been fully allocated and are being currently expended. In view of the heavy commitments which the Road Fund is required to meet, it is not possible to allocate a special grant for the Coast Road at present.

In the circumstances, the Minister could not entertain an application for a Grant from the Road Fund for the completion of this Scheme, and no useful purpose would therefore be served by the attendance of the proposed deputation.

Mise le meas,
B. Nolan.

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

"That we have noted the reply from the Department of Local Government indicating that a grant will not be made available for the completion of the Wicklow Coast Road, and that a deputation would not be received to discuss the matter, and we consider this reply very unsatisfactory, having regard to the fact that the County Council contributed to the cost of this work on the understanding that a grant would be made available concurrently, and accordingly, we strongly urge the County Council to press that the promised grant be now provided by the State".

Grant from Employment Schemes Vote 1949/50. A letter was submitted from the Department of Local Government, notifying a grant of £400, subject to a Local Contribution of £35. After discussion with the Town Surveyor, it was agreed that the grant should be used for the improvement of footpaths in the Urban District, and the Town Surveyor was instructed to submit formal proposals to the Department from the following suggested works:-

Tarmacadam footpaths at Kilmantin Hill, New St., High St., Castlefield, Monkton Row, Bond St., Bachelor's Walk, Church Hill, Brickfield Lane, Church Road and Fairview Road.

(1)

Small Dwelling (Acquisition) Acts Loans. An application was submitted from Mr. George Nichols, High St., Wicklow, for loan of £1500, in respect of proposed house at Dunbur Road. The Council considered that there was no objection to the making of a loan of £1400 or £1500 at the discretion of the Manager. (2) The application of Mr. T. C. Quinn was further considered and the Council agreed that a loan of £1400 could be made when the Manager is satisfied that sufficient security is available.

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Fire Brigades - A letter was submitted from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, drawing attention to the desirability of improvement in Fire-Fighting Services throughout the County, and inviting representatives of Wicklow Urban Council to a conference of all Local Authorities in the County to discuss proposals for improvements. The following were appointed representatives for the proposed conference:- Mr. J. Olohan, (Chairman), and Councillors C. W. Hudson, R. B. Haskins, and L. Sutton.

Temporary Salary Increases. Circular G. 296/2, 30/4/49 from Department of Local Government was submitted. The Council agreed to the payment of 7½% increase in salary to Sean S. O'Ceallaigh, Town Clerk; George Nichols, Acting Town Clerk, and J. T. O'Byrne B.E., Town Surveyor, involving an increase in expenditure over the estimates of £39-7-0 (Town Clerk- £26-0-4, Acting Town Clerk £4-6-1, Town Surveyor £9-0-7).

Main Road Improvements at The Mall: On a suggestion received from Wicklow County Council the following were appointed as deputation to interview owners of property affected by proposed improvements to The Mall:- Mr. J. Olohan (Chairman) and Councillors C. W. Hudson and L. Sutton.

Water- Supply. Report from Town Surveyor that Emergency Pumping Scheme was working satisfactorily, but that water-consumption should still be as conservative as possible. Noted.

Letting of House in Strand St., as Store. Application from ^{William} Hayden was referred to the Town Surveyor for recommendation.

Allotments- Trespass by Goats. Complaints from Allotment Holders and Letter dated 22/7/49 from Superintendent, Garda Siochanna noted. It was decided that Notices should be served on Council's tenants that goats cannot be kept and that notices should be erected on allotments warning trespassers of prosecution.

Rates- Outstanding refunds claimed: The Town Clerk was instructed to investigate claims for refund of rates under Local Government Acts 1946 stated to be outstanding in a number of cases.

Public Lighting. The Council agreed that Public Lighting in the Town should be increased by the addition of 1 lamp opposite Shaws premises at The Mall, and approved of the extra expenditure entailed. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the E. S. B. accordingly.

Sign Post to Promenade. The necessity for a sign post at Fitzwilliam Sq., (Main St.) directing to the promenade and beach was discussed and the Town Surveyor agreed to use his good offices with the County Council to have the sign erected.

County Library- Wicklow Branch. The Chairman drew attention to the unsatisfactory book service at Wicklow Branch Library, and to the advisability of providing tables and chairs in the Library to facilitate the examination of books by readers.

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Council Houses- Cultivation of Gardens. Councillor Hudson mentioned neglect of gardens by certain tenants. It was decided to request the Rent Collector to report on tenants whose gardens were not properly kept.

Association of Municipal Authorities. The following were appointed delegates to the approaching Annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:- Mr. J. Olohan (Chairman) and Councillor C. W. Hudson.

J. Olohan
6/9/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 23rd. August, 1949.

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

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were in attendance.

Water-Main Extension- Market Square- Summer Hill.

The following tenders for the proposed works were received and discussed:-

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| (1) Wm. Lee, 21, Upper Main St., Arklow.
(Alternative for A-C Pipes-£3405-14-2) | £3636- 5-0 ✓ |
| (2) Michael Grant & Co.,
151, Phibsborough Rd., Dublin. | £4782- 1-10 ✓ |
| (3) Richard T. Killian, Wicklow. | £4980- 0- 0 ✓ |

It was noted that the tender of Wm Lee had annexed a Prices Variation Clause which was not in the original Conditions of Contract.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke,
seconded by Councillor O'Connor and resolved:-

"That the lowest tender- that received from Wm. Lee, Arklow, in the sum of £3636- 5- 0, be accepted for proposed extension of Water-Main to Summer Hill, subject to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor after examination of the detailed Bill of Quantities."

Corporate Estate- Leases.

The following leases were executed by the Council:-

- (1) To Farrell & Fogarty- Land and Buildings at Summer Hill, for 31 years, at a yearly rent of £1-17-6, by half-yearly payments, the 1st payment falling due on 25th March, 1949.
- (2) To Edward Hynes & John Hudson, trading as "Ace Candies"- Land and Buildings at Quarantine Hill, for 31 years at a yearly rent of £6-10- 0, by half-yearly payments, the first payment falling due on 29th. September, 1949.
- (3) To Richard T. Killian- Land (1 rood 18 perches) in Corporation Lands on Dunbur Road and buildings thereon, for 75 years, at yearly rent of £7-10-0, by half-yearly payments, first payment falling due 25th. March, 1949.
- (4) To Mrs Margaret Clarke- Two plots of land (A. 27.2 perches; B. 1 rood 38.4 perches) in Corporation Lands, Kilpoole, for 31 years at yearly rent of £1-10-0, by half-yearly payments, first payment falling due on 29th. September, 1949.

Water- Supply.

The Town Surveyor reported that the continuing drought would make the maintenance of present supplies most uncertain, and that unless consumption was reduced by about 50% it would be necessary to either cut off the supply periodically or to endeavour to augment the supply by pumping from distant sources at great expense. After discussion it was agreed to appeal to householders to reduce consumption and the Town Clerk was instructed to have circulars printed and distributed.

The Town Surveyor requested and received authority to cut off the supply at night if he should deem it necessary.

Abstract of Accounts- Year ended 31st. March, 1949.

Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st. March 1949 was submitted. Satisfactory improvements in collections of Rates and Rents were noted.

Housing: Letting of vacant house, No. 8, St. Laurence Bungalows.

(Former tenant- Roche)

Applications were received from the following:-

- Mrs. E. Higgins, 26, Glenview Road.
- A. J. Jameson, 6, Marine View, Murrrough.
- James O'Toole, 3, St. Laurence Road.
- William J. Olohan, 16, High St.
- Edward and Nora O'Neill, 7, St. Laurence Road.
- Joseph Byrne, 40, Castle St.
- Charles J. Kavanagh, 3, Fitzwilliam Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan
seconded by Councillor Haskins,

"That the letting of No 8, St. Laurence Road be given to Charles J. Kavanagh,

An amendment was proposed by Councillor O'Connor,
seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

"That letting of No. 8 St. Laurence Road be given to Edward and Nora O'Neill".

On a vote being taken 4 members voted for the original motion which was thereupon declared carried.

The Manager pointed out that the applications received did not indicate beyond doubt, that C. J. Kavanagh was the most suitable applicant and that it might be necessary further to investigate the circumstances of certain applicants before reaching a decision.

Corporate Estate- Lease of Lands at Bond St. to D. H. Haskins Garage Ltd.

On application from Solicitors for D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor O'Connor and resolved:-
"That we hereby agree to grant a lease for 75 years to D. H. Haskins Garage Ltd. of plot of ground previously demised to D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., by lease dated 20th. May, 1947, and of the plot of ground between that plot and the Stone Bridge, at an inclusive rent of £1-5-0 per annum, the lease dated 20/5/47 to be surrendered to the Council".

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government notifying the Council that the Department had recommended to the Office of Public Works that a loan of £10,000 be granted. Noted.

Corporate Estate: Lease to Thomas O'Mahony.

A letter was read from Thomas O'Mahony withdrawing his application for lease of plot at Dunbur Road. Noted.

'98 Monument.

A letter was read from Billy Byrne Commemoration Committee referring to proposed ceremony on 18th. September, 1949. The Town Surveyor was instructed to arrange cleaning & repairs of the Monument for the occasion.

Con-Acre Lettings- 1949.

A letter was read from M. Manning seeking refund of rent paid in respect of Meadow Land. The Council confirmed the Manager's decision that no refund was payable.

Public Pound.

Councillor Clarke referred to previous discussions at meetings, and suggested that a suitable Pound and Pound-keeper be sought by advertisement. The Town Clerk was instructed to have such advertisement issued.

Local Authorities (Works) Bill, 1949.

Circular L. P.A. 201/3 dated 29/7/49 from Department of Local Government was read and it was noted that certain proposed works could be put in hands at once to a value of 25% of the total proposals. The Town Clerk was instructed to notify the Department that works on Foreshore and Quay walls would be commenced.

Corporate Estate- Renewal of Lease to Kennedy, Finlay & others.

Further correspondence in this case was read, and it was decided to seek the advice of the Council's Law Agent.

Officers- Increase in Superannuation.

A circular from the Department of Local Government was read and it was noted that the Council had no officers to whom the circular applied.

J. O'Connell
6/9/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 6th. September, 1949

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors J. Brennan; L. Sutton; J. O'Connor;
C. W. Hudson; W. Clarke;
The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 5th. August, 1949, and the minutes of special meeting held on 23rd. August, 1949, which had been circulated to the members were confirmed and signed.

Corporate Estate: Letting of House at Strand Street (Store)

On application of William Hayden, Bond St., Wicklow for letting of house at Strand St., to be used as a store, the Town Surveyor reported that he had no objection. The Council agreed to the temporary letting, at a rent of one shilling per week plus rates, the Council's Law Agent to prepare a suitable agreement.

Housing: Letting of No. 8, St. Laurence Bungalows (vacated by Roche)

A report was submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health, placing applicants in the following order of urgency:-

- (1) Edmond O'Neill, 7, St. Laurence Road.
- (2) James O'Toole, 3, St. Laurence Road.
- (3) Joseph Byrne, 40, Castle St.
- (4) Charles Kavanagh, 3, Fitzwilliam Road.
- (5) Mrs E. Higgins, 26, Glenview Road.
- (6) Wm. J. Olohan, 16, High St.

The County Manager reported results of investigations as to the income of the applicant O'Neill.

It was learned that a vacancy would shortly arise at 32, Glenview Road, which was regarded as a more suitable house for Edmond O'Neill, and it was therefore decided that the resolution of the Council, passed at meeting on 23rd. August, recommending the letting to Charles Kavanagh, should not be altered.

Public Pound: In response to advertisement for Public Pound and Pound Keeper, one tender was received - from Reuben J. Dover, II, St. Dominick's Road, quoting a rent of £1- 5- 0 per week. This was considered an excessive figure, and the Council was instructed to inquire whether the quotation might be reduced.

Water-Mains Extension- Market Square to Summer Hill.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-
"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the borrowing of the sum of £3900 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over 25 years for the purpose of constructing extension of Water-Main from Market Square, Wicklow, to Summer Hill, Dunbar Road and Monkton Row."

Letter dated 26th. August 1949 from William Lee, 21, Upper Main St., Arklow, agreeing to waive the Prices Variation Clause attached to his tender. Noted.

Bank Overdraft- Capital Account.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved:-
"That we hereby authorise the borrowing from the Council's Treasurers of the sum of £11,000 (eleven thousand pounds) by way of a temporary overdraft on Capital Account to meet cost of erecting houses under the Housing Acts, pending receipt of instalment of loan from the Commissioners of Public Works".

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Amendment of Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:-

"That the Council's Scheme for making advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts be amended to read as follows:
"The market value of the house must not exceed £2000!
"The maximum loan which might be made is therefore £1600".

The Chairman referred to the discontent of borrowers with the amounts charged for legal expenses.

It was proposed by J. O'ohan, seconded by C. W. Hudson and resolved:-
"That we consider that the fees chargeable to borrowers by the Solicitors to Local Authorities in respect of examination and certification of titles, and the preparation and execution of Mortgage Deeds in respect of loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, as apparently allowed under scales determined under the Solicitors' Remuneration Acts and orders made thereunder are too high, and we consider that in order to facilitate persons who wish to avail of loans under the Acts, the Minister for Local Government should arrange for a reduction in the scale of fees applicable to legal work arising in connection with such loans.

Revision of Valuation. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-
"That we are strongly of the opinion that the practice whereby valuations of premises are increased whenever minor improvements are carried out is inequitable and deters persons from carrying out needed improvements and repairs, and places an undue burden on persons who desire to improve their business premises or dwellings.

Corporate Estate- Lease to John R. Bradshaw.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-
"That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Council's Seal to lease to John R. Bradshaw, The Mall, Wicklow, of plot of ground situate at South Quay, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1949, at a rent of £6-0-0 per annum, first payment falling due on 29th. September 1949."
The lease was executed by the Council.

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners- Repayment of Loan. Letter dated 24th. August, 1949 from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, in reply to the Council's Claim for refund of loan repayments made by the Council on foot of guarantee to the Commissioners of Public Works

The Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am to inform you that your letter of 21st. July, 1949 was placed before the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners at their meeting held on 23rd. August. I have been directed by the Harbour Commissioners to state that your letter has been marked "read".

Yours faithfully,
R.F.Conway.
Secretary.

This reply was considered unsatisfactory by the Council, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the claim again and press for payment.

Public Lighting: Communication from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners dated 24th August 1949, indicating their intention to pay cost of light-in the Harbour area when they are in a position to do so, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Industry and Commerce. Noted. The Clerk was instructed to inquire when the first payment under this head might be expected.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts- Advances.

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

"That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Council's Seal to the Mortgages on houses accepted as security on advances made under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in the cases of (1) John J. Owens (2) Francis M. Finlayson (3) Andrew J. Finlayson".
The respective mortgages and applications to register titles in Land Registry were executed.

Dunbur Road Sewerage Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government dated 3/9/49, indicating that no further grant could be allocated to this Scheme. The Town Clerk was instructed to make further application for grant, pointing out that the original scheme was extended.

Housing Repairs: Letter from Mrs Christina Byrne, 18, Fairview Rd., requesting repair of damage by flood resulting from overflow of cistern. Referred to Town Surveyor for report.

Wages: - Holiday pay for Carters. Letter from J. Clarke claiming payment for annual leave at full carters rate, only labourer's rate paid. Council consented to payment at carters rate for annual leave.

198 Monument. The following tenders were received for cleaning and restoring the 198 Monument in connection with centenary celebrations to be held on 18th. September 1949:

(1) W. H. Stephens, Rathnew.	£25- 0- 0
(2) W. Smith, Delgany.	£25- 0- 0
(3) W. Geoghegan, Arklow.	£29-10- 0

The tenders were referred to the Town Surveyor for examination of respective specifications; the work to be allotted to either Stephens or Smith at his discretion.

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

"That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £25. in excess of the provision made in the Annual Estimates for the year 1949/50 in order to meet the outlay arising from the repairing and cleaning of the '98 Monument at Market Square, Wicklow.

Housing Scheme- Report of Town Surveyor dated 6/9/49 noted, including "The Scheme for 20 Slum Clearance houses and 8 Better Type houses on Ballynerrin site was commenced on Friday, 2nd. September 1949."

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

"That we consider that the headquarters of the County Library should be in the town of Wicklow, and that suitable buildings for this purpose should be acquired or constructed, and furthermore, the present arrangement whereby the headquarters of the Library is located in Greystones should be terminated as soon as possible, and the headquarters restored to Wicklow.

Sympathy A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Paul Roche, and the Management and Staff of the "People Newspapers" Ltd. Wexford was passed in silence all members standing.

*J. O'Connell
4/10/49*

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th. October, 1949.

Present:- Councillor J. O'Lohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors L. Sutton; E. Kane; J. O'Connor; C.W. Hudson.

Minutes: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 6th. September, 1949 which had been circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed.

Housing Repairs: Councillor Hudson inquired what progress had been made regarding claim for damages received at last monthly meeting from Mrs Christina Byrne, 18, Fairview Road. The acting Town Clerk reported that the claim had been reported to the Council's Insurers for Public Liability and their investigations were proceeding.

Corporate Estate:- Lease to G. F. Nichols.

Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"that we hereby authorise the affixing of the Council's Seal to a lease to George F. Nichols, High St., Wicklow, of plot of ground containing 1 rood, 16 perches at Dunbur Road, numbered plot No. 16. on map, for a term of 75 years from the 29th. September, 1949, at a yearly rent of seven pounds ten shillings (£7-10-0) first payment falling due on 25th. March, 1950."

The lease was executed by the Council.

Lease to Peter J. Finnegan.

Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"that we hereby authorise the affixing of the Council's Seal to a lease to Peter J. Finnegan, 2, The Mall, Wicklow, of plot of ground containing 1 rood, 16 perches, numbered plot No. 15. on the map, for a term of seventy five years from 29th. September, 1949, at a yearly rent of seven pounds ten shillings (£7-10-0) the first payment falling due on 25th March, 1950."

The lease was executed by the Council.

Dunbur Sewerage Scheme: Letter dated 12/9/49 from Department of Local Government, stating that as intimated in the Department's letter of the 3rd. idem, it is not possible to allocate a supplementary grant towards the excess cost of the scheme. Noted.

Extension of Water-Main- Market Square to Summer Hill. etc. Read letter from Mr. William Lee, 14th. Sept. 1949.

"Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter 29th. Aug., stating that my tender has been accepted, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government for the carrying out of above contract, using asbestos pipes.

As pointed out when submitting my tender, these pipes will not be delivered for a period of from 12/18 months.

I have had a communication from the manufacturers of the spun iron pipes to-day, and they inform me that if the order is placed with them immediately they can deliver in 6 months.

I would be glad if you would put this matter before the Council, and let me have their views as soon as possible.

I would be glad in view of the urgency of the matter to hear from you as early as possible in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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The Town Surveyor, under date 20/9/49 reported:-
 "Having made inquiries as to the possibility of supply of asbestos pipes, I find that no guarantee of date of delivery can be given. In view of the fact that Spun Iron pipes can be procured in six months, provided order is placed immediately, I recommend that Messrs Lee's tender for Cast Iron Pipes be accepted."

Signed J. T. O'Byrne
20/9/49

The Council noted that the use of cast iron in lieu of A.C. pipes would entail an increase of £235 in the estimate. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of the sum of £4,100 (four thousand, one hundred pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over 25 years, for the purpose of constructing extension of water-main from Market Square, Wicklow, to Summer Hill, Dunbur Road and Monkton Row"

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts- Loan of £10,000 for making advances.

The Council approved draft mortgage and executed undertaking received from the Commissioners of Public Works.

Housing- Loan of £18,000 for 20 houses at Ballynerrin.

The Council approved draft mortgage and executed undertaking received from Commissioners of Public Works.

Loan of £12,000 for 8 houses at St. Patrick's Road.

The Council approved draft mortgage and executed undertaking received from the Commissioners of Public Works.

A report from the Clerk of Works on the progress of direct labour operations to date was read. It was noted that six bungalows at Cooper's Field would be completed in about two weeks. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, 12th. October, 1949 to consider applications for tenancies.

Revision of Valuations. Read letter from Commissioners of Valuation

20, Mean Foinhair, 1949

A Chara,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to refer to your letter of the 7th. inst., forwarding copy of resolution passed by your Council on the 6th. inst., regarding the revision of the valuations, and to inform you, that generally speaking, if local authorities, in accordance with their responsibility under section 4 of the Valuation (Ireland) amendment Act, 1954, regularly requested revisions of the valuations of buildings in their areas, such revisions as arise out of minor improvements or repairs would not result in large increases in valuations. Usually, however, this office finds that when a local authority requests a revision of the valuation of a premises, on account of minor improvements, the revising valuer has to take into account in addition to the improvements, the increase in letting values generally which has occurred since the valuation of the premises was revised previously. As you are aware, there has been no valuation of Wicklow Urban District since 1854, and consequently, most of the valuations in the Urban District are out of date.

Mise le meas,

Secretary.

Noted.

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Wicklow Harbour Commissioners: Further to proceedings at last meeting, the following letter was read from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners:-

Sept. 14th. 1949.

"Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 7th. Sept. 1949, I am directed by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to inform you that it was not the intention of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to show any discourtesy by their curt reply to your letter.

I am directed to state that the Commissioners regret that they are unable to make any payments to the Wicklow Urban District Council at present, as the revenue of the Harbour is very low and that they are just trying to keep the harbour going by doing small repairs, hoping to receive a State grant in the near future, to put the Quays in order. It is their intention if the revenue of the harbour improves their financial position, to make payments at their early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. Conway (Secretary).

The Council noted that this letter defined the attitude of the Harbour Commissioners satisfactorily, but it was held that the Commissioners should be in a position to commence making payments on foot of Council's claim. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

Town Hall- Framing of Photographs. The Manager referred to photographs and documents of historic interest which had been presented to the Council recently, and submitted quotations received for framing and glazing. The Council authorised the expenditure of £5-3-9 by acceptance of quotation of John Arigo & So Ltd., Dublin for the work.

Town and Regional Planning Acts: (1) Application of Mr. G.F. Nichols for permission to erect bungalow at Dunbur Road, and report of Town Surveyor stating that he had no objection to the plans. The Council approved granting of the permission.

(2) Application of Mr. A. H. Cushion on behalf of Col Lucas for permission to construct addition to bungalow at Sea View Road, and report of Town Surveyor that he had no objection to plans. The Council approved granting of permission.

Fire Brigade. Letter from the Secretary of Wicklow County Council was read:-

27th September, 1949

Conference in regard to improvements in
Fire-Fighting Services.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith copy of minutes of Conference held on 19th. September, 1949, between representatives of the County Council and Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Urban District Councils for the purpose of considering improvements in the Fire-Fighting Services in County Wicklow. You will note that the conference passed a resolution approving of the establishment of a unified Fire Brigade Service, the cost of which would be borne by the respective Councils in proportion to the value of the County Health District and Urban Districts. The Conference also recommended that a County Fire Officer should be appointed, who would be responsible for the training of personnel, upkeep of equipment, reporting on the adequacy of water-supply, and inspection of buildings throughout the entire administrative County.

The report of the Conference will be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council, which will be held on 10th. October, 1949. I should be obliged if you would inform me of the decision of your Urban District Council on the recommendations from the Conference at the earliest opportunity.

It was proposed by Councillor L. ⁴utton; seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the recommendations of the Conference held in Wicklow on 19th. September, 1949, that a unified Fire-Fighting Service for the County of Wicklow be established, the costs to be borne by the respective Councils in proportion to the valuations of the County Health District and the Urban District, but we consider that the costs of such unified service should be kept to a minimum".

Library: Arising out of the Council's resolutions at meeting of 6/9/49, a letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, enclosing report from the County Librarian which set out in detail the nature and extent of the library service provided at Wicklow Branch Library.

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

"That we reiterate our view that the headquarters of the County Library should be in the Town of Wicklow, and wish to indicate to the County Council that the use of the library at Greystones as a headquarters was a temporary measure only".

Electricity Supply Board: collection of accounts. The following letter was read:-

Wicklow,
14th. October, 1949.

Chairman and Members of Wicklow
Urban Council.

A Chairde,

During the past week, we, and several other consumers of the E.S.B. had our electric supply cut off, the reason given being that accounts were over-due.

Apart from a general circular issued over six months ago, about the new method of collection of accounts in Wicklow, no notice was given to any of these consumers, and the supply was peremptorily cut off, even the payment in full (and the cost of re-connection) was tendered when the omission was pointed out.

Apparently, the E.S.B. think so much of a penny circular to remind their consumers of accounts being overdue (and the cost of which or a much greater sum by way of penalty could be added to the account) that they will not arrange to have this done; they think nothing however of the inconvenience which their arbitrary action causes to their own consumers, the loss of reputation to a business-man, loss of trade, and even loss of food in preparation when the cutting-off takes place.

We consider that it is full time that the strongest possible protest should be made against such drastic, unfair and unbusiness like system. Ever since the electric light was introduced into Wicklow, there was a system of house-to-house collection, until about a year ago. Then orders were given that consumers had will-nilly to call to a petty little workshop, (not an office) at given hours on stated days, irrespective of whether these hours or days suited the convenience of their consumers, or of the distance which had to be travelled or the weather which obtained.

It has happened that people from the town or from Rural areas several miles away, have called to this so-called office to find the officials unable to be present, and have then to await their arrival in all weathers or call again. We are given to understand that Wicklow is the only town in the County with such a preposterous arrangement in force; that elsewhere the older system still obtains.

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With hundreds of customers, we consider that the E.S.B. should be obliged to provide adequate office accommodation, open all day, and a system by which notification should be given to consumers, the same as with any other business, and at least 24 hours notice prior to cutting off supply, and acceptance of the amount when tendered so as to avoid such necessity.

We request the Urban Council to voice the protest of the towns-people in this important matter.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas Quinn, Licensed Trader, Abbey St.
Laurence J. Smith, " " Leitrim Place.
Cecil Gellellie, Jeweller, Main St.
Wm. P. Roberts, Green Grocer, Abbey St.

A letter in similar terms from Mr. W. P. Roberts was read.

Councillor Hudson described how he personally had attended at the E.S.B. office many times for the purpose of paying his account and had failed to obtain admittance or attention.

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

"That we again ask the Electricity Supply Board to restore the house to house collection of accounts in the town of Wicklow. We regard the present premises which are used as an office as completely inadequate and unsuitable, and consider the system of collection at present in operation altogether unreasonable. We submit that house to house collection be restored without further delay, reasonable notice should be given to a consumer prior to cutting off the supply, and the amount due if tendered should be accepted so as to avoid the necessity for cutting off such supply. That copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Industry and Commerce, and to the Deputies and Senators for the County of Wicklow."

The clerk was instructed to send copies of the resolution to the Department of Industry and Commerce, the Electricity Supply Board, and to the Deputies and Senators for the County Wicklow.

E. S. B. Way-leave. Extension at Murrrough. Councillor Hudson referred to extension of H.T. line being erected by the E.S.B. at the Murrrough, particularly a transformer support over Parnell Bridge. It was agreed that the structure presented a most unsightly appearance detrimental to the scenic amenities of the sea-front and Murrrough and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the E. S. B. on the matter and to inquire whether the transformer could be sited farther north on the Murrrough, at the rear of the houses.

Corporate Estate: Termination of Yearly Tenancies. Read letter from Council's Solicitor 3/10/49 advising that Council are entitled to terminate leases without taking any further steps to terminate the existing tenancies, where the tenants are agreeable to take out new leases.

Read applications for leases from Henry Hamilton, Dominican Convent, Dorothy Wall, Angela Doyle, Margaret Clarke, and R. T. Killian.

It was noted that all the lands affected, with the exception of plot at North Quay occupied by R. T. Killian might be required at some time as building sites, and it was therefore decided not to grant leases in such cases, but to offer the tenants 11 months lettings, at the rents they now pay with option of renewal each year, Council's solicitor to advise whether this course is possible. In the case of R.T. Killian it was decided to grant a lease provided the boundaries of the plot are correctly defined and agreed with the Town Surveyor.

Public Pound. Read letter from Mr. M. Manning, High St., Wicklow:-

4/15/49

Dear Sir,

I wish to offer my yard at Dispensary Lane, Wicklow for use as a Public Pound. I would undertake to act as Pound-Keeper and provide yard etc for the sum of £10-0-0 per year

Yours faithfully,

M. Manning.

The Council decided to accept this offer provided the Town Surveyor is satisfied that the premises is suitable for the purpose.

Water- Supply. Monthly report of Overseer noted.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. Application of Mr. J. E. Cox for increased loan to meet the extra cost of additional fuel store to house at New Park Road. Certificate of Town Surveyor that Market value of house would thereby be increased to £1900.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That advance of £1500 to James E. Cox on security of new house at New Park Road is approved, and that seal of Council be affixed to Mortgage submitted by Council's Solicitor securing repayment of loan of £1500 by a charge on the premises at NewPark Road, Wicklow and to the application for first registration of title.

Letter from Department of Local Government dated 19/9/49 acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution of 6/9/49 regarding legal charges to borrowers under the Acts. Noted.

Housing- Keeping of Goats by Tenants. Noted report by Rent Collector that he had served the necessary notices on the following tenants:- Edward O'Brien, Kilmantin Road; C. Dunne, Glenview Road; Thos Kelly, Glenview Road; M. McGrainor, Glenview Road; Mrs McCarthy, Glenview Road; Mrs. M. Briesh, Glenview Road; David Doyle, Glenview Road.

The Council instructed that notices to Quit should be issued if tenants persisted in keeping goats.

Resolution of Sympathy. Read letter from Manager of "The People Newspapers"

9th. September, 1949

Dear Sir,

Will you please convey to the members of your Council our high appreciation of their action in voting sympathy to the relatives of our late Manager, Mr. Paul Roche, and the management and staff of "The Wicklow People".

Mrs Roche desires me to express her great gratitude. The sympathy extended to her is helping her to bear the heavy cross that Providence has placed on her.

Yours sincerely,

M.J. Lucking.
Manager.

Noted.

J. O'Connell
11/11/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th. October 1949.

Present- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors J. Brennan; E. Kane; W. Clarke; R. B. Haskins;
L. Sutton; J. O'Connor; C. W. Hudson.
The County Manager was in attendance.

Housing- Loan of £18000 for erection of 20 houses at Ballynerrin.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor R. B. 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 £18000, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1948, for the purpose of erecting 20 houses at Ballynerrin."

The Mortgage was executed by the Council.

Loan of £12000 for erection of 8 houses at St. Patrick's Rd.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor R. B. 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 £12000, proposed to be advanced to us by them under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1948 (erection of eight houses at St. Patrick's Rd.) The Mortgage was then executed by the Council.

Loan of £10000 for making advances under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor R. B. 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 £10000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts 1899 to 1948."

The Mortgage was then executed by the Council.

Resolution from Kerry County Council.

The Secretary of Kerry County Council forwarded the following resolution passed by the Kerry County Council on 3rd October, 1949.

"That we the Kerry County Council at a special meeting summoned for the purpose, congratulate Senator of Montana, U. S. A., and the other members of both houses of the United States Congress on their stand against the imposition and maintenance by the British Government of the unjust partition of our country.

That we convey to Senator Murray and the other members of the Congress above referred to, the sincere gratitude of the Irish People for their friendly interest in the question of the unjust Partition of Ireland and for bringing it to the attention of the people of the United States of America.

That we request the Minister for External Affairs to send copies of this resolution to Senator Murray and the American Press".

This resolution was approved unanimously.

Corporate Estate. Renewal of lease to the Repts. A. Kennedy.

Further correspondence in this case was noted by the Council. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Rate Collector regarding arrears of rates which were outstanding as the result of this dispute.

Wicklow Chamber of Commerce. The following letter was read:-

October 12th. 1949

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that in view of the attempted development of Wicklow, as a residential area to Dublin, one of the first improvements which would be needed would be the securing of a more satisfactory train service between Wicklow and Dublin, particularly an early morning train from Wicklow. Other matters concerning transport between Wicklow and Dublin, and out of Wicklow generally, having been discussed, the members decided that a deputation to the C.I.E. would be the most satisfactory way of dealing with the problem. A suggestion was also made that the deputation might be accompanied by Mr. Ashley Browne, who has other plans in connection with this proposed development of Wicklow as a residential area to Dublin.

I am directed to request the support of the Wicklow Urban District Council in this matter, and to inquire if the Council would consider appointing a representative to accompany this deputation when arranged.

Mise le meas, etc.

The Council decided that either Councillor W. Clarke or Councillor E. Kane would represent the Council on the proposed deputation to C. I. E.

Housing- Cooper's Field- Selection of Tenants.

From a list of 38 applicants, the Medical Officer of Health recommended the following in order of priority:-

- (1) Mrs N. O'Neill, 7, St. Laurence Road.
- (2) Edward Kelly, 34, Castle St.,
- (3) Robert Kearns, High St., Wicklow
- (4) Joseph Byrne, 40, Castle St.
- (5) J. O'Toole, 3, St. Laurence Road.
- (6) John Keogh, Quarantine Hill.
- (7) Richard Keddy, 4, St. Kevin's Terrace.
- (8) Michael Hollingsworth, Kilmantin Hill.
- (9) Joan Smeltzer, Castle St.
- (10) M. Hodgkinson, 16, Glenview Road.
- (11) Andrew Dunne, 19, High St.
- (12) J. J. Murphy, Arva Cottage.
- (13) F. Ahearne, Kilmantin Hill.

The Council having regard to the doctor's recommendation selected the following applicants from the list:-

- (1) E. O'Neill, to be accommodated in 32 Glenview Road, from which the present tenant, Gerald Vickers would be transferred to new house at Cooper's Field.
- (2) William Conway to be transferred to new house at Coopers Field from 2, Dunbur Terrace, which would thereby be available for an applicant in a position to pay the revised rent of 13/11 (thirteen shillings and eleven pence) weekly.

- (3) Robert Kearns, High St.
- (4) Joseph Byrne, 40, Castle St.
- (5) James O'Toole, 3, St. Laurence Road.
- (6) John Keogh, Quarantine Hill.
- (7) Michael Hollingsworth, 4, Kilmantin Hill.
- (8) Richard Keddy, to be transferred to new (and larger) house from 4, St. Kevin's Terrace which would then be available for Edward Kelly, 34 Castle St.
- (9) Mrs Joan Smeltzer, Castle St.
- (10) Mrs. M. Hodgkinson.
- (11) Andrew Dunne, 19, High St.
- (12) John J. Murphy, Arva Cottage.
- (13) Frank Ahearne, Kilmantin Hill.
- (14) F. Bingham, Castle St.
- (15) Charles Byrne, The Mall.
- (16) James Bonus, C/O Mrs Fogarty, Summer Hill.
- (17) Michael Malone, 4, Lower Monkton Row.
- (18) James Doyle, Convent Road.
- (19) Mark Conway, Quarantine Hill.

It was noted that of the 18 houses only six would, in the near future be ready for occupation. From the above list the following were selected as tenants for the first six bungalows completed:-

- (1) William Conway; (2) Charles Byrne; (3) Gerald Vickers; (4) James Bonus; (5) M. Hollingsworth; (6) Frank Ahearne.

Naming of Streets. It was decided to defer for consideration at next meeting the selection of names and numbers for the new streets and houses.

P. O'Leary
1/11/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Minutes of Monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 1st. November, 1949.

Present- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding
Councillors J. Brennan, L. Sutton, J. O'Connor, J. Kane,
and R.B. Haskins.

Minutes. The minutes of monthly meeting held on 4th. October, 1949,
and of special meeting held on 12th. October, 1949, which had been cir-
culated to the members were confirmed and signed.

Corporate Estate: Letting of Murrrough. The Wicklow Town Football Club
wrote requesting letting of the playing field at the Murrrough for such
home games as might be arranged during the season, and also requested the
Council to erect fence on two sides of playing pitch. A deputation from
the Club (Messrs John Conway, Hon Sec., W. P. White, F. Kearney) attend-
ed in support of the request, and the Council, having been assured that
probably 16 games would be played during the season, decided unanimously
to grant both applications. The Town Surveyor estimated the cost of erecting
fence at about £30. Expenditure of this amount was agreed to.

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Read the following letter from Wicklow
Harbour Commissioners:-

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

Patrick Maguire Esq.,
Acting Town Clerk,
Town Hall, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to inform you
that they are prepared to pay a sum of £20-0-0 for the filling in of pot-
holes and resurfacing of South Quay. As you are aware, you have a lot of
property on the South Quay which brings in good revenue to the Urban Council,
and the Harbour Commissioners are of the opinion that the Wicklow Urban
District Council should contribute generously towards the repairs of the
South Quay Road.

Hoping you will be able to do repairs at an early date. I have been
directed by the Harbour Commissioners to inform you that they are going
to pay you £5-0-0 per quarter to reduce their account, and hope to increase
same if the revenue of the harbour improves.

I herewith enclose a Pay-Order for £5-0-0 in payment of first instal-
ment.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. Conway.
Secretary.

The Council agreed to carry out the work of repairing road at South Quay,
£20 to be recouped by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners; noted arrangements
to pay £5-0-0 per quarter in reduction of the Council's claim for repay-
ment of loans.

Electricity Supply Board. Collection System. Arising out of resolution
passed at meeting of Council held on 4th. October, 1949, the following
letter from the Electricity Supply Board was read:-

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27, Lower Fitzwilliam St.
Dublin.
12th. October, 1949.

Acting Town Clerk,
Wicklow Urban District Council
Town Hall, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th. inst.,
The original purpose of extending the collectors' attendance at Kilmartin
Hill was to facilitate rural consumers residing at Kilbride who otherwise
would have had to post their payments to Dublin. This decision led, naturally
to an examination of the collection arrangement in Wicklow town where
personal calls were being made in addition to office attendance.

It is the Board's experience in other centres that personal calls
are not ultimately advantageous either to the consumers or to itself, and
it found a similar position in Wicklow. These calls could not be made at
regular dates, or with prior notice, and more often than not the consumers
had not the money readily available. Further calls were then necessary be-
fore payment was secured. It was also significant there had been an in-
creased tendency to pay direct to the office. It was obvious that the dup-
licate arrangement was uneconomic, and for preference the hours of attend-
ance at the office were extended. The saving in cost which has resulted is
attractive and, unless your Council can suggest a more satisfactory alterna-
tive, there would not appear to be good grounds for altering the present
arrangements.

Electricity accounts are furnished subsequent to the period
during which the use of the supply has been enjoyed and are payable on
presentation. The Board is pleased to record that only a small minority
of the consumers in Wicklow carry forward arrears. These should co-operate
by paying a little more promptly and for the general advantage of all.

The Board appreciates the interest which you Council has
taken in the matter, and it will be glad to examine carefully any suggestions
in this matter or similar matters which you may wish to make.

Yours faithfully,
(Secretary)

Councillor Haskins said that he strongly disagreed with the resolution of
the 4th. October, and regretted that he was not present at that meeting,
to point out to the objectors that the system of collection was adequate,
and that they should pay their just debts. After discussion it was agreed
that the system of collection would be generally satisfactory if a proper
office was established situated centrally in the town and open each day
from 10.A.M. to 5-30 P.M. The clerk was instructed to transmit the views
of the Council to the Board.

E.S.B. Wayleave- Extension at Murrrough. Further to objection raised at
meeting on October 4th. 1949 the following letter was read:-

Dublin No 2 District Office
41, Merrion Sq., Dublin.

Acting Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

Re- High Tension Line at the Murrrough.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., I am to point out that
the above line and transformer station were necessary to improve the supply
to the town.

The transformer station erected is the most suitable type for the
above purpose and many similar structures are in use in built up areas
throughout the country.

It is essential to site the transformer equipment as close as possi-
ble to the load centre, and moving it back, as you suggest, would serious-
ly militate against the best possible result for the consumers affected.

Yours faithfully
(District Engineer).

The Town Surveyor reported that he had personally objected to the Board's Engineers about the siting of this and other equipment and hoped shortly to arrange a conference with them to discuss possible alterations. It was decided to await the out-come of the Surveyor's representations.

The Council instructed that all future applications for way-leaves should be submitted to a meeting of the Council.

Resolution from Castleblaney U.D.C. The following resolution circulated by Castleblaney U.D.C. was adopted unanimously:-

"That the Government be requested to pass legislation extending the repayment period of Loans raised for Housing purposes to 75 years, thus reducing the annual loan charges and enable local authorities to let houses erected under the Housing Acts at weekly rents which will be within the capacity of tenants of the working classes to pay"

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and all Housing Authorities **in Eire**"

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. Application of Patrick P. Finlayson for advance of £1600 in respect of house proposed to be built at Summer Hill. Decided that advance up to 80% of Surveyor's valuation of house could be made.

Naming of New Streets at Coopersfield. It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded and Councillor Brennan :-

That new roadway with 12 new Council Houses in Cooper's Field be called "Castle Park", and that 6 new houses fronting on thoroughfare now known as Cooper's Lane be called "Castle Avenue"

Amendment was proposed by Councillor O'Connor, seconded by Councillor "That 12 houses be called "Bawn Road" and 6 houses at Cooper's Lane be called "Cooper's Road".

There voted for the amendment- Councillor O'Connor & Councillor Haskins. Against- Councillors Brennan, Sutton & Kane.

The amendment was declared lost.

There voted for the resolution- Councillors Brennan, Sutton, Kane, against Councillors O'Connor & Haskins.

The resolution was declared carried.

Councillor O'Connor suggested that the name of Wentworth Place should be changed to Franciscan Place or O'More Place. It was decided to defer this matter to another meeting.

Local Authorities (Works) Act 1949. Read letter from Department of Local Government:-

Department of Local Govt.
(Roads)
Custom House, Dublin.
22nd Oct. 1949

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the schemes submitted for consideration under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, and to state that he has approved of proposal No. 2 for the cleaning of the river over and under the roadway. Work on this scheme may now be put in hands. It will be condition of the grant that only the cost of the work done will be met therefrom, and recoupment will not be made in respect of such items as the cost of land acquisition, compensation for damages, engineering fees or other such expenses. Before allocating a grant towards the cost of this work, the Minister desires to ascertain whether any items of a non-recoupable nature are included in the estimate of £800. The grant will be made available on the conditions included in the attached draft letter.

In regard to the scheme for the repair to Quay Walls estimated to cost £3,675, I am to request that you will submit a detailed report on the proposal, indicating the extent of the Harbour Commissioners' liability for executing the necessary repairs, and why it is considered that the work can be undertaken by the Urban District Council. At the same time form RPR/I, copy of which is attached should be completed and returned.

It is also desired to ascertain whether all the work now proposed on this scheme can be executed and completed within the current year. If not the amount which can be completed by that date should be indicated, and a revised estimate for this portion of the work should be furnished. Any items of a non-recoupable nature should be excluded from the estimate furnished.

In regard to proposal No. 1 for the repair of the walls and groynes, I am to state that approval of this work has been deferred pending further investigation and examination.

Mise le meas,

B. Nolan.

Noted. The Surveyor reported that work on Scheme No 2 would commence without delay, and that revised proposal for repairs to Quay Walls to cost about £1500 in the current year would be submitted.

School Meals 1949/50. The Town Clerk reported that Scheme for School Meals was formulated as in previous years and had commenced as from 31st. Oct. 1949. Noted.

Cheap Fuel Scheme 1949/50. The Town Clerk reported on the submission of the Scheme to the Department of Social Welfare; supply of machine-won turf to commence as from Nov. 4th. 1949. Noted.

Corporate Estate- Termination of Yearly Tenancies. Read letter dated 31st. Oct., 1949 from (1) Dorothy Wall (2) Henry J. Hamilton, applying for 11 months lettings of lands which they hitherto held as yearly tenants. It was decided to grant 11 months lettings to these applicants, and to serve notice to quit on the other yearly tenants.

Corporate Estate: Lease of plot at North Quay- R. T. Killian. Further to discussion at meeting held on 4th. October, 1949, the Town Surveyor submitted map showing boundaries of plot desired by R. T. Killian.

It was proposed by Councillor Haskins, seconded by Councillor Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to the granting of a lease for a term of 31 years to Mr. R. T. Killian of a plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, measuring approximately 1 Rood, 20 perches, and shown on map submitted by Town Surveyor; the rent to be £6-0-0 per annum, and the plot to be enclosed by a wall and used as a yard for storage purposes only; no buildings or any structure to be erected on the plot unless with the consent of the Council in writing". An amendment proposed by Councillor O'Connor making the rent £7-0-0 per annum, did not receive a seconder.

An application from Mr. R. T. Killian for variation of ^{lease} ~~land~~ at North Quay already leased from the Council was referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Mr. J. Toner. The Council's Solicitor reported that Mr. J. Toner had decided not to proceed with his application for lease of plot at Dunbur Road. Noted. The Clerk was directed to invite applications for lease of this plot as building site.

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Public Pound- Read report of Surveyor on premises offered as Public Pound by Mr. M. Manning, High St.:-

1st. November, 1949

P. Maguire Esq.,
A/Town Clerk,

Re- Public Pound- Wicklow Urban District.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 5th. ult. I have inspected the yard offered by Mr. M. Manning, High St., Wicklow for use as a Public Pound, and I regret that I cannot recommend it having regard to the fact that it is used at present by Mr. Manning in connection with his business as a Milk Vendor, and is occupied by 6 or 7 cows, and consequently, the gateway would be frequently open and there would be no definite lock-up, suitable to conform with the regulations for a pound.

Mr. Manning has offered a lock-up shed, but I considered that it was too small and unsuitable.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.
Town Surveyor.

Noted. The Council decided that Mr. Manning should be informed that his tender was unacceptable.

Housing Repairs. Letter from Mrs Kavanagh, tenant of Council's house at No. 6, The Murrough, was read, asking the Council to have her house wired for electric light.
Granted.

Gas Supply. The Chairman referred to complaints about the quality and price of the town gas supply. The Clerk was directed to inform the Wicklow District Gas Company of the complaints.

Resignation of Veterinary Inspector. Read letter dated 1/11/49 from Mr. J. Wolohan M.R.C.V.S., tendering his resignation as from 8th. Nov. 1949 in order to take up an appointment with the Department of Agriculture. It was decided to accept the resignation as from 8th. November, 1949, and to convey to Mr. Wolohan the congratulations of the Council on his new appointment.

Water-Supply. Monthly report of Water-works Overseer noted.

Extension of Water-Main. Read letter from Department of Local Government:-

Department of Local Govt.
Custom House,
Dublin.

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

A. Chera,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the proposed extension of water-mains at Market Square etc., I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that no objection will be raised to the terms of the Manager's Order dated 22nd. September, 1949 relative to the acceptance in the higher sum of tender amounting to £3636- 5- 0 for the carrying out of the work using spun iron pipes. It should be noted that the grant of £1285, already notified on an estimated cost of £3,663 is the maximum grant which can be made available towards the cost of the scheme, and no increase in the grant can be allowed as a result of increased cost resulting from the use of spun iron pipes instead of asbestos cement pipes.

I am to add that a recommendation is being addressed to the Commissioners of Public Works in regard to the raising of a loan of £2815 from the Local Loans fund to defray the balance of expenditure on the scheme.

Noted.

Misc le meas etc.

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New Convent Road. Correspondence was read regarding negotiations in progress for completion of new Convent Road and acquisition of land. The Clerk was directed to request the Council's Solicitor to expedite the matter as far as possible.

P. O'Byrne
6/12/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd. November 1949.

Present- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors James Everett T.D.; L. Sutton; W. Clarke; E. Kane;
R. B. Haskins; J. O'Connor; C. W. Hudson.
The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were in attendance.

Corporate Estate.

- (I) Factory Site at North Quay.- An application was read from Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd., for leases of lands at North and South Quays for use as proposed Factory Sites, the lands being:-
(1) at North Quay, plot adjoining Packet Pier.
(2) at South Quay, space known as "Mill Yard" and adjoining vacant space, formerly site of a Bakery.
- (I) Councillors Haskins and Hudson reported that a meeting of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had been held prior to the meeting of the Council, and having considered evidence that the plot at North Quay was the property of the Harbour Commissioners by virtue of a lease from the Board of Trade, the Harbour Commissioners had agreed to grant a lease insofar as lay in their powers. Messrs Van-Den-Berg and Clarke, representing the proposed Company, attended the meeting by invitation, and were heard to declare that the plot at the North Quay would be used as part of a factory for importing and processing fertilizers, and if agreement could be reached for the lease, it was hoped to commence operations on a small initial scale during the present winter and spring.
- It was decided that a committee of the Council should consult with the Harbour Commissioners and the applicants on the ground at 11-30. A.M. on the morrow, to agree on the maximum space available for lease, and to make recommendations to the Council at the next monthly meeting; the Chairman, with Councillors Haskins, Hudson, O'Connor, Sutton and Kane were named as constituting the Committee.
- (2) Factory Site at South Quay. Messrs Clarke and Van-Den-Berg declared that it was their intention to form a company to erect and conduct a weaving factory on the plot at South Quay, utilising both native and imported wool, commencing initially on a small scale, and hoping to expand when native operators had been trained. The Council, being disposed to grant the application for lease, and discovering that portion of the property was already let to Loughlin Sutton as monthly tenant, it was agreed that the application be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the Council.

Corporate Estate- (Building Site at Dunbur Road. It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to the lease for a term of 75 years to Mr. J. J. Mooney of plot of ground measuring 1 rood, 17 perches or thereabouts, Statute Measure, being plot No 2 on the map, on Corporation Lands at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, at a yearly rent of £7-10-0; the lessee to erect thereon, within a period of twelve months a dwelling house and out-offices in accordance with plans approved by the Council."

Town Hall- Office Records. The Manager reporting that certain old records and maps in the Town Hall were in danger of perishing, it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the expenditure necessary for binding of old Minute Books and the tracing and reprinting of map dated 1838 of the Town of Wicklow."

Corporate Estate- House at The Mall. An application from E. Kennedy, M. E. Finlay, and John Kennedy for renewal of lease of house at The Mall was read. The Council agreed that there would be no objection to the renewal which was deferred for formal consideration at the next meeting.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

- (I) Application from Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., for permission to erect shed at North Quay.
- The Council agreed that there was no objection to granting permission provided that it was understood that the Council would not be taken as agreeing to any infringement of a right of way that might occur.
- (2) Application from John P. Butler, Architect for Clarke Delahunty & Co., for permission for alterations and additions to the "Green Tree", Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
Granting of permission approved.
- (3) Application from Patrick P. Finlayson for permission to erect house at Summer Hill.
Granting of permission approved.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. Application from Patrick P. Finlayson for advance in respect of house at Summer Hill. The Manager stated that after careful consideration he had decided that an advance of £1450 should be made in this case.
Approved.

Water-Main Extension. The Clerk submitted application from Wm. Lee, contractor, requesting that he be allowed to give security for the performance of his contract by personal securities in lieu of insurance bond as provided in the contract documents, and advice of Council's Solicitor that there could be no objection if solvent securities were offered, and if the contractor gave the Council agreed allowance for the insurance bond to be deducted from the contract sum. Personal securities approved on the conditions set out by the Council's Solicitor.

Housing- Rents at Dunbur Terrace. The Manager referred to the Council's previous resolution deciding that rents of Council houses falling vacant should be increased by 50%, and showed that in the case of No. 2., Dunbur Terrace, the new rent including rates would thereby be increased to 13/11 weekly. Since the 10 houses at Dunbur Terrace have no bathrooms, it was decided that the rents of these ten houses would not be increased if a vacancy should occur.

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