

MINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING
OF THE WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
Held on March 30th, 1950.

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

Illness of Chairman. Read letter dated 29/3/1950 from Mr. John Olohan, Chairman of the Council, intimating his regret at his inability to attend the meeting owing to illness. The presiding Chairman paid tribute to the manner in which Councillor Olohan had at all times devoted his energies and knowledge to the advancement of the Council's interests, and wished him a speedy recovery from his illness. The other members of the Council having associated themselves with the presiding Chairman's remarks, it was decided to convey to Mr. Olohan the sentiments of the Council as expressed at the meeting.

Examination of Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year 1950/51.

On the County Manager's suggestion it was agreed to continue the practice of former years and to examine each item appearing on the Estimates.

Urban Roads. The Council examined the list of proposed works, estimated to cost £684, as submitted by the Town Surveyor, and approved of the works to be carried out with the following funds:-

Allowed by Council for new works	£50- 0- 0
Government Grant by way of Employment Scheme	£325- 0- 0
	£375- 0- 0

The works approved were:-

	£	s	d
St. Kevin's Road- Rolling and Tarring.	80-	0-	0
Hillside Road - Resurfacing	42-	0-	0
Blackcastle Road- Do	35-	0-	0
Brickfield Lane - Improvement	68-	0-	0
Dunbur Terrace and St. Doninick's Rd. (Footpaths)	54-	0-	0
Castle Street Do	28-	0-	0
Bond Street Do	20-	0-	0
Lower Monkton Row and Castle St.	38-	0-	0
Bachelors Walk Do	10-	0-	0
	£375-	0-	0

Concrete Roadway at Murrrough. Read letter dated 21/3/1950 from the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd. acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 8th, March, 1950, in regard to the proposed extension of the concrete roadway on the Murrrough, Wicklow and indicating that the company would be prepared to contribute a maximum sum of £100 towards the cost of the road. The Manager pointed out that the provision of the road was estimated by the Town Surveyor to cost £2700. The loan charge on a loan of £2000 would cost about £240 per annum (over 6d. in the £). The Manager also pointed out that no rates are derived from the Company's Industrial buildings, which are outside the Urban Area. After discussion it was decided that no action be taken in the matter. It was agreed however that the Company could be asked if they would contribute to the Council an amount yearly, equivalent to the loan charges, and that the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce be informed of the position.

Increase of Wages- Council's Employees. The County Manager referred to the letter which had been received from Irish Transport and General Workers Union requesting that the wages of the labourers and carter employed by the Council be increased by 15/8 per week, and pointed out that the Council had already decided that a final decision in the matter would be made at the Estimates Meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, on the proposition of Councillor R. Haskins, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Council recommended an increase of 9/- per week, such increase to be effective as from 1st, April, 1950, and provision for such increase to be included in the Estimates for 1950/51.

The reduction from £684 to £50 for New Works, and the increase in wages consequent on the Council's decision resulted in the amount estimated by the Manager in respect of Urban Roads being reduced by £587 (viz from £1266 to £697)

Sanitary Services.

Public Sanitary Convenience. The Council decided to delete the sum of £25 included for the provision of New Sanitary Convenience at Market Sq.

1950 Regional Water-Supply Scheme- Loan Charge. The Council reduced the amount under this heading from £150 to £100, and taking into account increased wages as a result of these reductions, the amount adopted by the Council for Sanitary Services viz. £3382, was £37 less than the amount estimated by the Manager (viz £3455).

Proposed Water Main on North Quay. Read letter dated 7/3/1950 from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners requesting the Council to extend the water-service on North Quay from its present position adjacent to the premises of Mr. R. T. Killian to a point adjoining the west end of the Harbour Stores.

Read letter dated 30/3/1950 from Town Surveyor stating that his estimate of £230 was for the provision of a 4" main from Bend St. He now suggested however, that the old 3" main could be extended to the Harbour Stores and that the cost of this main (approx 115 lin. yds) and of the necessary hydrant would be £109.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council would have no objection to the provision of such an extension provided that the cost would be borne by the Harbour Commissioners, and that the Commissioners would be liable for metre rent and the standard charge per 1000 gallons for the quantity of water used by them.

Housing Services.

Maintenance and Repair. The amount provided under this heading was reduced by £80, i.e. from £480 to £400. The total estimated by the Manager for Housing Services was correspondingly reduced from £9682 to £9602.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Tourist Development. On the Chairman's recommendation the sum of £37, representing Id. in the £ was included as the Council's contribution towards Tourist Development.

This sum together with increase in wages resulted in the Manager's estimated expenditure of £9934 for General Urban Purposes being increased by £60 to £9994.

Proposed Mass Path. The Town Surveyor informed the Council that the estimated cost of a Mass Path, the provision of which had been recommended at the meeting of the Council held on 7/3/1950 was £105. This sum would include £20 for two gates. After discussion it was decided to defer action in the matter.

RECEIPTS.

The total receipts estimated by the Manager, viz. £10,323 were adopted by the Council.

As a result of the alterations made by the Council the following was the position regarding the summary of Charges:-

	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>			<u>Receipts.</u>			<u>Nett.</u>		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Roads	679-	0-	0	40-	0-	0	639-	0-	0
Sanitary Services	3382-	0-	0	115-	0-	0	3267-	0-	0
Housing Services	9602-	0	0	7933-	0-	0	1669-	0-	0
General Urban Purposes	9994-	0-	0	2235-	0-	0	7759-	0-	0
	<u>£23,657-</u>	<u>0-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£10,323</u>			<u>£13,334-</u>	<u>0-</u>	<u>0</u>

Total requirements to be met by Rate levy
Municipal rate of Id. in the £. produces £13334-0-0
36-19-11

Rate in the £. to meet total requirements
of £13334-0-0 30/- in the £.

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

"That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration, we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st. March, 1951 as set out in Tables A, B, & C. thereof and that we determine the rate set out in Column C (eight) of Table C. of the Estimates adopted by us viz. Municipal Rate of 30/- in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending March 31st, 1951".

Manager and Staff Congratulated. The presiding Chairman and the other members of the Council paid tribute to the County Manager for the excellent manner in which the Estimates had been presented. The Manager stated that all officers and employees of the Council had given satisfactory service during the preceding twelve months.

C. W. Anderson
2/5/50

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
March 31st. 1950.

To/
The Chairman and Members of the
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A. Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, April 4th. 1950 at 7-30. P.M. You are requested to attend.

A G E N D A.

- 1 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 7th. March, 1950 (copy herewith).
- 2 Resolution from Killarney U.D.C. re Income Tax on Ground Rents.
- 3 Resolution from Castlebar U. D. C. re Travelling Shops.
- 4 Resolution from Monaghan U.D.C. re Ground Rents.
- 5 Circular letter of 25/3/50 from National Protest Committee re Sales of British Publications in Ireland.
- 6 Report re Foreshore Repairs.
- 7 Letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce re names of streets.
- 8 Correspondence re proposed water-mains extension scheme.
- 9 Execution of Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council in connection with re-organisation of Fire-Brigade Service.
- 10 Letter from Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association re house for Jubilee Nurse.
- 11 Selection of tenant for new bungalow at Cooper's Field.
- 12 Correspondence re lease of site at Dunbur Road to John J. Mooney.
- 13 Circular letter H. 20/50 of 27/3/1950 from Department of Local Government re Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950.
- 14 Reports re Water-Rents.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Callaigh
Cleircach an Bhaile.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING- Held on April 4th. 1950

Present:- Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) presiding; Councillors J. Brennan; L. Sutton; J. O'Connor; and J. Everett, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs. The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th. Mar, 1950 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

INCOME-TAX ON GROUND RENT: The following resolution received from Killarney Urban District Council was adopted by the Council:-

"That the Government be requested to introduce legislation providing for an Income Tax of twenty five per cent on all Ground-Rents payable to absentee landlords, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all other Councils for adoption".

TRAVELLING SHOPS: The Council adopted the following resolution received from Castlebar Urban District Council:-

"That we the Castlebar Urban District Council, call on the Government to prohibit trading by Travelling Shops, as they are destroying business and creating unemployment in every town in the country".

GROUND RENTS: The following resolution received from Monaghan Urban District Council was marked "Read".

"That the Government be requested to introduce legislation to abolish Ground Rents and to give the tenants the preference of buying out same at a ten year's purchase. That copy of this resolution be sent to all Municipal Authorities and to the Dail Representatives for County Monaghan".

SALE OF BRITISH PUBLICATIONS IN IRELAND: Read circular letter dated 23/3/1950, from National Protest Committee, 196, Sraid an Phiarsaigh, Ath Cliath, protesting against the growing sales of British Publications in Ireland, and requesting the Council to assist them in their endeavour to have all alien publications imported by licence and subject to a quota which would give the Irish Publishing Industry the opportunity to expand, and dominate the Irish Market. **Noted.**

FORESHORE REPAIRS: Read report from Town Surveyor concerning the progress of repairs being carried out to the Foreshore Protection Works. The report stated that it was proposed to continue the construction of chain blocks and buttresses and then it was proposed to request the Department of Local Government to make a further grant of £600. The Surveyor also pointed out that a very serious breach had occurred in the old promenade wall near the "Royal" Dance Pavilion.

The report stressed the necessity for a comprehensive scheme of Protection Works along the beach as far North as the Chemical Works. Such a scheme should be prepared and submitted to the Department for sanction as soon as possible. In this connection the Town Surveyor requested the approval of the Council to his recommendation that a Consultant Engineer be engaged to co-operate with him in the preparation of such plans. He suggested that Mr. S. N. Murphy be engaged for such purpose.

After discussion it was decided- Councillor Everett dissenting- to request the Town Surveyor to prepare a scheme for submission to the Department. The Surveyor stated that the preparation of such plans would inevitably entail considerable delay but that he would complete them as soon as possible.

STREET NAMES:- Read letter dated 24/3/1950 from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce asking the Council to display more prominently the names of the streets in Wicklow town and recommending that (1) existing signs be painted; (2) that new signs be provided wherever necessary (3) that the names of the streets be given in both English and Irish.

After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until an estimate of cost of painting and restoration would be available.

WATER MAINS EXTENSION CONTRACT. Read the following letter from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-
Dear Sir,

The Committee of the above have directed me to write you in connection with a report appearing in the Wicklow People of the 18th. March, on the proceedings of a meeting held by the U.D.C. on the 7th. inst. According to the report, this Union was severely criticised by the Chairman and another member of the Council. I wish to say at the outset that the Local Branch of my Union takes the strongest exception to the remarks passed by the two Councillors concerned. In our opinion, it was an unwarranted attack on the efforts of an Irish Trade Union in its legitimate efforts to obtain a just and living wage for our Local Workmen.

The statement inferring that this Union is sabotaging industrial development in the town is a charge which we consider a very serious one, particularly coming from a Public Representative. It is a statement which we cannot let pass unchallenged and would be glad to be informed whether this is the considered opinion of the Council as a whole, or merely an irresponsible observation by one of its members. Are we to take it that our efforts to secure a reasonable rate of wages and working conditions for a large section of our townspeople do not meet with the approval of our Councillors? Is it their considered opinion that by so-doing they are retarding progress in the town and is it their desire that our labourers should offer their hire for starvation wages?

If the situation were not so serious it would be laughable. The Councillor concerned must have a very short memory, as apparently he is overlooking the circumstances which resulted in the recent removal of a thriving industry from the town, and we must take it therefore that he is more concerned with the supply of water to certain Council members than for the general welfare of our townspeople.

As regards industrial disputes, I would draw the attention of the Council to the fact that most of our members are employed in large establishments and industries in the town with which some of the Councillors are closely connected. Can they say that at any time we were responsible for unreasonable disputes or that we impeded progress in any way. We know the answer is in the negative.

My committee desires me to request that you would be good enough to bring this letter to the notice of the Council at the first opportunity, and I would be glad of a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely, Andy Brien.

A protracted discussion concerning the issues involved ensued. Finally, it was agreed that the Council should arrange for the attendance of the contractor, Mr. William Lee, Arklow, and representatives of the Union at a conference to be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow. The members of the Council would be invited to be present at the conference. Councillor Everett suggested that Saturday, 8th. April, 1950 would be a suitable date for such meeting.

FIRE-BRIGADE RE-ORGANISATION.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor Loughlin Sutton and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Agreement between the Council and the Wicklow County Council for the re-organisation of the Fire-Brigade Service".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Agreement. After discussion relating to the Council's Fire-Brigade, the Town Surveyor was directed to investigate the question of employing the members of the Fire-Brigade on a rotational system.

HOUSE FOR JUBILEE NURSE. Read letter dated 24//1950 from Sec. Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association, inquiring if the new bungalow at Castle Park could be let to the Jubilee Nurse. After discussion it was decided that a subsidised house could not be let to the nurse whilst families were on the list of applicants for houses.

LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. James Doyle, Lower Strand St., had intimated that he was not in a position to accept tenancy of No 5, Bungalow at Castle Park. He also stated that he had been informed by the Rent Collector that the Council House at No 8, Dunbur Terrace formerly occupied by Mr. Patrick Clinch was now vacant.

Following an examination of the list of applicants, the Council recommended that the following lettings be made:-

- (1) James Conway, at present tenant of No 5, Dunbur Terrace to be transferred to No 5, Bungalow at Castle Park.
- (2) Michael Jameson, 39, Castle Street, to be appointed tenant of either No 5 or No 8 Dunbur Terrace.
- (3) William Olohan, 16 High St., to be appointed tenant of either No 5, or No 8, Dunbur Terrace.

LEASE TO MR. JOHN J. MOONEY. Read letter dated 25/3/50 from Mr. A. Cullen Solr. to Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solrs. informing them that Mrs Julia A. Doyle was not prepared to accept Mr. Mooney's offer of £20., and that her terms of settlement were as follows:-

- (1) A sum of £30 to cover damage for unlawful entry
- (2) John Mooney to remove the gate from its present position and re-erect it on the Old Dunbur Road.
- (3) Mr. Cullen's costs to be paid by John Mooney.

Read letter dated 30/3/50 from Mr. J. Mooney, stating that he was prepared to pay £30, but that he expected that the Council would recoup him in some way for his losses.

After discussion it was agreed that the ground rent would be payable on the plot as from the 30th. September, 1950, and that the Council would arrange for the removal and re-erection of the gate.

HOUSING (Management & Letting) Regulations. The Manager summarised for the Council the contents of Circular H.20/50 of 27/3/1950 from the Department of Local Government and stated that copies of the Housing - (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950 had been ordered from the Stationery Office and would be circulated to the members in due course.

REPORT ON WATER RENTS. The Town Clerk submitted to the meeting a report on the collection of water-rents within the Wicklow Urban District and recommended that scale of charges in accordance with those adopted by the Bray Urban District Council be introduced. After discussion it was decided to defer the matter pending the implementation of the Regional Water Supply scheme.

COMPLAINT RE FOWL. Read letter dated 13/3/1950 from Miss C. Condon, 20, Kilmantin Road, Wicklow, tenant of Council's house, protesting against the nuisance caused by the fowl kept by the tenant of an adjoining house. Read letter dated 30/3/1950 from Rent Collector, stating that he had interviewed the owner of the fowl in question, and had informed her that she would have to dispose of them as they caused a nuisance and were a source of annoyance to other tenants of the Council's houses.. Noted.

MILL YARD. Read letter dated 21/3/1950 from Mr. Loughlin Sutton, stating that he wished to surrender his interest in the Mill Yard on South Quay, as from 25th. March 1950. The Council decided that a new tenant be sought by advertisement.

STREAM AT KILMANTIN HILL. The Town Clerk stated that he had received a complaint from Mrs Pharr, Kilmantin Hill, regarding the inconvenience caused her by the noise of the stream running past her house. Mrs Pharr had also referred to the practice of children to play in the stream and suggested that it be covered with concrete. The Council decided to defer taking action in the matter.

ELEVEN MONTHS LETTING The Manager informed the Council that it was proposed to let the field at Dunbur Road, formerly held by Mr. Henry Hamilton, under a yearly tenancy, to Mr. Hamilton, as an eleven months letting as from 1st. May 1950 at an annual rent of £19-10-0, the Council to be responsible for rates. On the representations of Councillor O'Connor, the Council recommended that in view of the fact that the letting would be for eleven months and not twelve months as formerly, the rent be reduced to £17-10-0. The Manager pointed out that in the circumstances it would be equitable to give a similar concession to Miss Dorothy Wall, whose tenancy was also being changed from that of yearly tenancy to an eleven months letting.

WATER-TABLE. Councillor Sutton referred to the necessity for having the water-table between Ard-Keen and Summer Hill cleaned. Councillor Sutton also stated that cleaning operations should be carried out at the Bank Wall. The Council directed that the water-tables be cleaned as soon as possible.

HOME ASSISTANCE CASES. Councillor Sutton referred to the extremely poor circumstances of Mr. Dunne, The Murrrough, Wicklow. Reference was also made to the case of Mrs Byrne residing at Bond Street. The Manager stated that he would have these two cases investigated by the Home Assistance Officer.

SCHOOL MEALS. On Councillor Sutton's recommendation the Council directed that the School Managers be asked to extend to one hour the time allotted to school children for the purpose of taking their mid-day meals.

Roadway for New Houses. Councillor O'Connor referred to the proposed roadway leading to new houses and pointed out that in order to improve such roadway, it would be necessary to incorporate some of Mr. Hamilton's land. It was decided to communicate with Mr. Hamilton in connection with the matter.

SITES FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. When Councillor O'Connor referred to published statements regarding the Council's attitude towards a site for a new Vocational School, a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Council had not officially disapproved of the selected site took place, concerning matters affecting the choice of such site. Finally it was agreed that it would be more appropriate to deal further with the matter at the next meeting of the Vocational Education Committee.

*C. W. Hudson
2/5/50*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.
April 29th. 1950.

To/
The Chairman and Members of
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Tuesday, 2nd. May, 1950, at 7.30.P.M. You are requested to attend.

A G E N D A.

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 30th. March, 1950, & on April 4th 1950 (copies herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council re Personal Allowance under the Income Tax Acts.
- (3) Resolution from Macroom Urban District Council re valuations.
- (4) Communication from Department of Defence re Corvettes.
- (5) Execution of Release and Memorial- Margaret Langrell to Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.
- (6) Letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council re closing of roads for races in July, 1950.
- (7) Letter from Lt. Col. Deighton re lease of building site.
- (8) Annual Report of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.
- (9) Letter from Councillor R. B. Haskins re Vocational School.
- (10) Examination of Schedule of Uncollected Rates.
- (11) Report re Artizans Dwellings Rent Collection.
- (12) Report re Conference in connection with Water-Mains Extension Contract. (Copies herewith).
- (13) Letter from Assistant Medical Officer re Housing conditions of mother and child residing at No. 2, St. Kevin's Terrace, Wicklow.
- (14) Eleven months letting - Mr. H. Hamilton.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report re Conference held at the Town Hall, Wicklow, at 7.P.M. on Tuesday, 11th. April, 1950 between representatives of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union and Mr. Wm. Lee, Contractor, Upper Main St., Arklow. The Conference was convened by the Wicklow Urban District Council, with a view to effecting a settlement of the dispute which had arisen between the Contractor and the Union in connection with the Water-Mains Extension Contract.

The following were present at the Conference:-
Messrs William Lee and Patrick Lynch of Arklow;
Messrs John Rourke, Thomas Conroy, and Andrew Brien, representing the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union;
Messrs Joseph O'Connor and Loughlin Sutton, members of the Wicklow Urban District Council. The Town Surveyor and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager could not be present as he was attending the Statutory monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council. The Town Clerk also stated that Mr. C. W. Hudson had telephoned him to state that owing to illness he would be unable to attend the meeting. The conference was also informed that Mr. J. Olohan (Chairman) and Mr. W. Clarke, member of the Council were indisposed and could not attend.

Correspondence relating to the issue in dispute was read. When the relevant Section of the Insurance (Intermittent Unemployment) Act, 1942 was read it was unanimously agreed that the work on the contract would not be insurable employment under the Act.

Regarding the key-men proposed to be employed, Mr. Lee explained that the key-man listed as foreman would actually be an executive, representing his Firm's interest, and as his agent, would not have direct contact with the men working on the Scheme. In effect, this would mean that there would only be three key-men (1) pipe-layer, (2) man in charge of the compressor (3) ganger. Mr Lee also stated that if after some time a suitable local man would be available to take charge of the compressor, he was prepared to employ such local man to take charge of the machine.

After discussion the Union's representatives expressed themselves satisfied with Mr. Lee's proposals regarding the employment of key-men.

In connection with the payment of a recognised rate of wages, to men employed on the Scheme, the Union's representatives pointed out that there was no recognised rate for such work within the Urban Area, and stated that 1/10³d per hour was for building labourers engaged in insurable employment under the Insurance (Intermittent Unemployment) Act, 1942. Consequently, if men employed by Mr. Lee would only receive 1/10³d per hour, and would not enjoy wet-time benefits, their conditions of employment would not compare favourably with those employed in the Building Trade proper. After a protracted discussion, Mr. Lee stated that as a final offer he would be prepared to pay 1/11³d per hour. This offer was accepted by the Union's representatives. Mr Lee emphasised that he did not wish it to be understood that he was paying more than the Local rate of wages but was making this concession in view of what he considered to be the anomalous position brought about by the specific exclusion of work in the construction or laying of Public Mains for the supply of water from benefits under the Insurance (Intermittent Unemployment) Act 1942.

The Union's representative having assured Mr. Lee that they would facilitate him in every respect in the carrying out of the work, and Councillor O'Connor having expressed satisfaction on behalf of the Council at the result arrived at, the conference concluded.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on May 2nd, 1950.

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

Adoption of Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Estimates meeting held on 30th. March, 1950 and of the monthly meeting held on 4th. April, 1950 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Income Tax Allowance. The following resolution received from Dungarvon Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Mr. L. Veale,
Seconded by Mr. T. A. Kyne, T.D.

"That this Council call on the Government to increase the personal allowance under the Income Tax Acts to £500 for married men and £250 for single men, as these amounts, due to depreciation in the value of money, are the equivalents of only half their pre-war face value on which no income tax was payable".

Valuation of Property. The following resolution received from Macroom Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Mr. Daneil Casey,
Seconded by Mr. Richard Browne, and resolved:-

"That this Council, on behalf of the Community it represents hereby lodges an emphatic protest against the harsh valuations recently assessed on householders and property owners in the town. That from the complaints which have been brought to our notice, we are satisfied that the present system of valuation is a form of extortion, with which the avarice of the rack-renting landlords of a past age was comparatively mild. That as such valuations will in effect burden property owners with substantial increases in rates, licence duties, E.S.B. Charges and Income tax and constitutes a check to works of renovation and improvements to property, with consequent loss of employment, we call on the Government to issue immediate instructions to the Commissioner of Valuation to abandon the present iniquitous system of valuation, in favour of the former reasonable method of assessment. That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Dail for this Constituency, and to all Local Authorities in the Republic of Ireland".

Sending of Corvette to Rome. Read letter dated 21/4/1950 from Department of Defence enclosing copy of communication forwarded to the Acting Town Clerk, Cobh Urban District Council stating that the Minister for Defence regretted that a Corvette of the Naval Service could not be spared from its present duties to undertake the suggested trip to Rome during Holy Year.

Execution of Release and Memorial- Margaret Langrell to Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

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

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Release and Memorial between the Council of the first part, Esther Doyle of 2, The Mall, Wicklow of the second part and the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs of the third part, relative to agreement of Mrs E. Doyle to waive her right to light".
The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Release and Memorial.

Water-Mains Extension Contract. Arising out of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th. April 1950 and in connection with the Press report relating to such meeting, Councillor W. Clarke referred to the letter which had been received from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, and proceeded to deal at length with the various matters referred to in the course of that letter.

Closing of Roads for Car Races. Read letter dated 19/4/50 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council stating that at the meeting of the Council held on 17th. April, 1950, Councillor C. W. Hudson handed in notice of Motion to request the Minister for Local Government to authorise the closing of the Public Roads in connection with the International Car Race in July, on Wednesday and Thursday, 5th. and 6th. July, 1950 between the hours of 8. P.M. and 10-30. P.M. The letter stated that it was desired to ascertain the views of the Urban Council in regard to the proposal to close the roads during the hours mentioned. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed to the proposal.

Application for Building Site Lt. Col. Deighton. Read letter dated 24th April, 1950 from Lt. Col. Deighton, inquiring as to the availability of building sites in the Urban District, and requesting that he be furnished with particulars regarding the Government Grant payable in respect of new houses. The Town Clerk stated that the applicant had indicated that he would like a site fronting the roadway on the town side of the bungalows recently erected or at present in course of erection on the Council's field at Dinbur Road. The Town Clerk also informed the Council that Col. Deighton had already been referred to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne B.E. appointed Officer in connection with his inquiry relative to the Housing Grant. The Council agreed in principle to the granting of a lease for building purposes to Lt. Col. Deighton, but deferred passing a formal resolution pending submission of further details by the applicant.

Annual Report, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

The Annual report of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was submitted to the meeting. It was noted that the Council's annual contribution had been paid. In the event of the Annual Conference of the Association being held before the Local Elections in September 1950, it was agreed that the Council be represented at the Conference by Councillors C. W. Hudson and L. Sutton, the Delegates appointed by the Council in 1949.

Councillor R. B. Haskins- Resignation from Council.

Read following letter dated 8/4/1950 from Councillor R. B. Haskins, Oatlands, Wicklow:-

The Chairman,
Wicklow Urban Council
Dear Mr Olohan,

Oatlands,
Wicklow. 8/4/50

I regret very much having to write this letter, but from the way I have been treated with regards to Wicklow Technical School, I see no other way out but to retire from your Council. We have always thought people from outside were trying to injure Wicklow. But I can now understand that it is from inside Wicklow Town itself that the trouble is.

Please inform Secretary of Wicklow Technical School and any other bodies I have represented on behalf of your Council that I will no longer attend their meetings. Wicklow Ha bour, Library, Burial Board etc.

Yours faithfully,
R. B. Haskins.

Following a discussion during which tributes were paid to the manner in which Councillor Haskins had always acted as a member of the Council, the following resolution was passed:-
"That we request Councillor Haskins to re-consider his decision to resign from the Council as we do not consider that it would be in the interests of the town of Wicklow if he were so to resign".

Water-Mains Extension-Report re Progress. The report of the conference held at the Town Hall, Wicklow on Tuesday, 11th. April 1950, between representatives of the Wicklow Branch of the I.T.G.W. U. and Mr. William Lee, Upper Main Street, Arklow was noted. The Town Surveyor informed the Council that the contractor was taking all necessary steps to insure the early commencement of the work.

Housing- Progress Report. The Town Surveyor stated that the six bungalows at Castle Park would be ready for occupation on Monday, 8th. May, 1950 and that the six two-storey houses would be available for tenancy on Saturday, 13th. May, 1950. The Manager stated that one of the appointed tenants Mr. Patrick Connolly had been informed that he could not be given permission to store his furniture in the bungalow allotted to him until such time as the house would be available for occupation.

Condition of Castle Avenue. Read letter from the residents in the area complaining about the condition of the road known as Castle Avenue. The Town Surveyor stated that he had included the sum of £76 for repairs to this road in the estimate of expenses for 1950/51, but that the Council had deleted this amount. The Surveyor also pointed out that if the complete road was to be done in tarmac and the corner removed, the cost would be £450. After discussion the Surveyor agreed to arrange for some repairs at the Eastern end of Castle Avenue pending the carrying out of reconstruction at a later date with the aid of an employment Scheme Grant.

Application for Garden Walls at Castle Avenue. Read letter dated 2/5/1950 from tenants of Council's houses at Castle Avenue requesting the Council to erect walls around the gardens attached to their houses. The Council agreed to provide Privet Hedging Plants for the tenants in the Autumn.

Swimming Club- Application for erection of Diving Platform and Shelter.

Read letter dated 2/5/1950 from Hon. Sec. Wicklow Swimming Club, requesting the Council to erect the Swimming Platform on the North Pier as in former years. The Council recommended that the work be carried out. Read letter dated 1/5/1950 from Hon. Sec. Wicklow Swimming Club requesting the Council to erect a Bathing Shelter on the Sea Front, at a point adjacent to the existing shelter. The letter stated that the club was prepared to submit the necessary plans and to undertake payment of any rent which would be fixed by the Council. The letter also indicated that if the Council would agree to meet a deputation of the Swimming club in connection with the matter, arrangements could be made for the attendance of such deputation at the next meeting of the Council.

Sewer Connections- Application from Mr. P. Finlayson.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received an application from Mr. P. Finlayson for permission to connect to sewer at the Ball Alley for the purpose of servicing new house at Summer Hill. The Surveyor stated that he was inquiring into the matter and suggested that in the meantime Mr. Finlayson be requested to indicate whether he proposed building any more houses in the area. The Council approved of the Surveyor's suggestion.

Better-Class Houses. The Manager informed Councillor O' Connor that the Council had decided to proceed with the erection of 8 Better Class Houses.

Schedule of Uncollected Rates. The Manager submitting the Schedule of uncollected Rates to the meeting, stated that without taking into account the amount of rates which would be struck off as irrecoverable, the amount of Rates collected within the year ended 31/3/1950 represented 93.46% of the total warrant for year 1949/50.

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The Manager also explained that a sum of £340-14-0 representing 42.15% of the total arrears outstanding was due by the Rate-payers from whom it was expected to recover such arrears, during the current financial year. After a careful examination of each item appearing on the schedule the Council recommended that the sum of £61-0-9 be struck off as irrecoverable and that the balance viz- £747-18-8 be carried forward as arrears into the warrant for 1950/51. The Chairman and the members of the Council paid tribute to the good work of the Rate Collector during the year.

Artizans Dwellings Rent Collection. The Manager submitted details of the Rent Collection for 1949/50 to the meeting. He stated that the arrears had been reduced from £115-II-7 to £95-18-8 and that the collection represented 98% of the amount to be collected. The Council expressed satisfaction at the work of the Rent Collector during the year 1949/50.

Vacant Council House. Read letter dated 29/4/50 from Mr. L. O'Toole Rent Collector reporting vacancy of Council house at No 33, Glenview Road, as a result of the death of Mr. John Robinette. The letter stated that Mr. Patrick Byrne and his family had been living in the house as sub-tenants and were still in occupation. The Council recommended that the vacancy be advertised in the usual way and that the relevant report of the Medical Officer be obtained.

Letter from M. O. re Housing Conditions. Read letter dated 12/4/1950 from Dr. J. A. Dunleavy, Assistant Medical officer referring to the case of Mrs Sullivan (widow) 2, St. Kevin's Terrace, Wicklow and stating that he understood that there was gross overcrowding, as Mrs O'Sullivan was living in a single room with her child. The letter referred to the Medical history of Mrs O'Sullivan's late husband and to that of her child, and suggested that the Council should endeavour to provide Mrs Sullivan with better housing conditions. The Manager stated that he had directed that the Medical officer be asked to indicate if a Chalet would meet the requirements in this instance.

House for Jubilee Nurse. Read letter dated 1/5/1950 from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association inquiring if the Council would be in a position to allocate one of the new houses at Ballynerrin to the Jubilee Nurse. After discussion the Council agreed that immediately the Housing circumstances of the town would permit of their doing so they would recommend that one of their houses be let to the Jubilee Nurse.

Eleven Months Letting- Mr. H. Hamilton. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. H. Hamilton had failed to indicate whether or not he was prepared to accept tenancy of the field at Dunbur Road on the basis of an eleven months letting, at the annual inclusive rent of of £17-10-0. The Council directed that Mr. Hamilton be given seven days to decide and that failing his acceptance of the Council's terms within that period, steps be taken to terminate Mr. Hamilton's existing tenancy.

Eleven Months Letting- Dorothy Wall. The Council approved of the revised inclusive rent of £7-4-6 and £11-3-8 respectively for the fields at Dunbur Road, hereafter to be held by Miss Dorothy Wall from the Council on the basis of an eleven months letting.

Field at Territ Lane - E. O'Brien. Read Letter dated 1/5/50 from Mr. E. O'Brien, 22, Fairview Road, Wicklow offering a rent of 1/- per week for the Council's field at Territ Lane, which he intended to use for the purpose of grazing a donkey. The Council recommended that the field be let at a weekly rent of 2/- per week.

Enclosing of Open Space- Mr. H. Hamilton. It was decided to await the report of the Town Surveyor relating to the proposed building of wall and enclosing of open space, adjoining New Road leading from Lower Monkton Row to the new houses at Cooper's Field.

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Complaint from Tenant. Read letter dated 2/5/50 from Mr. Reuben Dover, II, St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow complaining about water-supply and about the condition of the windows and doors of his house. Read letter dated 2/5/1950 from Mr. L. O'Toole, Rent Collector, stating that he had inspected the house and had found that there was no urgent necessity for repairs. The letter stated that the repairs would be carried out when general repairs in the area were being undertaken. Noted.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. The Town Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Mr. J. Olohan (Chairman) stating that because of his illness he would be unable to act as the Council's Representative at the Twenty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the members of the Company to be held on Thursday 4th. May 1950. Noted.

Lease to Mr. John J. Mooney. The Town Clerk stated that as Mr. Mooney had made the necessary settlement with Mrs Julia A. Doyle in connection with lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road it would now be in order for the Council to execute the lease. Since however, Mr. Mooney would be requiring advances of loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, the rent would have to be payable from 25/3/1950 in order that the duty executed and registered lease could be lodged by way of equitable Mortgage by the Lessee. The Council agreed that it would be in order to have the lease executed when the relevant documents would be received from the Council's Solicitor.

Loan for Housing- £1800 for 50 years.

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

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Form of Undertaking relating to payment of the instalments in respect of loan of £1800 (HW.CAacts) the period of repayment for said loan to be extended to fifty years.

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Form of Undertaking.

Derelict Site at Friars Hill. Read letter dated 30/4/1950 from Mrs Mary A Dickenson, ~~requesting~~ requesting the Council to grant her permission to take over possession of the derelict site adjoining her house at Friar's Hill. After discussion the Council directed that Mrs Dickenson be informed that the Council could not grant her such permission.

Read letter from Mrs O'Flaherty, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, stating that she would arrange to have the ruins of house at Friars Hill, formerly occupied by her demolished as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk stated that this was the only reply which he had received from persons to whom he had written in connection with the Council's recommendation that the ruins at Friar's Hill be demolished.

Cl. Anderson
6/6/50

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council
Held on May 9th, 1950.

Present:-

Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) presiding.
Councillors J. O'Connor and W. Clarke.

Making of Rate for 1950/51.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-
"that we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby make the following
Rate and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and other herid-
itaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in
accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us
viz- Municipal Rate for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1951
of three hundred and sixty pence in the £. made up as follows:-

	Pence
Urban Roads	17
Sanitary Services	88
Housing	45
General Urban Purposes	56
County Council Services.	<u>154</u>
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And, that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accord-
ingly to the statement and certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in
the Rate Book for the year 1950/51 and that the necessary Notice be pub-
lished forthwith."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the statement and certi-
ficate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1950/51.

Deputation from Swimming Club. A deputation from the Wicklow Swimming
Club was received by the Council in connection with the Club's application
relative to the provision of an additional Bathing Shelter on the Sea Front.
The following were the members of the deputation:-
Messrs H. W. Hopkins; C. O'Toole; P. Noonan; S. Conway.
The members of the deputation having explained the Swimming Club's pro-
posals in regard to the shelter, it was agreed that the Club would submit
plans of the proposed structure in time for the next meeting of the Council.
The Chairman assured the deputation that the Council were anxious to facil-
itate the Swimming Club in every possible way.

Vacant House at No 33, Glenview Road. The Town Clerk stated that he had
received the recommendations of the Assistant Medical Officer of Health
in connection with the appointment of a tenant to the Council house at
No 33, Glenview Road. After discussion it was decided to defer the matter
to the next meeting of the Council. The Council recommended however, that
Mr. Patrick Byrne, a sub-tenant of the late tenant, Mr. John Robinson,
and an applicant for the tenancy be allowed to remain in occupation of the
house pending the appointment of a new tenant.

C. W. Hudson
6/6/50

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held in the Town Hall Wicklow
on Friday, 19th, May 1950 at 10.A.M.

Present:-

Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-chairman) presiding;
Councillors E. Kane and W. Clarke.

Execution of Lease, Wicklow Urban District Council to John J. Mooney.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and
Memorial- Wicklow Urban District Council to John J. Mooney- whereby
the Council doth demise unto the Lessee a plot of ground at Dunbur Road
Wicklow for a term of 75 years computed from the 25th, March 1950 at the
yearly rent of Seven Pounds ten shillings (£7-10-0)"

C. W. Hudson
6/6/50

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.
June 2nd. 1950.

To/
The Chairman and members of the
Wicklow Urban District Council.

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Tuesday, 6th. June, 1950, at 7-30. P.M. You are requested to attend.

A G E N D A.

- I Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on May 2nd., May 9th., and May 19th., 1950 (copies herewith)
- 2 Resolution from Galway Corporation re Rating.
- 3 Resolution from Clonmel Corporation re National Memorial of Thanksgiving.
- 4 Correspondence re time for School Meals.
- 5 Execution of Supplemental Deed of Mortgage- Loan of £1800- Extension of repayment period.
- 6 Letter from Mr. R. B. Haskins re site for New Technical School.
- 7 Selection of tenant for Council house at No. 33, Glenview Road.
- 8 Complaint from tenant re keeping of fowl.
- 9 Termination of Yearly Tenancy- Mr. H. Hamilton.
- 10 Correspondence re proposed completion of Concrete Road on Murrrough.
- 11 Auditor's report for year ended 31st. March 1949. (Copy herewith).
- 12 Correspondence re Lease to Wicklow Mineral Water Company.
- 13 Letting of Mill Yard.
- 14 Application from Wicklow Swimming Club re provision of extra Bathing Shelter.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.

Cleireach An Bhaile.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held on June 6th. 1950.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on 2nd. May, 1950, 9th. May, 1950, and 19th. May, 1950 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM GALWAY CORPORATION RE RATE LEVY: The following resolution received from Galway Corporation was marked "Read".

"It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty and resolved that we, the members of the Galway Corporation request the Minister for Finance to give sympathetic consideration to the advisability of inquiring into the existing system of determining rates on Poor Law Valuation with a view to abandoning that system and replacing it by a more just, equitable and modern system".

RESOLUTION FROM CLONMEL CORPORATION: The following resolution received from Clonmel Corporation was adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Councillor Lacey, seconded by Councillor Taylor, and resolved:- That a National Council be formed to consider ways and means for the erection in Ireland of a National Memorial of Thanksgiving for being spared the horrors of World War II.

We respectfully request His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Dalton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, to summon a Convention representative of An Dail, Senate, County Councils, Borough Councils, Urban Councils and Town Commissioners, together with representatives of the Hierarchy to consider a motion - "That a Memorial of Thanksgiving should be erected in Ireland", and if this Motion is passed to discuss:-

- (a) Form of Memorial
- (2) The election of a National Council charged with the responsibility of carrying out the decision of the Convention.

That copies of this resolution be circulated to all bodies named and to the Primate.

TIME FOR SCHOOL MEALS: Read letters received from the following in connection with the Council's recommendation that the time allowed to the School Children for luncheon purposes be increased to one hour:-

Rev. Father M. Blake, P.P (Manager, De. La Salle Boys' Schools)
Sister Philomena (Manager, Holy Rosary School).
Rev. Canon H.S.B Jennings (Manager, National School, Church Hill)

In each case the letter stated that the time allotted to the children for the mid-day meal was considered adequate, and pointed out the difficulties which would be involved if the existing arrangements were altered. After discussion the Council agreed not to take any further action in the matter.

Loan of £1800- Supplemental Deed of Mortgage.

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

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Supplemental 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 £1800 advanced to us by them under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890-1931".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Supplemental Deed of Mortgage.

SITE FOR NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. Read letter dated 10/5/1950 from Mr. R. B. Haskins, Catlands, stating that unless the Council could clearly state that they did not communicate with the Minister for Education in connection with the proposed building of a Vocational School on a site at Church Hill, and would also indicate this fact to the Department concerned, which should be requested to disclose the source of its information regarding the matter, he would not be prepared to reconsider his decision to resign from membership of the Council. After discussion, it was decided to inform Councillor Haskins that the Council did not make any protest against the proposed site for the new Vocational School. It was also agreed that the Department of Education be informed that the Council did not make any such protest.

County
Councillor O'Connor's proposal that the Vocational Committee be recommended to select the Tennis Court as the site of this new School was not supported.

TENANCY OF COUNCIL'S HOUSE AT 33, GLENVIEW ROAD, WICKLOW. The recommendations of Doctor Dunleavy, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, regarding the selection of a tenant for No. 33, Glenview Road, were submitted to the meeting. The Medical Officer placed the applicants in the following order:-

- 1 Christopher Murphy, 41, Glenview Road.
 - 2 Reg Howes, 16, St. Dominick's Road.
 - 3 Malachy Dunne, 5, Convent Road.
 - 4 Patrick Byrne, Former sub-tenant and present occupier of No 33, Glenview Road.
- The report suggested that in view of the special circumstances in the case of Patrick Byrne, his case be given special consideration. After a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that Christopher Murphy was originally the tenant of No 34, Glenview Rd., from which he had been evicted in May 1942 for non-payment of rent, the arrears of which amounted to £7-10-0, and which amount was struck off as irrecoverable, it was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved (Councillor O'Connor dissenting)

"That we recommend that Patrick Byrne be appointed tenant of No. 33, Glenview Road, until such time as one of the New Council Houses at Ballynerrin be available for occupation, and that he should then take tenancy of one of such houses and vacate No 33, Glenview Road. Furthermore, that Christopher Murphy, sub-tenant in No 41, Glenview Road, be appointed tenant of No 33, Glenview Road when it thus becomes vacant or be given tenancy of any other house with a low rent which may become vacant in the meantime. That a rent of 6/10, inclusive of current rates be charged to Patrick Byrne for tenancy of 33, Glenview Road."

KEEPING OF FOWL BY TENANTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES. Read letter dated 22/5/1950 from Miss Christina Condren, 20, Fairview Road, Wicklow, protesting against the keeping of fowl by the tenant of adjoining Council house. Read note dated 20/9/1950 from Dr. H.P. Teevan, M.B. M.O.H. stating that the nuisance complained of by Miss Condren was a danger to her health. The Manager pointed out that the keeping of poultry by tenants was in contravention of the conditions of their Tenancy Agreements. The Town Clerk stated that 27 tenants were keeping fowl in the plots attached to their houses.

After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter pending the submission of a report by the Sanitary Officer.

TERMINATION OF YEARLY TENANCIES. The town Clerk stated that Mr. Hamilton had intimated that he would not surrender his yearly tenancy and accept the field on the basis of an eleven months letting, unless the Council would agree to carry out essential fencing repairs. After discussion the Council recommended that the necessary fencing be carried out if Mr. Hamilton agrees to the 11 months letting.

The Council were informed that the appropriate agreement had been duly signed by Miss Dorothy Wall.

COMPLETION OF CONCRETE ROAD AT MURROUGH. Read letter of 9/5/50 from the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co Ltd., stating that they were not prepared to contribute anything in excess of £100 towards the cost of the proposed completion of the concrete roadway at the Murrough. Read letter of 5/6/1950 from Hon. Sec. Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce, conveying the Chamber's recommendation that the Department of Local Government be requested to contribute a grant towards the cost of the work. After discussion it was decided to ask the Department if it would be possible to procure a Government Grant for the purpose.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st. March. 1949. The report, a copy of which had been circulated to the members was taken as read. The Manager referred to the question of charges for water supplied for non-domestic purposes and stated that the matter had again been considered by the Council at the meeting in April when it was decided that the question of such charges could be dealt with when the Lough Dan Regional Water Supply Scheme would have been completed. The Manager pointed out that he did not consider that the Urban District of Wicklow would afford much scope for the imposition of such additional charges. The Chairman and the Members stated that the Auditor's report reflected credit on the Council's Staff.

LEASE TO WICKLOW MINERAL WATER COMP. NY. Read letter of 12/5/1950 from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, requesting the Council to agree to the substitution of the names of Messrs Richard Henry Black, and John Roland Bradshaw for those of the original intended lessees (Messrs R. T. Killian, J. P. Nolan and L. Sutton) in the lease granted by the Council to Wicklow Mineral Water Company. The letter also requested that the lease should not contain any forfeiture clause should the Lessees become bankrupt or arranging debtors.

Read letter of 25/5/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., advising the Council that it would be necessary to have the lease executed in compliance with the Council's resolution. Messrs McCarroll also advised the Council not to agree to waive the forfeiture clause. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Hopkins had been informed accordingly.

LETTING OF MILL YARD. The Council was informed that pursuant to the advertisement, only one application had been received for the Mill Yard, viz- application from Mr. William Rutledge, Quarantine Hill, for tenancy of the Mill Yard at a Yearly Rent of £5-0-0. Mr. Rutledge had indicated that he intended to convert the premises to use as a Slaughter-House. The Council approved of letting the yard to applicant, the terms of the tenancy to be such as advised by their Solicitor.

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EXTRA BATHING SHELTER FOR WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB. A deputation from Wicklow Swimming Club was received by the Council in connection with the Clubs request that the Council erect a Bathing Shelter on the Sea Front. The plan of the proposed building was submitted to the meeting by the deputation and was duly examined and approved by the Council. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved :-
 "That we grant a lease to Wicklow Swimming Club at rent of £1-0-0 per year for a period of 75 years of a plot at Sea Front as shown on map prepared by Town Surveyor for the purpose of erecting thereon building as shown on plan submitted by Club, a wall to be later erected by the Swimming Club to the requirements of the Council."

The Manager assured the deputation that the Council would render every possible assistance in the matter.

WATER SUPPLY. Read report dated 6/6/1950 from Mr. J. DeCoursey, Water-works Overseer, relating to water-supply position. The Town Surveyor reported on the progress of the pumping arrangements, which he stated were working satisfactorily. Read letter dated 6/6/1950 from Mr. J. Toner, Glenbeigh, Wicklow, pointing out that the water-supply to his house was not available between the hours of 7-30 A.M. and 10 P.M.

The Surveyor stated that the Water-Works Overseer had been attending to an unusually large number of leaks during the preceding days and that these leaks might have been responsible to some extent for the unsatisfactory pressure at Dunbur Road. The Surveyor also informed the Council that the pipes for the Water-Mains extension Scheme had arrived at Dublin, and that the contractor hoped to be in a position to commence work in week commencing 12th. June, 1950.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS.
Henry and Bridget Copeland. Completed Application Form for a Loan of £1600 under the provisions of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts 1899-1948 from Henry Copeland and Bridget Copeland was submitted to the Council. The Council agreed in principle to the granting of the appropriate loan to applicants, the Manager to make all necessary inquiries in connection with the application.

CONNECTION TO SEWER. Application from Messrs Finlayson Bros.
 Read letter dated 6/6/1950 from Mr. Patrick P. Finlayson, stating that he was not yet in a position to indicate the number of houses which he proposes to erect on plot at Summer Hill.
 Read letter dated 6/6/1950 from Mr. Andrew Finlayson with reference to his application for permission to connect the sewer pointing out that as other Rate-Payers had been allowed to connect to this sewer, it was not understood why permission had been refused in his case.
 After discussion it was decided again to request Mr. Finlayson to give some indication as to his proposals regarding the utilisation of the remainder of the site for building purposes. It was also agreed that a report of the proposed connections to the sewer at the Ball Alley be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSE FOR JUBILEE NURSE. Read letter dated 5/6/1950 from Hon. Sec. Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association, applying for one of the bungalows being erected by the Council at Ballynerrin, and offering on behalf of the Association to pay therefor the economic rent. It was agreed that one of the bungalows at Ballynerrin when completed be let to the Jubilee Nurse at the economic rent.

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HOUSING SCHEME. The Manager submitted the following Housing Progress Report, prepared by the Town Surveyor to the meeting:-

BUILDING OF 26 HOUSES BY DIRECT LABOUR AT CASTLE ST.,
 MONKTON ROW, AND COOPER'S FIELD, WICKLOW.

Wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£12515-16-7
Materials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14973-19-7
										£27489-16-2
Add Workmens Compensation										240-0-0
										£27769-16-2
Additional Estimate to complete (Roadway and Plumbing)										460-0-0
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£28189-16-2

Nett cost per house £1084-4-6 for 26 houses.

Note.

Above figures include :-

1	Increase in wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1287-0-0
2	Extra Holiday Pay ((4))	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85-0-0
3	Cork Lining	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106-0-0
4	Insulation Board	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148-10-0
5	Rock Excavation (Extra)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	806-5-9
6	Increase in cement prices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64-2-9
7	Wall at Hamilton's garden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44-10-0
8	Cost of shifting sewer at Castle St.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39-4-1
9	Extra cost of 12" Block walls in 8 houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240-0-0
10	Clerk of Works salary and Clerical Assistance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	358-1-0
	TOTAL									£3178-18-6

The lowest original tender submitted in respect of these 26 houses was :-

	£36,202-10-10.
add extras, as above	3,178-13-6
TOTAL	£39,381-4-4.

Total in respect of erection of 26 houses by direct labour:-	28,189-8-2
Difference	£11,191-8-2

It will be noted therefore that the present scheme has effected an approximate saving of £11,191-8-2 being the difference shown above. The first 8 houses commenced by direct labour on 7th June, 1948. The 18 houses at Cooper's Field on 6th. December, 1948. A further 18 houses at Ballynerrin were commenced on 5th. September, 1949.

8 houses built in 12" block walling
 6 houses built in 9" block and 1" cork lining.
 12 Bungalows built in 9" block and 5/8" insulation Board.
 All sewers, manholes, water-mains, fencing and boundary walls completed, and roadway graded to date. The plumbing work is in course of completion, in the final 2 houses at Cooper's Field. Keys for 24 houses have been handed out.

J. T. O'Byrne.
 Town Surveyor.

Noted.

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Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as the next annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland would be held in the last week of October, 1950 it would be comprised of the Delegates appointed at the meeting following the Local Elections in September, 1950.

Public Sanitary Conveniences at Murrrough. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a number of the locks in the Public Conveniences had been deliberately broken and that the matter had been reported to the Garda Siochanna. The Council directed that a caretaker be appointed as in former years, and that he paid at the rate of 10/- per week plus the amounts collected in the slots.

Annual Meeting. The Council was informed that as the Local Elections would take place on 20th. September, 1950 the usual Annual Meeting held in June would not take place, this year.

Factory Proposals- Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. Read letter dated 6/6/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Messrs Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. had discovered that the plot proposed to be leased to them by the Council would not be large enough for the machinery proposed to be installed and that they required an adjustment of the Boundaries of the plot as would be indicated to the Council by the Town Surveyor.

Read following letter from Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd:-

6th. June, 1950

The Secretary,
Wicklow Urban District Council,
Town Hall,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., I wish to apply for an extension to the plot of ground at the North Quay Wicklow which our Firm has already acquired from the Wicklow Urban Council. The necessary extension which is required is intended for the proposed factory which it is our intention to erect on the site. We wish that the site be 59 feet, 2 inches at both ends and also be of uniform length that is to say 200 feet. We have instructed Mr. Brazil the Council's Solicitor upon the matter and have asked him to make the details of our application known to the Urban Council.

We would be grateful if the Wicklow Urban District Council could lease additional ground to our Firm, on the East side, a further 20 feet in the direction of the pier, and a lease of the open space which adjoins the factory site to the North.

We intend to erect a Travelling Gantry or Overhead Monorail System for loading and unloading ships at the Packet Pier. This unloading system will be carried on a steel structural carrier which will be supported on steel stanchions two feet wide and separated 20 feet apart. We wish to have the Urban Council's approval for the erection of this structure, which we guarantee will not interfere in any way with the traffic of vehicles and goods at the packet pier. This unloading system will also be put at the disposal of other firms for unloading vessels at this Pier. This we think would be an advantage to the Harbour, considering the present inadequate facilities available at this pier. The same unloading charges would be exacted as are current at Waterford Harbour.

We ask that the matters mentioned in this application be dealt with in committee, and treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,
Wicklow
Fertilizers Ltd.

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The Manager explained that the plot of ground now proposed to be leased to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. contained portion of one of two pieces of land leased to the Council by the Minister for Finance for 31 years from 25th. March, 1932 under indenture made 7th. December, 1943, and that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Minister be requested to accept the surrender of the existing lease from the Council and grant a new lease of the two plots in question for a term of 75 years.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wm Clarke; seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That subject to the approval of the Minister for Finance, an interested party in respect of portion of the plot in question, we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, measuring perches, and as delineated on map prepared by the Town Surveyor to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., for a term of 75 years, at an annual rent of £10-0-0, said plot to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon a Factory premises to be constructed to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor."

Regarding the application of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., for a lease of the open space which adjoins the Factory site to the North, it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That the permission granted by the Council to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. to store timber on plot at North Quay be revoked, and that the resolution of the Council passed at the meeting held on 1st. November, 1949, relating to this plot is hereby rescinded".

The Manager stated that a copy of the resolution would be forwarded to the Council's Solicitor who would be requested to advise the Council in the matter.

The company also wrote requesting the permission of the Council to demolish the buildings which are on the plot of ground at North Quay, recently acquired by the Company as a Factory site. The Council unanimously agreed to grant the permission required.

Sea Front. Councillor Sutton drew the attention of the Surveyor to the condition of certain areas at the Sea Front which required to be cleaned. The Surveyor undertook to have the necessary cleaning operations carried out.

Resolutions of Sympathy. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-
"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council, tender our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Laurence O'Toole, in his recent sad bereavement, occasioned by the death of his wife."

J. Clarke
4/7/50

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,

WICKLOW.

June 30th. 1950.

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

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 4th. July, 1950, at 7-30. P.M. You are requested to attend.

Arrangements have been made for the attendance of a Photographer for the purpose of taking a photograph of the Council in session.

A G E N D A.

- 1 Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 6th. June 1950(copy herewith)
- 2 Resolution from Sligo Corporation re Valuation of property in Urban Areas.
- 3 Letter from Electricity Supply Board re office accommodation for Collector.
- 4 Letter from Lt. Col. F. Deighton re plot at Dunbur Road.
- 5 Sanitary Sub-Officer's report re erection of Fowl Houses by tenants of Council houses.
- 6 Correspondence from Wicklow Branch of Amalgamated Woodworkers re Church Holy-days.
- 7 Application from Mr. R. T. Killian for Council's consent to sale of premises at Dunbur Road.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Minutes of Meeting held on July 4th. 1950.

Present:- Councillors J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding;
C. W. Hudson; L. Sutton; W. Clarke; and R. Haskins.
The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHED: A photograph of the Council in session was taken by Mr. P. Noonan. In addition to the members of the Council, the County Manager and Town Surveyor, the following were included in the photograph:-
Miss F. Middleton; (Clerk-Typist) C. Jolley(Veterinary Inspector);
E. Kennedy (Rate Collector); B. O'Toole (Town Sergeant); P. Noonan(Press Representative); Sean S. O'Ceallaigh(Town Clerk).

CHAIRMAN Councillor C. W. Hudson extended a hearty welcome to the Chairman on his resumption of duty after a very serious illness. The other members present associated themselves with Councillor Hudson's remarks. The Manager, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Council's staff, stated that it was a great pleasure to welcome back the Chairman after his long illness. The Chairman thanked the members and the Manager for their kind remarks.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting of the Council held on 6th. June, 1950 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY- Resolution from Sligo Corporation: The following resolution, received from Sligo Corporation was adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of Sligo Corporation, being of the opinion that the Valuation Laws as they stand at present are inequitable, earnestly request the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation for the purpose of amending the law in regard to the valuation of property in Urban Areas, and as an alternative to the present system, recommend that all property in Urban Areas, both business and residential, should be classed, having regard to the volume of business and standard of the areas respectively, and that a sliding scale should then be applied, as a percentage of the Market Value of the property, for the purpose of arriving at a fair and just Valuation figure.

It is also decided that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to every Urban Council in Eire, for their adoption, and that the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities in Ireland shall be sent a copy of the resolution to have it included on the Agenda for the next Annual Conference of the Association".

E. S. B. -OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR COLLECTOR: Read letter dated 22/6/1950 from Electricity Supply Board, stating that the premises at the Mall, Wicklow, recommended by the Council as being suitable for Office Accommodation, had been inspected and found to be unsuited to the Board's requirements. The latter also stated that if a suitable premises at a reasonable rent became available, the matter would be considered further. The Chairman stated that the premises in question had not been inspected. After discussion it was decided to inform the E.S.B. that the Council was not aware that an inspection of the premises at The Mall, Wicklow had been carried out as indicated in the Board's communication.