

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 3rd. 1950.

Present:- Councillors J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding; C. W. Hudson;
J. Everett T.D.; L. Sutton; E. Kane; A. Finlayson; P. Doyle;
J. Brennan; and W. Clarke.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING: The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 5th. September, 1950 were taken as read, and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING: Councillors W. Clarke and J. Everett objected to the confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, on the Grounds that certain business had been transacted at such Special Meeting, without its having appeared on the Agenda relating to such meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes on the understanding that the objection to their being signed would be noted.

Councillor W. Clarke, in making the objection stated, that he would hand in a Notice of Motion to rescind the resolution which was passed at the meeting on September 18th., 1950, in connection with the proposed payment of a special bonus to certain officials and employees engaged on the Council's Direct Labour Scheme.

The Manager, in reply to Councillor J. Everett, submitted to the meeting, the final figures relating to the 26 houses Scheme, and gave particulars of the saving which had been effected by the Council's having adopted the Direct Labour method of building. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be necessary to deal at length with this question of Direct Labour Costs, and it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on 7th. November, 1950.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: Read letter dated 17/9/1950 from Mrs M. R. Beckett, Drumany, Greystones, thanking the Council for their Resolution of Sympathy.

PROPOSED AIRFIELD: Read letter dated 18/9/ 1950 from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council stating that the County Council had considered the Resolution passed by the Wicklow Urban District Council on 1/8/1950, regarding the acquiring of lands at Kilpoole and Magheramore for the purpose of an Airfield, which would serve Wicklow, Arklow and Adjacent Tourist Resorts. The Secretary indicated that the County Council approved of the proposal in principle and had directed the County Engineer to examine the matter. Noted.

TRAVELLING SHOPS: The following resolution received from Bray Urban District Council was marked "read" :-

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch and resolved:-

"That we the Members of the Bray Urban District Council view with concern the growing menace of the Travelling shop, as outlined in a letter to the Council from the Retail Grocery, Dairy and Allied Trades Association, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Urban District Council in the country, and to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, requesting him to establish a Tribunal to investigate the problem of Travelling Shops, and recommending measures to deal with it".

The Council noted that at their meeting held on 5/9/1950, they had passed a similar resolution, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

CARELESS DRIVING OF MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VEHICLES: The following resolution received from Dublin County Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Councillor Tunny,
Seconded by Councillor Cullen and resolved:-

"That in view of the serious loss of life, permanent disablement and injuries caused by accidents due to the reckless and careless driving of mechanically propelled vehicles, we call on the Minister for Justice for the establishment of a special Commission to examine circumstances and make recommendations regarding penalties and conditions and general suitability of drivers; Also to make special reference to speed and proper driving through cities, towns, villages and built up areas.

Copies of this motion to be forwarded to all Local Authorities in the Republic of Ireland for approval."

HARBOUR ROADS: Read letter dated 16/9/1950 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter relating to the proposal of the Council to take over and maintain the Harbour Roads, and stating that the letter would be placed before the Harbour Authority. Noted.

GRANT UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: Read letter dated 6/9/1950, from Department of Local Government, (Ref. RPB/I32) intimating that the Scheme in respect of Foreshore Repairs put forward in the Council's letter of 8/4/1950, had been approved, and that a Grant not exceeding £600 had been sanctioned to meet the cost of such works. Following discussion, the Town Surveyor stated that work on repairs to Foreshore Protection Works adjoining the Railway Wall was already in progress. Regarding a suggestion that the gravel which had accumulated on the outer Murrrough between the Promenade and the Manure Works could be utilised for purposes of Protection Works, the Town Surveyor stated that Coras Iompair Eireann were opposed to the removal of this gravel. After discussion, the Manager undertook to communicate with the C. I. E. in connection with the matter.

FIELD AT MARLTON ROAD: Read letter dated 21/9/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Mrs Richards was prepared to sell to the Council that portion of her field which was in the Urban Area for the sum of £150. Following a discussion it was decided to inform Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. that the Council wished to adhere to the existing arrangement whereby Mrs Richards received a rent of £25 per annum for use of that portion of her field which was required for purposes of Pumping Plant.

GRANTS UNDER SECTION 17 of the HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT 1950.

Wicklow U.D.
Read letter dated 12/9/1950 from Department of Local Government (Ref.N.2215/4/50) regarding the Council's Scheme of 20 Houses at St. Patrick's Road, to be let at economic rents, and stating that these houses would be eligible for a grant under Section 17 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, subject to compliance with the conditions imposed by that section and with any regulations which the Minister might make under the Section.

The Council was informed that the availability of the maximum Grant of £275 per house would result in a Basic rent of £1-2-8 per week, viz. a reduction of 4/4d. per week. The inclusive weekly rent based on an estimated P.L.V. of £11-0-0 would be £1-9-0.

PROPOSED COMPLETION OF CONCRETE ROAD AT MURROUGH: Read following letter from Department of Local Government:-

Department of Local Govt.
12th September, 1950

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 31st. ult., and previous correspondence, regarding a grant for the proposed completion of a concrete Road at The Murrough, Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it is not possible to make a Road Fund Grant available for this work. The Council may wish to consider utilising this year's allocation from the Employment Schemes Vote for part of the Scheme and to do the balance in future years or by means of a loan from their Treasurers. If so, the necessary forms should be submitted (II, IIA. and OD 5. in reply to circular R.U./217/4 of the 31st. ultimo, and II and IIA re loan.)

It is considered that the Manure Company's offer is much too small in relation to the benefits they would derive as the extension of this road is of little benefit to any other party at present.

Mise le meas,

E. T. Sheey.

After discussion the Council directed that the Dublin Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd., be informed of the position, and that a copy of the relevant extract from the Department's letter be forwarded to them.

MORTGAGE- SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS- MYLES COPELAND.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Mortgage- Myles Copeland to the Wicklow Urban District Council".

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

PROPOSED SCALE OF WATER CHARGES: At the suggestion of Councillor Kane it was decided to defer further consideration of the proposed scale of charges for use of water from the Town Supply for other than Domestic Purposes to the meeting of the Council to be held on 7th. November, 1950.

PROPOSED POUND: Read letter dated 14/9/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll and Co., stating that as Mrs Esther Doyle held a lease from the Council of the yard at Coates Lane, she was in a position to let the yard as a Pound. Messrs McCarroll further advised that in the event of the Council's deciding to take the yard from Mrs Doyle, a suitable Tenancy Agreement should be prepared. Read letter from Mrs Esther Doyle, stating that she expected a rent of 15/- per week. After discussion the Council agreed that there would be no objection to renting the yard, from Mrs Doyle, at a weekly rent of 15/-, provided that the County Council would contribute half of such rent.

ERECTION OF GARAGE AT BOND STREET: MR. JOHN CANAVAN. Read letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., as follows:-

4, Church St.,
Wicklow.
12/9/1950

Re- Premises at Bond St.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 9th. inst., Mr. Canavan recently purchased the lease-hold interest of Mr. Richard White. We had taken proceedings against Mr. White on behalf of the Council for arrears of Ground Rent; the latter arrears of rent will now be discharged.

Mr. Canavan sold his garage to the new factory, and wishes to make two of the demolished houses into a garage. At present we understand that these two houses are in ruins and a merely used as a dumping-ground.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

Read report dated 16/9/1950 from Town Surveyor, stating that he had requested Mr. Canavan to discontinue the erection of a structure at Bond St., which structure was being erected (I) without the approval of the Council under the Town Planning Acts; without proper plans and specification having been submitted for approval to the Council. The Surveyor in his report stated that the workmanship and the method of building were crude in the extreme.

Read letter dated 2/10/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., enclosing a tracing of the proposed garage and stating that Mr. Canavan was prepared to comply with any reasonable request of the Council.

After discussion the Council decided to request their Solicitor to advise regarding the following matters. (1) The position of the Council and Mr. White regarding the assignment of Mr. White's interest to Mr. Canavan; Under the terms of the lease, could Mr. White, in the event of his failing to maintain his property in a proper manner, be compelled to surrender his holding to the Council? (2) Is it necessary to obtain the consent of the Council to the assignment?

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane;
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby tender our sincerest sympathy to Rev. P. O'Flynn Adm. in his recent bereavement occasioned by the death of his Brother".
The resolution was passed in silence all members standing.

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WATER-SUPPLY: HOUSES AT LOWER STRAND STREET. Read letter dated 30/9/1950 from Mrs Elizabeth Donnelly, 1, Lower Strand Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to provide a water-supply for her house. The Town Clerk stated that arrangements were being made for the survey of Bond St., and Strand Street Areas, to be carried out by the Chief Medical Officer and the Town Surveyor, and that a joint report would be submitted in due course. The Council agreed that the question of water and sewerage services for the houses in this area could be discussed in conjunction with the examination of such joint report.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME: Read letter dated 29/9/1950 from Bord Na Mona, intimating that they were not in a position to offer the Council supplies of Machine won turf for the purposes of the Council's Cheap Fuel Scheme. The Town Clerk stated that he had not succeeded in obtaining quotations for either hand-won or Machine-won turf. After discussion it was decided to request the Department of Social Welfare to approve of the distribution of coal to the beneficiaries under the Scheme. It was decided that pending the receipt of a reply from the Department, quotations for the supply of Firewood Blocks could be sought.

TRADESMEN- HOLY DAYS: Read letter dated 29/9/1950, from Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Wicklow Branch, stating that the members of his Branch were not satisfied regarding the arrangements relating to Catholic Holy-Days, in so far as they affected the men employed on the Council's Direct Labour Housing Scheme, and requesting the same conditions as apply to County Council employees, viz- to be paid in respect of Church Holy Days without having to work on such days. After discussion, it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on November 7th. 1950.

FOOTPATH AT CHURCH STREET: Read report dated 26/9/1950 from Town Surveyor stating that he had examined footpath at Church Street, opposite the building yard of Mr. William Clarke, which path had been damaged by lorries passing over it in turning to enter the yard. The Surveyor stated that the cost of putting down a concrete path would be £12-0-0. Councillor Clarke stated that he was prepared to contribute to the cost involved. After discussion it was agreed that the Council would bear the full cost of the work. Councillor Finlayson referred to the necessity of lowering kerb at a certain point in Church Street. The Town Surveyor undertook to have the matter attended to as speedily as possible.

HOUSE FOR JUBILEE NURSE: Read letter dated 27/9/50 from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association, requesting the Council to agree to let No 3 Bungalow to the Jubilee Nurse, instead of No 2, Bungalow as already arranged. The Council directed that the Association be informed that the proposed exchange was a matter between the Association and the tenant to whom No 3 Bungalow had already been allocated.

MALL BALL ROOM: Read letter dated 26/9/1950 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., giving particulars concerning certain alterations which had been carried out by Mrs Esther O'Toole to the Mall Ballroom in accordance with the directions of the Council's Officials and suggesting that in view of these alterations the Council would not raise any objection to the Renewal of the Dance Licence. The Council recommended that the Renewal be granted, and that if further alterations were required, a reasonable time should be allowed to enable Mrs O'Toole to carry them out.

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BONUS PAYMENTS: Councillor W. Clarke handed in the following Notice of Motion:-

"I propose to give Notice at the next meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council to rescind the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on the 18th. September, 1950, in connection with Bonus to Engineer, Clerk of Works, Foreman and Town Clerk."

In connection with this Notice of Motion, Councillor Clarke stated that he would like to have available at the next meeting particulars regarding the following:-

(1) Payments already made to Engineer in connection with Direct Labour Housing Scheme. (2) Payments made to Clerk of Works (3) Payments made to Foremen, and number of Foremen employed. (4) Number of Tradesmen employed.

REPORT OF WATER-WORKS OVERSEER: The report of the Water-Works Overseer for the month of September, 1950 was noted.

REPAIRS TO HARBOUR ROADWAY. Read letter of 25/9/1950 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council to the Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, pointing out that the refund of the expenditure incurred on repairs to Road at North Quay, Wicklow, was primarily, the responsibility of the Harbour Authority, and accordingly requesting the Commissioners to arrange for payment of the amount outstanding as soon as possible. Noted.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SITE- Mr. B. S. Uttley. Read letter dated 29/9/1950 from Mr. B. S. Uttley, Sunnyside, Ashford, applying for Building Site, adjoining plot at Dunbur Road, leased to Mr. G. F. Nichols, and requesting the Council to give him an option on a second building site. The applicant stated that he would be prepared to pay a fee in respect of the option, or in the event of such option not being granted, would accept the two plots on lease. After discussion it was decided to forward particulars of the areas of the plots in question to Mr. Uttley, and to request him to submit relevant plans in connection with the matter.

SITES AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

Church St.,
Wicklow.
2nd. Oct. 1950

Re- Wicklow Saw Mills.

Dear Sir,

I refer to my letter to you of the 5th. September, 1950, and to subsequent meeting between my clients, Representatives of of your Council and Officials, and wish to say that I have since been expecting to hear from you regarding your Council's attitude to my application. Through an outside quarter, I was informed that a meeting of the Council was held after our interview at the Quay and that some decision was arrived at. I have been unable to ascertain what was the exact decision but my clients would be anxious to have early information due to the fact that they have certain plans considered for renovation and extension of their existing premises but these plans depend upon the decision of your Council as to granting them additional facilities as suggested and as pointed out by my and myself on the site.

Perhaps it would be possible for you to let me have an early reply for the information of your clients.

Yours faithfully,
Agustus Cullen.

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Referring to the letter the Chairman stated that it had been made clear to Mr. Cullen and his clients, on the occasion of their interview with members of the Council and representatives of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., that it would be necessary for them to communicate their views to the Council. The Chairman pointed out that whereas Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., had written to the Council explaining their position, no word had been received from Mr. Cullen. Following a discussion, during which members of the Council examined a map of the area in question, it was decided to forward to Mr. Cullen copies of resolutions passed at meeting held on 18th. Sept., and granting leases to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., and to point out to Mr. Cullen that there was a possibility of his clients being able to procure adequate and suitable space to the East of the plot occupied by the Dwellings at Lower Strand Street.

*Y O'Leary
7/11/50*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING held on OCTOBER 24th. 1950

PRESENT: Councillor J. O'Leary (Chairman) presiding; C. W. Hudson; P. Doyle; L. Sutton; E. Kane; W. Clarke. The County Manager was in attendance.

MILK SUPPLY: Mr. J. Sleanor, and Mr. Hughes, both representing Hughes Bros. Ltd., Rathfarnham, Dublin, attended the meeting and were welcomed by the Chairman.

Councillor C. W. Hudson read letter which he had received from a Milk Supplier, pointing out that the fixed retail price of Milk in the Urban District of Wicklow was insufficient to allow a Local Vendor to compete with Dublin Firms for supplies from producers of milk.

The County Manager quoted the prevailing fixed prices in the area during the winter months viz-

Fixed Retail Price of Loose Milk in Wicklow Urban District	-	2/10d per gal.
" " " " " " " " Dublin & Bray Area	-	3/6 " "
" " " " " " " " County Louth	-	3/4 " "
Fixed Wholesale price paid by Dublin Purveyors to producers at distance of 30 miles from Dublin	-	2/4 ¹ / ₂ d. " "
Average price paid by Wicklow Purveyors to producers	-	2/4 " "
Apparent margin of profit available to:-		
(1) Dublin Purveyors (less cost of haulage)		1/1 ¹ / ₂ d " "
(2) Wicklow Purveyors (Net)		6 " "
(3) Co Louth " (")		11 ¹ / ₂ d " "

The representatives of Hughes Bros Ltd., stated that milk could not be supplied by them to Wicklow Urban District at an economic rate, and agreed that the prevailing prices do not afford a sufficient margin of profit to a Vendor in Wicklow Urban District, particularly a Purveyor of bottled milk; they offered however, to waive any of their contracts with producers in Wicklow area, that might interfere with the supplies in the town, or to take surplus only from such producers when the occasion arose, and denied that they offered any incentive to producers to give Hughes Bros Ltd. their whole out-put during any particular period.

The Council discussed these submissions and noted that while there was no shortage of milk in the area, there did appear to be imminent danger of a shortage of milk purveyors, who would be forced to close down for lack of profit.

After discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:-

"That having considered representations from Consumers and Milk Purveyors regarding the difficulties arising in connection with Milk Supply in the Urban District, and the probability that exists of a grave shortage of Milk owing to the alleged inability of Purveyors to procure adequate supplies or to arrange for distribution, we request the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Agriculture to immediately investigate the conditions of supply and prices of Milk in the Urban District, in order that the danger of a complete and immediate shortage may be avoided."

SUPPLIES OF MATERIALS TO WICKLOW TEXTILES LTD. The County Manager reported that in consultation with the Chairman, he had as a matter of urgency, acted on behalf of the Council in negotiations between Wicklow Textiles Ltd. and the Government Department in order to secure a quota of woolen materials as raw materials for the Factory in Wicklow Town. He read correspondence, showing that as a result, a temporary Quota had been allocated to the Wicklow Firm, affording a temporary measure of relief, and ensuring the continued employment of the workers employed in the factory.

Councillor Hudson congratulated the Chairman and the Manager on their prompt and successful action in this matter, and after discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Sutton and resolved:-

"That we strongly represent to the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority that adequate supplies of the materials required by Wicklow Textiles Ltd., be made available to them, and if these supplies cannot be procured from Irish Manufacturers, that the necessary import quota be allowed to the Company. In making these observations we desire to bring to the notice of the Department of Industry and Commerce the grave situation which would arise, if the Company has to discontinue business owing to failure to procure materials, and the consequent unemployment for the workers which would result."

HOUSING- LETTING OF No. 8, ST. LAURENCE ROAD (Bungalows) The Manager reported that former tenant Charles Kavanagh had vacated No 8, St. Laurence Bungalows, as from 21st. October, 1950. The Council considered a list of 14 applicants, and recommended that the new letting be made to Mr. Peter Clarke, stated to be sub-tenant of Council house at 22, Fairview Rd.

SYMPATHY: On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved in silence all members standing:-

"That we tender deep sympathy to the relatives of Mr. P. Finlay, Mrs Nolan and Dorothy Nolan, in their tragic loss suffered by fire in Bray, on 23rd. October, 1950."

ROAD SIGNS: Councillor Kane referred to the advisability of providing direction signs in the town to indicate the position of the Rialway Station, and Danger Signs at the entrances to new Convent School. The Council agreed that the Town Surveyor should be requested to attend to these matters.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD - POLES: Councillor Kane referred to two E. S. B. Standards located in awkward and unsightly positions:- (1) near garage of D. H. Haskins (Garage) Ltd. (2) In open space near derelict site on North Quay, and it was agreed that the E. S. B. should be requested to re-locate these poles if this could be done without expense when proposed new cable was being put in at North Quay.

*J. O'Hara
7/11/50*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
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TOWN HALL,
 WICKLOW.
 November 3rd, 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, 7th November, 1950, at 7-30. P. M.

You are requested to attend.

Mise le meas,

P. Maguire.
 Acting Town Clerk.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on 3rd, October, 1950, and 24th, October, 1950.
- (2) Examination of Costings of erection of houses by Direct Labour.
- (3) Examination of proposed scale of charges for use of water from town supply for other than domestic purposes.
- (4) Pursuant to Notice: Motion to rescind resolution passed on 18/9/50 approving payment of Bonus on Direct Labour Housing Scheme.
- (5) Further consideration of application of Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers for leave with pay on Church Holy-days.
- (6) Consideration of further applications for tenancy of Better-Class Houses.
- (7) Execution of Memorial of Lease, Wicklow U. D. C. To John Canavan.
- (8) Application of Miss Winifred Flynn for permission to assign lease.
- (9) Execution of Tenancy Agreement - Wicklow U. D. C. to William Vickers.
- (10) Execution of application for registration of Title in connection with Advance under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- (11) Consideration of further application of Mr. B. Uttley for lease of Building Site at Dunbur Road.
- (12) Consideration of application of (1) Mr. A. J. Crotty (2) Mr. N. J. Byrne for leases of building sites at Dunbur Road.

- (15) Circular H. 67/50 of 28/11/1950 re Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932 to 1950.
- (16) Letter from Mr. H. O'Leirne, Brittas Bay, Wicklow, re house at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
- (17) Housing Progress Report.
- (18) Report re Field at Dunbur Road- Henry Hamilton.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Cleircach an Rhaile.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING - - - - - HELD ON NOVEMBER 7th, 1950

Present: Councillor J. Olohan, (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors A. Finlayson; L. Sutton; W. Clarke; C.W.Hudson;
James Everett T.D.; P. Doyle; J. Brennan.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on October 3rd, 1950, and of Special Meeting held on 24th. October, 1950, were confirmed and signed.

HOUSING: Referring to the minutes, and items number two and number four on the Agenda, Councillor Clarke pointed out that his requirements for information as to the costs result of Direct Labour Scheme, and particulars of proposed Bonus payments had been misunderstood. He desired information to be circulated to the Councillors before the meeting, so that it could be studied. It was agreed that these items should be adjourned to a meeting to be held on Monday, 13th. November, 1950, and in the meantime, there were to be circulated to the Councillors, statements, giving cost results of Direct Labour Scheme as compared with Contractor's tender, showing results of any deviations from original specification, giving particulars of system of obtaining tenders and placing orders for materials, particulars of laboratory tests of materials, and with regard to the Bonus payments, a schedule, showing the payments hitherto made, the payments proposed to the different classes of personnel, and the number of houses involved.

MILK SUPPLY: The Manager read letters from the Department of Industry and Commerce, and the Department of Agriculture, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Council, passed at meeting on 24th. October, 1950, and calling for an investigation into the supply and prices of Milk in the Urban District of Wicklow. Correspondence between the Council and Mr. Percy Sheane, Milk Producer was read, and it was noted that Mr. Sheane intended to cease supplying to Wicklow Town at the end of November, unless a satisfactory price adjustment was made.

It was decided to await, until next meeting, further communication from the Departments of Agriculture and of Industry and Commerce.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: Acknowledgments of resolutions of sympathy were read from Rev. Father O'Flynn and Mr. J. DeCoursey.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Read letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, stating that the County Council at the Annual Meeting, held on 4th. October, 1950, appointed Councillors L. Sutton, A. Finlayson, and J. Olohan as members of the County Library Committee.

WICKLOW TEXTILES LTD.: Road letter from Industrial Development Authority, dated 4th. November, 1950:-

Acting Town Clerk,
Wicklow U.D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 25th October, addressed to the Department of Industry and Commerce, transmitting a copy of the resolution passed by the Wicklow Urban District Council at their meeting held on 24th. October, 1950, in regard to the position of Wicklow Textiles Ltd., has been considered by the Industrial Development Authority. The Minister for Industry and Commerce, acting on the advice of the Authority, granted supplementary licences as a special concession, and the Company has been so informed.

Yours faithfully,

J. Cassidy.

This letter was noted with satisfaction.

WATER SUPPLY: SCALE OF CHARGES: The following scale of charges were approved:-

(1) The charge for water supplied by meter shall, in all cases, except Charitable Institutions, be ONE SHILLING PER 1,000 GALLONS, the minimum charge being TEN SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE PER QUARTER, plus meter rent.

(2) Charitable Institutions:-

Wicklow County Hospital	£12-0-0 PER ANNUM
Fever Hospital	£ 8-0-0 " "

(3) Hose for Garden Purposes. £ 1-0-0 " "

(4) Every New Building, a MINIMUM CHARGE OF TEN SHILLINGS

METER FOR LARGER WORKS.

(5) For lands for grazing purposes, large gardens, hydraulic or steam purposes, BY METER, UNDER SPECIAL AGREEMENT

(6) Hairdressers TEN SHILLINGS PER ANNUM

(7) Chemists ONE POUND PER ANNUM.

(8) Publicans ONE SHILLING IN £. OF POOR LAW VALUATION.

(9) Shipping Water TWO SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE PER 1,000 GALLONS, including men's time in ordinary hours - overtime charged after working hours.

SERVANTS' LEAVE WITH PAY ON CHURCH HOLY-DAYS: The application, adjourned from the October Meeting, of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers for leave with pay on Church Holy-Days was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D. Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan and resolved:-

"That all workers in the employment of the Council, be granted leave with pay, on every Church Holy Day which would otherwise be a working day, and this arrangement is to apply as from 1st. November, 1950."

HOUSING LETTINGS: ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The Manager reported that the application of J. J. Anderson, recommended for tenancy at meeting on the 5th. September, 1950, had been withdrawn, and six new applications had been received. It was decided, Councillor C. W. Hudson dissenting, to review the previous recommendation for eight tenants, and to recommend that the houses be let in order of completion as follows:-

- (1) Mrs T. Doran, Wicklow.
- (2) James Spiddal, Glenealy.
- (3) Mrs Etheldreda Low, Glenealy.
- (4) Peter Duffy, 95, Botanic Road, Glasnevin.
- (5) Mrs Elizabeth Brady, Wicklow.
- (6) Richard Woodroffe, Raheenmore, Wicklow.
- (7) Michael G. O'Beirne, Brittas Bay, Wicklow.
- (8) James Jackson, 4, Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

CORPORATE ESTATE: MEMORIAL OF LEASE TO JOHN CANAVAN:

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Memorial of an Indenture of Lease bearing date 20th. August, 1935, between the Wicklow Urban District Council and John Canavan of Bond Street, Wicklow, whereby the Council did thereby demise plot of ground at Bond Street, Wicklow, for the term of 75 years, from 25th. March, 1935, at the yearly rent of two pounds." The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Memorial.

CORPORATE ESTATE: CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT BY WINIFRED FLYNN:

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

"That the Council hereby consents to the assignment by Miss Winifred Flynn, of her interest in plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, said plot of ground being portion of lands leased by the Council to Mr. Robert Conway, for a term of 75 years, by Indenture dated 30th. December, 1939, and assigned by the said Robert Conway to the said Winnifred Flynn, by instrument dated 30th. December, 1946."

CORPORATE ESTATE: LETTING OF STORE TO WILLIAM VICKERS:

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke;
Seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement between the Council and William Vickers of 9, Urban Villas, Wicklow, whereby the Council lets to William Vickers a vacant house at Lower Strand Street, Wicklow, as a store, at the weekly rent of two shillings, commencing on 18th. Sept, 1950" The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Agreement.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: MYLES COPELAND:

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton -resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to application for registration of Titles of Myles Copeland and the Mortgage of the Council to leasehold estate in the land with the dwellinghouse and out-offices erected thereon, being house and lands at Ballynerrin, securing repayment of the sum of £1200, advanced by the Council to Myles Copeland, with interest at the rate of 3½% for the term of 35 years."

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The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Application.

CORPORATE ESTATE: APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SITE:

(1) Basil Uttley. Read letter from Mr. Basil Uttley, dated 11th. Oct., 1950, requesting a frontage of 100 feet, or 144 feet on West side of Dunbur Road, to accommodate a proposed bungalow of 55 feet frontage. After discussion, it was decided to inquire from Mr. Uttley, if he would be prepared to accept the desired frontage at East side of Dunbur Road, beside house of Col. Vize.

(2) Lease to Nicholas J. Byrne. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant to Nicholas J. Byrne, of 2, The Mall, Wicklow, a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, as delineated on map prepared by the Town Surveyor, for the term of 75 years, at yearly rent of £7-10-0, provided a dwellinghouse is erected thereon within a period of eighteen months."

(3) Lease to Andrew J. Crotty. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant to Andrew J. Crotty, a lease of plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, as delineated on map prepared by the Town Surveyor, for the term of 75 years, at yearly rent of £7-10-0, provided a dwellinghouse is erected thereon within a period of eighteen months."

HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT 1950. GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION: It was decided to adjourn consideration of this item to meeting on 13th. November, 1950, summary of Circular to be distributed to members beforehand.

CONTROL OF ADVERTISING HOARDINGS: The following resolution, forwarded by Arklow Urban District Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That we consider that Local Authorities should have powers to control the erection of Advertisement Hoardings, or advertisements adjoining public roads, and to request their removal, or prohibit their erection, where in the opinion of the local authority, such hoardings or advertisements injuriously affect the amenities of a district, or are likely to render roads dangerous to road-users, and in this connection we desire to indicate to the Minister for Local Government, that in our view, the Powers given under the Advertisement Regulations Act, 1909, are nowadays inadequate.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Borough and Urban Councils in Ireland."

HARBOUR ROADS: Read letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, forwarding resolution "That we the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners propose to hand over all roads under our authority, to the Wicklow Urban District Council."

The Clerk was directed to inform the Harbour Commissioners of the procedure prescribed under Section 178 of the Harbours Act, 1946.

PUBLIC PARK AT BLACK CASTLE: Read letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce:-
Wicklow Urban District Council

A Dhacine Uaisle, The Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce wishes to draw the attention of your Council to the desirability of improving the appearance of the area in the neighbourhood of the Black-Castle.

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It is the opinion of the Chamber, that this area, which, by reason of its situation and the magnificent view to be obtained therefrom, would be ideally suited for such purpose, should be converted into a Public Park. The provision of such park, it is felt, would be of considerable benefit to the residents in the Area, and would greatly enhance the appeal of Wicklow as a Tourist Resort.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh (Runaidhe Onorach).

The Manager explained that the land in the proposed Park is presently owned by Sir John Esmonde, portion being leased to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. It was decided to inquire from the owner of the land, if he would be agreeable to have it vested in the Council for use as a Public Park.

HOUSING REPAIRS- SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE: The Manager, having submitted figures of expenditure to date, and estimates for two jobs at 20, Fairveiv Rd., and 2, St. Bride's Road, which would exceed the estimate, it was Proposed by Councillor L. Sutton; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £100 in excess of the amount provided in the Annual Estimates of Expenses for 1950/51 for Housing Repairs".

PUBLIC LIGHTING: After discussion of applications for extra Public light, it was decided to provide immediately extra light at the following points:-

- (1) Upper end of Church Hill.
 - (2) On standard in Avenue to Curate's House at St. Patrick's Road.
 - (3) At Barrow Green.
- Other Public Lights required to be considered at Estimates Meeting.

HOUSING LETTING: 3, GLENVIEW ROAD. Read letter from James Hanlon:-

To/ Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

14, Glenview Road,
Wicklow.

Sir,

I beg to ask if it would be possible to have my house, formerly at 3, Glenview Road, transferred into my eldest Sister's name, Eridie Hanlon. I am married almost 7 months. Since then my sister has been paying the rent, I am residing with my wife in a room rented to me by Mr. Joseph Donnelly, 14, Glenview Road. Thanking You,

Yours truly, James Hanlon.

The Council recommended that letting be given to Miss Jane Hanlon.

CORPORATE ESTATE: LEASE TO WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD: Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor for Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., was received by the Council and submitted a map showing the areas at North Quay, desired to be leased to his clients. It was noted that there would be a clash of interests between Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd and Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd, and it was agreed that both Firms and the County Manager would confer to arrive at a recommendation to the Council of the best way to allot the various portions.

Noting the space adjoining plots in leases of J. Canavan and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D.; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:

"That we hereby agree to lease to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. a plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, as shown red on map submitted by Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, subject to the arrangement that sufficient width be allowed for suitable road to Harbour, question of rent to be decided later when measurements of plots shown on map are submitted by the Town Surveyor.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION: Read letter dated 6th. November, 1950

To/Acting Town Clerk. I, Glenview Road, Wicklow. 6th. Nov. 1950

A Chara,

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., are recruiting labour from the Rurla Area and it is our opinion that the site for this company was granted for the expressed purpose of giving employment to workers in the Urban Area, and we feel that while there is local labour available they should be given preference. It is hoped that the Urban Council will see that the above conditions are observed.

Faternally Yours,

A O'Brien.

It was decided that Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd be asked for their views in connection with this matter.

TOWN HALL LETTING: Read letter dated 2nd November, 1950, from St. Patrick's Pipe Band, applying for letting of a second room in the Town Hall, for the purpose of Band Practice, and storing of instruments.

The Council recommended a temporary letting at rent of one shilling per week.

ADDITION TO HOUSE: Read application of William Vickers for permission to construct tool shed at rear of I, Fairview Road. Permission granted for erection of shed conforming with requirements of Town Surveyor.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Councillor Sutton drew attention to dangerous corner at Sea View Road. It was decided that the the Town Surveyor be requested to estimate the cost of easing this corner.

*Y Olohan
5/12/50*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING - - - 13th. November, 1950.

Present: Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding; Councillors J. Brennan; L. Sutton; A. Finlayson; P. Doyle; W. Clarke; J. Everett T.D. The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Chairman that Councillor Hudson had telephoned him, intimating his regret at his inability to attend the meeting.

DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEME: The Manager stated that in compliance with the request of the Council, a report relating to the cost of the erection of 26 houses by Direct Labour at Castle Street, Monkton Row, and Cooper's Field, Wicklow, had been circulated to the members of the Council.

Councillor Clarke stated that since the Direct Labour Method of building cut out the Middleman's profits and did not have to allow for (1) overhead expenses (2) Maintenance (3) Insurance Bond (4) fine for non-completion of Contract within specified time, it would seem that building by Direct Labour would have to be cheaper than building by Contract. Councillor Clarke stated however, that in practice, such was not always the case. In support of his contention he gave figures relating to the cost of houses built by him for Local Authorities, and pointed out that the losses incurred by him as a result of these contracts would have been a burden on the rates if such houses had been built by Direct Labour.

The Chairman stressed the fact that it was at the request of the Department of Local Government that the Council had agreed to adopt the Direct Labour Method.

Councillor Everett stated that he was in favour of Direct Labour Schemes, but he wanted the same conditions to apply to them as in the case of building by Contract, as regards type of work, supervision of such work etc. He said that there should be an Independent Officer to certify the work carried out by Direct Labour. He agreed that the White Slip was necessary for Contractors, in order to protect them against rising prices.

The Manager pointed out that the houses built by Direct Labour had been examined by an Inspector from the Department of Local Government, as it was necessary to have the work certified in order to procure the appropriate Transition Development Fund Grant. Regarding the Direct Labour Scheme, the Manager stated that the Officials of the Council were merely carrying out the policy of the Council, and had not shown any particular enthusiasm for such method, as it was realised by them that Direct Labour would involve considerably more work for them than would the Contract Method. Regarding Contract prices, the Manger pointed out that Contractors who submitted Housing Tenders immediately after the war, considered that they were assuming undue risks, and consequently, the tenders were high. The Manager also drew attention to the fact that the Contractor was a specialist, with experience, organisation and equipment; and that it was only unusual circumstances that had caused the local authority to embark on the Direct Labour Scheme. In reply to the Chairman, the Manager stated that if the lowest tender had been accepted by the Council, it would have resulted in an increase of 4/- per week in the rent of each house, as compared with the rent based upon Direct Labour Costs.

After further discussion it was agreed (1) that the remaining houses (14 subsidised; 12 Better-Class) of the 80 Houses Scheme be built by Direct Labour (2) to adopt Councillor Everett's suggestion that tender prices relating to the Direct Labour Scheme be submitted to and examined by the Council (3) to ascertain if the work in connection with Joinery could be carried out locally (4) that further consideration of the Council's proposals regarding the building of houses on the Murrough be adjourned, until such time as progress with the current 80 houses would warrant the Council's embarking on another scheme.

PAYMENT OF BONUS- DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME: Councillor Clarke, moving his Notice of Motion, to rescind the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 18th. September, 1950, in connection with payment of bonus to Engineer, Clerk of Works, Foreman and Town Clerk, stated that he was opposed to the payment of any such Bonus. He was of the opinion that there should be one man for one job, and consequently objected to the payment of Bonus to the Engineer and Clerk of Works, who were employed by the Wicklow County Council. He suggested that if further Housing Schemes were to be undertaken by the Council, an independent Architect and Clerk of Works should be appointed.

Councillor Clarke's proposal to rescind the resolution was seconded by Councillor Everett.

The resolution was rescinded by 4 votes to 3 votes.

For rescinding of Motion - - - Councillor W. Clarke; J. Everett;
P. Doyle; and A. Finlayson. 4

Against - - - Councillor J. O'Lehan (Chairman);
J. Brennan; and L. Sutton.

After further discussion, the following Notices of Motion were handed to the Chairman:-

- (1) Councillor J. Everett handed in the following Notice of Motion:-
"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the 38 men- tradesmen and labourers) receive 9/4 each per house; that some payment in respect of his work relating to the Direct Labour Scheme be made to the Town Clerk, and that the General Foreman be paid £50."
- (2) Councillor Clarke handed in the following Notice of Motion:-
"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that no Bonus be paid in respect of the Direct Labour Housing Scheme, and that the sum of £644 be spent on the carrying out of some essential work within the Urban Area."
- (3) The Chairman handed in the following Notice of Motion:-
"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Town Surveyor be paid £5. per House; the Clerk of Works be paid 30/- per house, the Town Clerk be paid £4. per house, the General Foreman receive £50; and that 9/4 per house per man be paid to the Tradesmen and labourers engaged on the Council's Direct Labour Housing Scheme"

WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD. WIDTH OF ROADWAY AT NORTH QUAY: Councillor Sutton stated that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd had commenced building a wall around the plot at North Quay, and pointed out that the width of the Roadway between Messrs Haskins Boundary Wall and the proposed Boundary wall of Messrs Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd, would be too narrow. After discussion, during which it was pointed out that Messrs Haskins Ltd proposed to open out another gateway, it was decided that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd be informed that 26 feet would be the minimum width required, and that the Town Surveyor get in touch with Messrs Haskins Ltd regarding the proposed gateway.

J. O'Lehan 5/12/50

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
December 29th, 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, 2nd. January, 1951. You are requested to attend.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 5th. December, 1950. (Copy herewith)
- 2 The ~~following~~ Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett at the meeting of the Council held on December 5th, 1950.
- 3 Resolution from Sligo Corporation re National Flag.
- 4 Resolution from Birr U.D.C. re Purchase of Council houses by tenants.
- 5 Resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. re Shops (hours of Trading on Week-days) Order 1938.
- 6 Resolution from Tralee U.D.C. re Pensions of National Teachers.
- 7 Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce re Milk Supplies in Wicklow.
- 8 Letter from Assistant to Water-Works Overseer.
- 9 Naming of New Roads - Council's Housing Scheme.
- 10 Circular from Department of Local Government re Local Authorities (Works) Acts, 1949.
- 11 Application from Mr. Nicholas J. Byrne for loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- 12 Affixing of Seal to Undertaking in respect of Housing Loan from Local Loans Fund.
- 13 Correspondence re Lease to John Power.
- 14 Correspondence re Franz Zietlow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monthly Meeting held on December 5th, 1950.

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan(Chairman) presiding.
 Councillors L. Sutton; A. Finlayson; J. Everett T.D.
 C. W. Hudson; W. Clarke; P. Doyle; E. Kane and J. Brennan.
 The Deputy County Manager (Mr. K. J. Brangan) and the
 Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings held on 7th. November, 1950, and 13th. November, 1950, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PAYMENT OF BONUS: DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME: Councillor W. Clarke proposed "that no Bonus be paid in respect of the Direct Labour Housing Scheme, and that the sum of £644 be spent on the carrying out of some essential works within the Urban Area".
 Councillor Clarke's Motion was not seconded, and the Chairman declared the Motion lost.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett; seconded by Councillor P. Doyle "that the 38 men, (tradesmen and labourers) receive 9/4 each per house; that some payment in respect of his work on the Direct Labour Scheme be made to the Town Clerk; and that the General Foreman be paid £50".
 For Councillor Everett's Motion:- Councillors J. Everett and P. Doyle.(2)
 Against Councillors J. Olohan (Chairman)
 E. Kane; J. Brennan; A. Finlayson; L. Sutton; W. Clarke and C. W. Hudson(7)
 The Chairman declared the Motion lost.

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

"that the Town Surveyor be paid £5. per house; the Clerk of Works be paid 30/- per house; the Town Clerk be paid £4. per house; the General Foreman be paid £50; and that 9/4 per house per man be paid to the tradesmen and labourers engaged on the Council's Direct Labour Housing Scheme"
 For the Motion Councillors J. Olohan; E. Kane; J. Brennan;
 A. Finlayson; L. Sutton; C. W. Hudson (6)
 Against Councillors P. Doyle; J. Everett; W. Clarke (3)

The Chairman declared the Motion carried.

Councillor Everett handed in the following Notice of Motion which was accepted by the Chairman:-
 "That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on 2nd. January, 1951" That the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 5th. December, 1950 be rescinded and that the tradesmen and labourers employed on the Direct Labour Housing Scheme be paid 10/- each per house; that some payment in respect of his work relating to Direct Labour Scheme be made to the Town Clerk; and that the General Foreman be paid £50."

DUMPING AT BLACK CASTLE Reference was made to the practice of Dumping in the area of the Black Castle, and the Council recommended that the Sanitary Sub-Officer be requested to ensure that all refuse be thrown over the embankment.

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RESOLUTION RE UNEMPLOYMENT AND NATIONAL HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS:-
 The following resolution received from Sligo Corporation was marked "read".

"That we the members of Sligo Corporation regard as unjust and inequitable the condition whereby an established servant of a Local Authority should continue to pay Unemployment and National Health Contributions in addition to his superannuation contributions. We are of opinion that this procedure involves considerable hardship to the employees affected as the total weekly contribution is excessive in relation to the weekly rates of wages payable. Contributions should not be required under National Health and Unemployment Acts in respect of established servants during the period of their employment, but arrangements should be made by the Minister whereby the Local Authority would be at liberty to pay to the Minister for Social Welfare, an amount equal to the value of the Unemployment and National Health Stamps which would put the person affected in benefit during the period that elapses between the termination and resumption of his employment. These payments by the Local Authority to be made from the funds it holds in respect of superannuation deductions and limited to the number of stamps to which the workman is entitled so as to give him the maximum benefit in accordance with the Insurance Acts. The cost of these stamps to be subsequently recouped from the superannuation or gratuity payable.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the appropriate Ministers and to each Urban Local Authority in Eire."

RESOLUTION RE INFANTILE PARALYSIS: The following resolution received from Dublin County Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we members of the Dublin County Council having read the Aims and Objects of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship of Ireland, deem it to be worthy of support and call on the Government to introduce Legislation to assist disabled people in the several directions set out in the memorandum of the organisation. We are appalled to learn that the White Paper on the Social Welfare Bill specifically excludes remedies for the conditions of the disabled and urge all Deputies to assist in bringing the disabled within the scope of the Bill. We further ask that this resolution be circulated to all public bodies throughout the Republic and seek their co-operation in voicing their views in favour of this section of our community."

LETTER OF SYMPATHY: Read letter dated 14/II/50 from Mrs M. Conway and Mrs Alice Power, 7 Convent Road, Wicklow, sisters of the late Patrick Finlay, acknowledging the Council's expression of sympathy.

FOWL MARKET: Monday, 18th. Day of December, 1950 was fixed as the date of the Annual Christmas Fowl Market.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION:- Mr. A. J. Crotty: Read letter dated 9/II/1950 from Mr. A. J. Crotty, Carlow, thanking the Council for granting him a lease of a building site at Dunbur Road, and inquiring whether the Council as private individuals might be in a position to afford him any information concerning houses which might be available for letting. Noted.

BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD- Mr. B. Uttley. Letter dated 18/II/1950 from Mr. B. Uttley, Sunnyside, Ashford, stating that the site offered him at the Dunbur Road was not suitable to him. Noted.

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EXECUTION OF LEASE- WICKLOW MINERAL WATER CO.: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Memorial and Lease- Wicklow Urban District Council to Wicklow Mineral Water Company."
The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Lease, Counterpart Lease and Memorial.

EXECUTION OF LEASE- MINISTER OF FINANCE TO WICKLOW U.D.C.:
Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Lease- Minister for Finance to Wicklow Urban District Council- being lease of two pieces of land containing 3 roods, 26 perches situate between the Inner Pier and the West Pier of Wicklow Harbour for a period of 75 years from 8/9/1950 at an annual rent of five shillings."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Lease.

RENEWAL OF LEASE- MR. MICHAEL MC MAHON: Read letter dated 28/II/1950, from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor applying for a renewal of the lease of Mr. Michael McMahon's premises at Main Street, Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a renewal of the lease of his premises at Main Street, Wicklow, to Mr. Michael McMahon for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1949 at an annual rent of £4-0-6."

LETTING OF TOWN HALL: Read following letter:-

Newcourt Hotel,
High Street,
Manchester 13. 10th Nov '50

Dear Sirs,

You will see from this note-paper that we are promoters of Free Style Wrestling, but please do not confuse this with All-in Wrestling, as we do not promote any form of hooliganism. The sport in which we are interested is a branch of Physical Culture, and fit to be seen by any lady.

Whilst on holiday in Eire last July, we spent several days in Wicklow, and were impressed by the prospects of a series of Wrestling Shows in the Town Hall. I wonder if you would be good enough to let me know if such a suggestion meets with your approval, if so, I should be very pleased indeed to come over and discuss the matter.

We are a financially sound organisation. Our Bankers are the District Bank, Manchester 13. In any case we should be prepared to pay all expenses in advance.

Stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

It was decided to inform Messrs Wryton Promotions Ltd., that the Town Hall would not be suitable for such purposes.

SITE ON MURROUGH- TRANSIMPEX LTD: Read following letter from Transimpex Ltd., 59, Merrion Square, Dublin.

11th. November 1950

Dear Sirs,

We applied to the Urban District Council, Wicklow for the lease of a site on the Murrough north of the premises occupied by Wicklow Textile Ltd. with the intention of establishing a new industry there.

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We regret that owing to the fact that many difficulties and obstacles are experienced in setting up an industry in Wicklow, we have no alternative but to consider it advisable to establish this industry in some other part of the country.

Yours faithfully,

Transimpex Ltd. (J.J. Keogh)

After discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Council had endeavoured in every possible way to assist the promoters, it was decided to request Messrs Transimpex Ltd. to indicate the difficulties and obstacles which had been encountered by them in setting up an industry in Wicklow.

WICKLOW.

PLOT AT NORTH QUAY: SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD.: Read following letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.:-

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed herewith a map of the site at North Quay, Wicklow, showing the additional plot of ground marked F,E,G, in which our Firm is interested. We wish to acquire the lease of this property with the intention of building new premises there. If we are to extend our business to the desired proportions it is essential that we acquire the whole area marked. Plans have been drawn up with this in mind. The area marked F.E.G. would give just sufficient space for storage, and additional plant to be installed.

Yours faithfully,

Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

J. J. Keogh.

The map having been examined by the Council, Councillor Hudson stated that he understood that negotiations between the firms concerned- Fertilizers Ltd., and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.,-were pending. In view of Councillor Hudson's statement the Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter.

CIRCULAR RE HOUSING ACTS 1932 to 1950: Read Circular H. 67/50 of 28/II/1950 from Department of Local Government re Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 1932 to 1950. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE RE HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD:

Read letter dated 14/II/1950 from Mr. O'Beirne, Folly 2nd. Brittas Bay, Wicklow inquiring whether the Council was in a position to grant him tenancy of No. 3 house at St. Patrick's Road. The Town Clerk stated that at a meeting held on 7/II/1950 the Council had decided to let to Mr. O'Beirne the seventh house in order of completion. The Council directed that Mr. O'Beirne be informed to this effect.

Mr. O'Beirne also inquired whether the Council would find it possible to provide a garage. After discussion the Town Surveyor was directed to prepare an estimate of the cost of providing such garages, and it was decided that when such estimate would be available the Council would communicate with the tenants and prospective tenants, indicating the increase in rent which the provision of such garages would entail, and inquiring whether it was considered desirable that the Council should proceed with the erection of such garages.

Read letter dated 21/II/1950 from Mr. Peter Duffy, 95, Botanic Road, Glasnevin, requesting the Council to instal in the house which had been allocated to him, an open Boiler Grate instead of the proposed Range. After discussion, the Town Surveyor was directed to ascertain the extra cost if any which the installation of such grate would entail, and it was decided that the Council would raise no objection to the provision of the grate, provided that Mr. Duffy would be prepared to defray any additional expenditure which might arise.

LIGHT AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: Read letter dated 4/12/1950 from Mrs E. M. Doran, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to provide a Public Light at St. Patrick's Road, adjacent to the Council's Housing Scheme. After discussion the Council decided to request the E. S. B. to provide the following additional Public Lights:-
 (1) Light at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
 (2) Light at Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow. (Smoothing Iron)
 (3) Light at Marlton Road, Wicklow.

PROPOSED GARAGE- NO 4, BUNGALOW, BALLYNERRIN: Read following letter from A. E. Rynhart, recently appointed tenant of No 4, bungalow, Ballynerrin:-

Dear Sir,
 I wish to erect a garage on the above premises, and would be obliged to receive the Council's consent. I am willing to build it to the Council's specifications. The size will be 14' x 10' approx.
 I would also like to know if it would be possible, when erecting the wall in front of the above Bungalow, to leave a space at the end of the fence between No 4 and No 5, to enable me to erect a double gate, say about 9' wide.

Yours faithfully,
 A. E. Rynhart.

The Town Surveyor informed the Council that he considered it desirable that the fence dividing the portions of fields at the rear of the bungalows should be levelled. The Council decided that they would not raise any objection to the erection of the garage, provided that it would be erected in accordance with plans to be approved by the Town Surveyor.

RENT OF HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the inclusive rent of the five-roomed houses at St. Patrick's Road would be 32/6 per week. i.e. a basic weekly rent of £1-6-2 together with rates based on an estimated P.L.V. of £11. Noted.

RENT OF 20 HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN: The Town Clerk stated that the inclusive weekly rents of the 20 subsidised houses at Ballynerrin would be the same as the rents applying to the Cooper's Field Scheme viz. 14/- per week. Noted.

The Council decided to name the new Roadway at the next meeting.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: The Town Surveyor submitted the following Housing Report:-

HOUSING SCHEME- BALLYNERRIN 28.
 Position at end of November 1950:-
 Bungalows 8. Blocks I & 2 (4 Houses) occupied.
 Block 3 (2 houses) to be pebble-dashed, and division fence to be erected.
 Block 4 (2 houses) to be pebble-dashed- outoffice to be built.
 340 lin. yds. 9 inch sewer laid and 80 lin. yds 4 inch water-main laid and 8 connections made to bungalows.
 12 Two-storey
 4 room. Block No 1 (2 houses) Roofed: external walls ready for pebble-slabbings in progress.
 Block No 2 (2 houses) Roofed. external walls ready for pebble-internal plastering complete. staircase being fixed. plumbing being done.
 Block No 3. (2 houses) ditto as for No 2.

Block No 4. (2 houses) Roofed- external walls ready for pebble. internal plastering complete first floor.
 Block No 5. (2 houses) Roofed. external walls ready for pebble; ceilings slabbed; Cork Lining in progress.
 Block No 6. (2 houses) walls built to 2'3" over joist level. Ten outoffices built at back of these blocks.

8- 2 storey

5- 2 storey

Block No 1 (2 houses) occupied.
 Block No 2 (2 houses) Roofed. all floors laid; slabs and cork-lining fixed. 1 house (No 3) skimmed.
 Block No 3 (2 houses) Roof lathed and felted. ready for tiles. ceilings slabbed, and walls scratch coated.
 Block No 4 (2 houses) Walls to roof level.
 In addition 345 L. yds. 9 inch sewer laid and 20 yds 4" ditto. Trench excavated for 120 L. yds and 3 outoffices built at rear.
 Number of men employed - skilled -24; unskilled -29. Total 53.
 Total expenditure to date £24,342.

(signed) J. T. O'Byrne (Town Surveyor.)

TENANCY OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD: Henry Hamilton.

The Council was informed that Mr. Henry Hamilton had failed to sign II month letting Agreement in respect of his field at Dunbur Road, although the Council had carried out fencing repairs as requested. The Council directed that Notice to Quit be served on Mr. Hamilton.

MILK SUPPLY: Read letter dated 2/12/1950 from Department of Industry and Commerce (ref. P.C. 3890/12) stating that arrangements were being made to receive a deputation representing the Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, the Wicklow Urban District Council and local Wicklow Producers in connection with the question of Milk Supplies, in the Urban District of Wicklow. Councillor Hudson informed the meeting that the deputation would be received on the following day, Wednesday, 6th. December, 1950. Councillor C. W. Hudson and Councillor A. Finlayson were appointed as the Council's representatives on the deputation.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: Read following letter received from the Industrial Development Association
 14, Stephen's Green, Dublin
 30th, Nov. 1950

Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

From time to time, the Industrial Development Authority, in its examination of industrial proposals, is asked for information as to local facilities. At the moment, the Authority is considering a proposal which may result in the establishment of a small industry at some place, not too far from Dublin.

Perhaps you would be good enough to let the Authority have as much information as possible regarding the amenities and facilities available at Wicklow, e.g. the amount of capital which might be subscribed locally; the nature and size of any premises available, and whether they are provided with piped water and electricity; the local labour supply; particulars regarding transport facilities; distance from Dublin and other large centres; and any other helpful information that might be available.

In any event, it is desirable to have such information on record, in case an opportunity might arise at any time of influencing a new industry in the direction of your town.

Yours faithfully,
 J. Murray

The Town Clerk stated that full particulars were being forwarded to the Authority.

PUBLIC PARK AT BLACK CASTLE: Read letter dated 11/11/1950 from Sir John Esmonde, stating that he would with pleasure dedicate Black Castle, to the Public Use as suggested. The Council decided to write to Sir John, thanking him for his attitude in the matter.

WICKLOW SAW MILLS: Read letter dated 5/12/1950 from Mr. A. Cullen Solicitor, relative to width of roadway adjoining the premises of Messrs Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., North Quay, Wicklow.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:- (Councillor W. Clarke dissenting as regards the width of roadway)
"That we approve of width of roadway which would result from the building of a boundary wall, flush with rear of garage, which at present stands on the plot occupied by Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd."

The Council directed however, that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd be reminded that it would be necessary for them to comply with their undertaking to provide an appropriate portion of ground at the eastern end of their premises and to render access to Messrs Haskins premises more easy by easing the corners as already suggested by them.

FOOT PATH AT CASTLE STREET: Read letter signed by Mrs S. Malone, Mrs A. Malome, Miss M. Cullen, and Mrs M. McClean of Castle Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to provide a foot-path outside their premises. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor, who stated that he would endeavour to carry out the work as soon as possible.

PLOT OF GROUND ADJOINING WICKLOW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:
Read letter dated 1/12/1950 from Mr. A. Finlayson, Main Street, Wicklow, applying for tenancy of plot of ground between Wicklow Technical School and premises occupied by Mrs M. B. Murray, at Lower Mall, Wicklow. The applicant was informed that it would be necessary for him to apply to the Wicklow County Council.

WATER-CONNECTION- MARLTON ROAD: Read letter dated 5/12/1950 from Mr. John Kane requesting the permission of the Council to enable him to connect to the water-main on Marlton Road, Wicklow. The letter stated that the water would be required for domestic purposes, for use in a house or houses which Mr. Kane proposed to build, on his property at Ballynerrin, Upr., situated outside the Urban area. The Council recommended that permission to connect be granted to Mr. Kane, and that an annual water-rent of £3. per house be charged in respect of water supplied.

LETTER FROM MR. A. DEVLIN: Letter received from Mr. A. Devlin, 2, St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to clarify his position as Assistant to the Water-Works Overseer. After discussion, the Town Clerk was directed to inform the Water-Works Overseer that it was the unanimous wish of the Council that the period during which Mr. Devlin had served as his assistant should be regarded as time served by Mr. Devlin to the Plumbing Trade.

LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSE: The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Joe Doran for tenancy of No 5 Bungalow, St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, the new rent to be 10/1 (inclusive) per week, 1/6. Basic Rent 7/6 and rates (at 30/- in the £) 2/7d.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.
FEBRUARY 2nd, 1951.

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, 6th, February, 1951, at 7-30. P.M. You are requested to attend.

A G E N D A.

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 2nd, Jan. 1951. (copy herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Trim U. D. C. re Bus Terminus.
- (3) Resolution from Arklow U. D. C. re certain type of beneficiaries under Cheap Fuel Scheme.
- (4) Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce re Council's Resolution regarding the supply of Milk to Wicklow Town.
- (5) Letter from E. S. B. re proposed Public Lamp at Marlton Road, Wicklow.
- (6) Application from Mr. Andrew Finlayson for lease of the "Bog Field".
- (7) Application from Mr. N. Byrne for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- (8) Report of Town Surveyor re property of Wicklow Saw Mills Co at North Quay, Wicklow.
- (9) Letter from Tenants of houses at Colley Row re condition of roadway.
- (10) Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed water-main for North Quay, Wicklow.
- (11) Circ. N. 2/1951 of 19/1/1951 from Department of Local Government re Acquisition of Sites for Housing Purposes.
- (12) Circ. H. I. /1951 of 25/1/1951 from Department of Local Government re Grants by Housing Authorities under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
- (13) Housing Progress Report.
- (14) Naming of New Roads at Ballynerrin.
- (15) Allocation of 12 2-storey houses at Ballynerrin to tenants.
- (16) Letter from Mr. William Vickers, Urban Villas re tenancy of house at Strand Street, Wicklow.
- (17) Report re field for allotments.

Mise le reas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Clairench an Bhaile.