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NAMING OF NEW ROADS: COUNCIL'S HOUSING SCHEME: At the Chairman's suggestion it was decided to include this item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949. Read Circular Letter (R.P.C./201) of 14/12/1950 from Department of Local Government recommending Local Authorities to consider without delay such works under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts 1949, as could be executed in the Financial Year 1951/52, and requesting that by the 14th. February, 1951, the Council submit to the Department a statement, showing the Works under the Acts, which they consider could and should be executed by them during the year ending 31st. March, 1952.

The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that he had been given to understand by the Department that a grant would be made available to the Council for the purpose of cleaning the River Leitrim between Parnell Bridge and the Railway (Metal) Bridge provided that it could be shown that the Council was the responsible Authority in relation to the control of this stretch of river. The Town Surveyor pointed out however, that he now understood that according to the Bye Laws for the Regulation of the Port and Harbour of Wicklow the limits of the port extended from the end of the breakwater to the present railway bridge over the River Leitrim, and that it would therefore appear that the Council would not be entitled to obtain the grant under the Act. After discussion the Council directed that the Department be requested to give a grant for the purpose of cleaning this portion of the river as it was considered essential that this work be carried out without delay.

The Town Surveyor stated that he was preparing another (Drainage Works at St. Laurence Road, Kilmartin Road, Scully's Hill, back of Convent Road etc) for submission to the Department and suggested that if individual Councillors considered that any other works should be included in the scheme, they should communicate with the Town Clerk before the 14th. February 1951. The Council agreed with the Town Surveyor's suggestion.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that grants totalling £2750 (£1950 of which had been in respect of Foreshore Repairs) had been made available to the Council under the Provisions of the Local Authorities (Works) Act 1949.

Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts- Nicholas J. Byrne.

The Council approved of the granting of a loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to Mr. Nicholas J. Byrne, the amount of such loan to be determined by the County Manager.

Sealing of Undertaking - Housing Loan.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson
Seconded by Councillor J. Brennan
Resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Form of undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of a Loan of £18,200 from the Local Loans Fund for the erection of 14 houses at Ballynerrin.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS- John J. Mooney.

Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan
Seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Mortgage (Mr. John J. Mooney to Wicklow Urban District Council) and to application for registration relating to Loan of £1250 issued by the Council to John J. Mooney, under the provisions of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899 to 1948."

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RENEWAL OF LEASE TO MR. JOHN J. POWER: Read letter dated 21/12/1950 from Mr. John Power objecting to the following clauses in Draft Lease:-

- (1) Shall also use and occupy the said dwellinghouse as a private dwellinghouse only"
- (2) Clause prohibiting sub-letting except with the previous consent in writing of the Council.
- (3) Clause relating to Bankruptcy.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-
"That we agree to the granting of renewal of Lease to John Power for a period of 75 years from 25/3/1949 provided that rent be £3-6-0 per annum i.e. 25% increase, and insurance cover be £1000; and we hereby agree to waive clauses in Draft Lease relating to (1) subletting (2) use of premises as dwellinghouse only (3) Bankruptcy clause."

CORRESPONDENCE RE FRANZ ZIETLOW: Read letter dated 15/12/1949 from the County Treasurer, The Irish Red Cross Society, stating that the Headquarters of the Society might possibly succeed in getting in touch with Mr. Franz Zietlow, in the Eastern Zone of Germany.
Read letter dated 23/12/1950 from Catholic Social Service Conference, 75, Merrion Square, Dublin, stating that a copy of Mr. Franz Zietlow's letter would be put before the next meeting of the Conference's Executive Committee.
Noted.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: Read following report:-

Dear Sir,

I wish to report position of above scheme at 30/12/1950 as follows:-

- Bungalows (8) Blocks No 1 & 2 Occupied.
Block No 3 pebble dashing still to be done, division fence yet to be erected.
Block No 4 pebble dashing to be done, division fence to be erected and out-office yet to be built.
340 lin yds 9" sewer laid and 80 lin. yds 4" laid.
162 lin. yds. 4" water-main laid.
Two Storey (12) four-roomed. Block 1. Roof tiled; external walls ready for dashing; ceilings and partitions slabbed on first floor.
Block No 2. To be pebble dashed and fenced.
Block No 4. Fixing staircase; external walls ready for pebble-dashing.
Block No 5. First Floor ceilings walls plastered; ground floor-skinning ceilings.
Block No 6. Walls 2'3" over joist level.
8 out-offices built. 164 lin yds sewer trench excavated.
160 yds. 4" water-main laid

- 2 storey (8) five roomed. Block No 1. Houses occupied.
Block No 2. Plastering completed; staircase fixed. trimming out.
Block No 3. Plastering, slabbing, corking walls in progress. ready for tiling.
Block No 4. Roof timber fixed. lathed and felted. fixing studding on floors.
5 out-offices built. 62 yds 4" water-main laid.
50 yds. 9" sewer laid.
365 lin. yds. excavated and ready.

Expenditure to 28th. December, 1950- £26,126-3-10.
Skilled Workers- 22. Unskilled Workers- 24.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.

12 2 storey houses at Ballynerrin: ⁵ Read letter dated 1/1/1951 from Mr. T. Kelly, 16 Kilmartin Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to appoint him tenant of one of the first four two-storey houses to be completed at Ballynerrin. The Council decided to compile a priority list at the next meeting.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT FRIAR'S HILL: Read letter dated 1/1/1951 from Mr. R. Dickenson, Friar's Hill, Wicklow, drawing the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of the road at Friar's Hill, and requesting the Council to provide two additional Public Lights. After discussion it was decided to inform Mr. Dickenson that the matter would be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on the 30th. March 1951.

It was also decided to consider the provision of a Public Light at Shanty Lane at the Estimates Meeting.

Advertising Factory Sites: Read following letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce:-

A Chara,
I am directed by the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce to inform your Council that the Chamber recently has been considering the insertion of advertisements in the continental edition of the New York Herald Tribune, drawing attention to the availability of ideal industrial sites in Wicklow Town, and in the surrounding districts. The Chamber considers that the expenditure involved would be a good investment.

In this connection however, I am to point out that the insertion of what is considered to be the minimum number of advertisements would cost approximately £50, and the Chamber accordingly desires me to inquire whether your Council would be in a position to contribute towards the cost of such advertisements.

After discussion it was decided that the Council should await further details concerning the matter.

WICKLOW TOURIST ASSOCIATION: Read following letter from Wicklow Tourist Association:-
Town Clerk/A Chara,

Some time ago the above Association produced a small type of "Seal" stamp, for use on outgoing correspondence for the purpose of advertising Wicklow as a Tourist Resort, and informing would-be visitors of the existence of the Wicklow Tourist Association. I am directed to inquire if your Council would be good enough to approve the use of this seal on correspondence leaving their office.

Mise le meas.
Frances M. Middleton (Hon. Sec.)
The Council unanimously approved of the use of the Seal on correspondence leaving their office.

BETTER CLASS HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The Council agreed that in the event of either of the persons to whom houses nos. 3 & 4 at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow had been allocated, deciding not to accept tenancy, Mrs Brady, who had been selected as Tenant of No. 5 would be appointed tenant of such vacant house.

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HOLIDAY PAY: In reply to Councillor Sutton the Town Clerk stated that in order to qualify for Church Holiday Pay it was necessary for the employee to work for the Council on the day preceding, and on the day following such holiday. This was similar to the practice followed by the Wicklow County Council.

ALLOTMENTS: 1951. Councillor Sutton stated that he considered it undesirable that the field let to Mr. Joseph Carr for meadowing in 1950 should be taken up for Allotments. After discussion the Town Surveyor stated that he would make inquiries as to the availability of an alternative field for such purposes.

C. J. Hudson

6/2/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW,
March 2nd. 1951

To/
Each Member 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. March, 1951, at 7-30. P. M. You are requested to attend.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Geallaigh.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

A G E N D A.

- 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on 6th. Feb. 1951 and 24th. February, 1951.
- 2 Letter from Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Rathdrum, re building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- 3 Application from Mr. A. Crotty C. E. O. for loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- 4 Letter from General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, re increase of wages of employees of Wicklow U. D. C.
- 5 Letter from Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health re Council's system of Refuse Collection.
- 6 Naming of New Roads etc at Ballynerrin.
- 7 Housing Progress Report.
- 8 Letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, re lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.
- 9 Application from Mr. A. Finlayson, for lease of field at Dunbur Road known as the "Bog Field".
- 10 Temporary Overdraft Accommodation.
- 11 Letter from St. Patricks G. A. A. Club, Wicklow, applying for lease of Gaol Site, on which the Club proposes to erect a Ball Alley.
- 12 Public Pound- Appointment of Pound Keeper.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING ----- held 6th. February, 1951.

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) presiding.
A. Finlayson; L. Sutton; W. Clarke; P. Doyle and J. Brennan.

The Town Clerk stated that the Chairman had requested him to inform the meeting of his regret at his inability to attend the meeting, owing to illness. Councillor Hudson expressed the hope that the Chairman would experience a speedy recovery. The other members present associated themselves with the sentiments of the Vice-Chairman.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd. Jan, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION RE BUS SERVICE: The following resolution received from Trim U. D. C. was unanimously adopted by the Council:-
"That we the members of Trim U. D. C. consider the present Provincial Bus Terminus and Waiting Shelter at Aston's Quay, Dublin, as unsatisfactory and inadequate, and we hereby request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to provide a more suitable terminus, together with proper waiting-rooms for passengers using such terminus."
Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Coras Iompair Eireann, and to all Urban Councils, County Councils and Town Commissioners throughout the country.

RESOLUTION RE CHEAP FUEL SCHEME: The following resolution received from Arklow U. D. C. was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we consider that persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Dependent Pensions from the British Government should be entitled to receive Fuel under the State Assisted Fuel Schemes at the same contributions and on the same conditions as apply to persons receiving Old Age Pensions from the Irish Government.
Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare and to all other Urban Authorities."

SUPPLY OF MILK TO WICKLOW TOWN: Read following letter received from Department of Industry and Commerce:-

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 5th. inst., enclosing copy of resolution passed at a meeting of your Council on the 2nd. inst., regarding the supply of Milk in Wicklow Town. In reply I am to say that the regulation of the supply of Milk in the area of the Cork sale district is primarily a function of the Cork District Milk Board, set up for that purpose by the Minister for Agriculture. As the same circumstances do not apply to the Urban District of Wicklow it is not feasible to make similar arrangements for the supply of milk in that area.

Mise le meas etc.

Town Clerk, Noted
Wicklow. N

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LAMPS: Read letter dated 5/1/1951 from E. S. B. submitting quotations for provision of Public Lamps at (1) Fitzwilliam Square (Smoothing Iron) (2) St. Patrick's Road- adjoining new five-roomed houses (3) Marlton Road. The Council approved of the acceptance of the quotation relating to (1) and (2), but decided that the question of providing a Public Lamp at Marlton Road, which would necessitate the erection of a net-work extension at a cost of £38-0-0, be adjourned to the estimates meeting.

LEASE OF THE "BOG FIELD" Read letter dated 24/1/1951 from Mr. Andrew Finlayson, Main Street, Wicklow, applying for a lease of the ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow known as the "Bog Field". The letter stated that the applicant proposed to erect a number of houses on the site. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Finlayson had made a similar application on a previous occasion, and that at meeting held on 7th. June 1949, the Council had decided to inform Mr. Finlayson that as the field in question had already been set aside for development as a Plantation or Shrubbery, it was not possible to grant him a lease of the holding.

After discussion, during which it was pointed out by the Town Surveyor that in the event of a lease being granted to Mr. Finlayson, it would be desirable that he should be given a larger area than that contained in the "Bog Field", in order that the building line should be in accordance with the plans already approved of by the Council in connection with the development of the adjoining area, it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council. It was pointed out that in the meantime the Town Surveyor could consult with Mr. Finlayson concerning the matter, and that if necessary, a special meeting of the Council should be held.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (Acquisition) ACTS- Mr. N. J. Byrne. Read letter dated 27/1/1951 from Mr. Nicholas Byrne, The Mall, Wicklow, applying for a loan of £1600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Council unanimously recommended that the maximum loan viz. £1600, be given to Mr. Byrne.

PROPERTY OF WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD. Read letter dated 27/1/1951 from Mr. Fred Mills, addressed to the Town Surveyor, and seeking the approval of the Council regarding (1) the alteration to the wall enclosing the property of Wicklow Saw Mills Co., as shown on the plan submitted and (2) the proposed new building on the North Quay, Wicklow, as indicated on such plan. Read following letter from Town Surveyor:-

Dear Sir,

Reference letter 25th Jan. 1951 from Mr. Mills, on behalf of Wicklow Saw Mills-
As instructed I interviewed him on 18th Jan. 1951. Councillor Kane also present. It will be necessary to retain the map forwarded with that letter. The easement of the wall at the corners was agreed on as shown. I told Mr. Mills that the Council's intention was that the urinal could be removed by Wicklow Saw Mills, and that I thought that a new one should be erected by Wicklow Saw Mills. He agreed to take down the urinal, but he disputed the liability to erect a new one. The question of building up the quay wall where broken, and filling in and filling in the holes in same is of course one for the Harbour Commissioners. The map supplied does not show elevation or section of the new shed inside yard, but I understand that it is to be roofed with asbestos sheets.

J. T. O'Byrne.
Town Surveyor.

The Council approved of the boundary as outlined on plan and also approved of the proposed new building.
Regarding the urinal the Council noted that Wicklow Saw Mills Co. would demolish the existing structure. The Council recommended however that the Company be requested to recoup the Council to the extent of the value of the materials contained in such structure, and that such recoupment would serve as a contribution towards the cost of an alternative urinal to be erected by the Council in the vicinity of the Packet Pier.

Read letter dated 5/2/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solr. thanking the Council for their co-operation in connection with the granting of facilities to Wicklow Saw Mills Co., and requesting the Council to accept the surrender of the two existing leases and grant a new lease of the property as shown on plan lodged by Mr. Mills. After discussion it was decided to defer consideration of this letter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 6th. March, 1951.

CONDITION OF ROADWAY- COLLEY ROW: Read letter dated 17/1/1951 from tenants of houses at Colley Row, drawing the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory and dangerous condition of the roadway outside their dwellings, and requesting the Council to restore the Public Lamp which had been put out of use during the emergency.

In letter dated 1/2/1951, the Town Surveyor recommended that the Public Lamp be restored, and stated that he would include improvement to Colley Row as an item in his Roads Estimate for 1951/52.

The matter was adjourned to the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.

WATER-MAIN AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter from Department of Local Government:-

9/1/1951

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 30th. ult., relative to the proposed water-main for North Quay, Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister to state that no objection will be raised to the carrying out of the work in accordance with the documents submitted. It is noted that the work is to be done by Direct Labour.

A further communication will be addressed to you in regard to the State assistance to be afforded towards the cost of the extension.

Mise le meas, etc.

Town Clerk, Wicklow.

The Town Surveyor stated that he was finding it impossible to have pipes delivered within 18 months, and had asked Mr. Vandenburg if he could expedite matters regarding delivery. Noted.

HOUSING CIRCULAR: Read Circular N. 2/1951 of 19/1/1951 from Department of Local Government re (1) Acquisition of Sites for Housing Purposes (2) Submission of Documents to the Department (3) Examination of Tenders (4) Submission of Tenders (5) Duties of Architects or other appropriate Technical Advisers in connection with Acceptance of Tenders by Housing Authority. (6) Bills of Quantities (7) Departures from final plans and specifications (8) General. Noted.

GRANTS UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE HOUSING (Amendment) Act 1950 Read Circular H. 1/1951 of 25/1/1951 from Department of Local Government, relating to Grants by Housing Authorities under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act 1950. The Manager gave a detailed explanation of the various implications of the Section. After prolonged discussion the Council decided that for the present they would not adopt a scheme under Section 7 of the Act of 1950.

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HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: The following report submitted by the Town Surveyor:-

Dear Sir,

The following is report on position of this scheme to date:-

Bungalows (8) All occupied. Fencing completed on back and divisions. Front Walls still to be done.

2-Storey 4 Rooms.

Block No 1. Houses finished except for pebble-dashing and fencing.
Block No 2. Finished except Pebble dashing and fencing.
Block No 3 Same
Block No 4 Same.
Block No 5. Still to be trimmed out, fenced and pebble-dashed.

Block No 6. Walls now to roof level. roof timbers out.
Block No 6. Walls now to Roof Level. roof timbers out, ready to fix.

10 Out-Offices built; sewer completed- watermain completed.

2- storey 5 rooms.

(8) Block No 1. (2 houses) - occupied.
Block No 2 (2 houses) almost complete except dashing, plumbing, fencing.
Block No 3 (2 houses) being trimmed; staircase to be fixed not dashed. internal plastering complete.
Block No 4 (2 houses) Plastering in progress internally. All sewers and water-mains completed.
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The very bad weather has continued almost since November, 1950, has delayed and held back the completion of this scheme. Should the weather improve, ten of the 12 2-storey, 4 room Houses should be ready for occupation in three weeks, but this cannot be guaranteed under present conditions.

The concrete road cannot possible be started until frost and rain ceases. The expenditure to date is £28,657-3-1.
Employed - Skilled - 15 Unskilled 20.

Materials for the balance of the 80 houses Scheme (26 houses) are being slowly delivered on the site.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

BETTER CLASS HOUSES: PROPOSED GARAGES: The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate giving £175 as the cost of erection of a garage in concrete measuring 19 feet by 9 feet internally. The Town Clerk stated that the provision of a garage would increase the inclusive weekly rent of one of the Better Class Houses by 2/10d. (i.e. estimating P. T. V. at £2-0-0) The Council directed that particulars of the increase of rent involved be circulated to the persons to whom the houses had been allocated.

NAMING OF NEW ROADS: It was decided to adjourn the naming of the new Roads at Ballynerrin to the next meeting of the Council.

12 Two-Storey Houses- at Ballynerrin. The Council directed the Town Clerk to compile a priority list relating to the allocation of 12 two-storey houses at Ballynerrin to the tenants selected by the Council at their meeting held on 5/9/1951.

STORE AT STRAND STREET: W. Vickers. Read letter dated 31/1/1951 from Mr. W. Vickers, Urban Villas, Wicklow, surrendering tenancy of house in Strand Street, Wicklow, as from 27/1/1951.

FIELD FOR ALLOTMENTS: The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. Joseph Carr had indicated that he had no objection to the Council's taking over for the purpose of allotments scheme, the field at Ballynerrin which he held from the Council.

LOCAL Authorities (WORKS) ACT: The Town Surveyor submitted to the meeting details of works proposed to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 during the 1951/52 season. The Town Surveyor pointed out that included in the schedule of works, the total estimated cost of which amounted to £4,535, was an item providing for the cleaning of the river Leitrim between Parnell Bridge and the Rialway Bridge at an estimated cost of £1000. The Council approved of the submission of the scheme to the Department.

RATE ARREARS: M. J. O'Brien: Read letter dated 16/1/51 from Messrs J.H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Mr. M. J. O'Brien, Market Square, Wicklow, had not complied with his undertaking to pay £2-0-0 per month off the arrears of rates, and inquiring whether the Council wished to have proceedings instituted for the sale of his premises. After discussion, during which it was pointed out that a Judgment Mortgage had been registered in respect of the amount outstanding (viz £135-13-4) the Council recommended that Mr. O'Brien be given a further opportunity to comply with his undertaking before authorising the Solicitor to institute proceedings for the sale of the property.

PUBLIC POUND: Read letter dated 5/2/1951 from Mr. Reuben J. Dover, II, St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow, offering the Council a yard for use as a Public Pound at a rent of 12/6 per week. The meeting was informed that the Council had already made arrangements to procure a yard for use as a Pound and that the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to prepare the necessary tenancy agreement. Noted.

CAR AND MOTOR CYCLE RACES: Read letter dated 22/1/1951, from Leinster Motor Club Ltd., requesting the Council to arrange for the closing of the appropriate Roads on the following dates:-

3rd and 4th May, 1951	from 8. P. M. to 10. P. M.
5th May, 1951.	" 3. P. M. " 7-30. P. M.
19th and 20th July	" 8. P. M. " 10 P. M.
21st July 1951	" 3. P. M. to 7-30. P. M.

The letter suggested that one set of advertisements should suffice to cover County Council and Urban Roads. The Council was informed that it would be necessary for the County Council and the Urban District Council to publish separate notices. Noted.

BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD: Joseph O'Carroll: Read letter dated 3/2/1951 from Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Rathdrum, applying for building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. The applicant indicated on the plan submitted with his letter the situation of the sites in which he was interested, viz- (a) Site, adjoining premises of Mr. J. Toner on the Silver Strand side. (b) site adjoining plot recently leased by the Council to Mr. J. Crotty.

After discussion it was decided (1) To include the item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council (2) To submit to such meeting, the map already approved of by the Council, showing lay-out of building sites, proposed new roads etc, in the Dunbur Road area. (3) To submit to such meeting estimated cost of proposed ne roads and services. (4) To inform Mr. O'Carroll that his application would be considered at the next meeting of the Council; but, that if in the meantime, he should decide to accept site B., he could take it for granted that such site would be made available to him by the Council.

WATER SUPPLY- P. Byrne, Main Street, Wicklow. Read following letter from Mr.P. Byrne, Main Street, Wicklow:-

23/1/51

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Once again I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the water-supply is still out off from the premises occupied by me at the above address. As you are aware, this state of affairs has existed for a very long time, and the only explanation I have heard is that there is a leak somewhere in the Main Street.

You have now decided to take proceedings against me in the District Court for Rates & Water Rates. ? ?

Yours faithfully

Patrick Byrne.

P. S. I wonder would Dr. Browne, Minister for Health be interested in this matter.

P. B.

Read letter dated 3/2/1951 from Mr. J. DeCoursey, Water-Works Overseer, giving particulars of repairs which had been carried out to the pipe in question, and of notices which had been served on the owner. The Council were informed (1) that the owner of the premises was responsible for repairs to the pipe; (2) that the occupier was in a position to carry out the repairs and deduct the cost from the rent payable to the landlord; (3) that in the event of continued failure on the part both of the owner and the tenant to have the necessary repairs effected, the Council would be compelled to carry out the work, and to recover the cost from the person responsible for such repairs.

LETTING OF MURROUGH: Wicklow Town A. F. C. Read letter dated 9/2/51 from Wicklow Town Association Football Club requesting the Council (1) to reduce rent of Murrough per match during the 1951/52 season. (2) To grant the Club use of the Murrough free of rent on St. Patrick's Day, on which date it was proposed to play a match in aid of Parochial Funds. (3) To repair the fencing between the Marine and the River.

The Council agreed to accede to requests (2) and (3) but decided to inform the Club that they were not in a position to reduce the rent of the Murrough.

SEA VIEW ROAD: COMPLAINT RE FOWL: Read letter dated 6/2/1951 from Mr. Arthur McGuinness, Sea View Road, Wicklow, complaining of the nuisance created by the keeping of fowl by a neighbouring house-holder. The Council directed on the Manager's suggestion that the Health Inspector carry out an inspection and submit a report.

DUNBUR WATER-SUPPLY EXTENSION: RESTORATION OF ROADS: Read following correspondence relating to Dunbur Water Supply Extension:-

Sean S. O'Caellaigh, Uas.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

2nd. Feb. 1951

Re- Dunbur Water Supply Extension.

A Chara,

I have been pressing Mr. William Lee, Contractor, to complete the restoration of the road between Market Square and Golf Links and also Monkton Row, which was damaged as a result of the laying of the new water-main.

I was compelled to serve a notice on Mr. Lee a week ago, owing to the bad condition of the roads. I informed him that if he did not proceed immediately, I would have to take over the work and have it done at his expense. I gave him an estimate of the cost of doing the work if the County Council carried it out, which was £500.

I have now received a letter dated 29th. ult., from Mr. Lee, which indicates that he is prepared to allow the County Council to do the work.

I submitted this letter to the Manager and he directed me to forward it to you with a request that you consult with the Law Agent so that the correct procedure may be followed on his advice.

Mise le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne.
Town Surveyor.

J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B. E.,
Town Surveyor.

Re- Water Mains Contract.
Restoration of Roads.

Dear Sir,

I am prepared to hand over the restoration of the roads in connection with above contract, to the County Council, for the amount of £423-5-0 as set out in Item I2 of the Bill of Quantities.

This amount should cover the work, particularly as I have already carried out some restoration work to footpaths etc., but in case it is not sufficient I am prepared to contribute a further sum of £76-15-0. bringing the total amount for the road restoration to £500 which is the maximum I am prepared to contribute.

I shall be gald to hear if this meets with your kind approval.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Lee.

The Town Clerk stated that the Council's Solicitor had been requested to advise the Council in connection with the matter.

COMPLAINTS RE SHORES: Read letter dated 6/12/1951 from Mrs Esther Carton, 18 Convent Road, Wicklow, complaining about the condition of the shore adjoining her house, and requesting the Council to take steps to prevent flooding. The Town Surveyor stated that this work was included in the schedule to be submitted to the Decartment in connection with the programme under Local Authorities (Works) Act. 1949.

Read letter dated 5/2/1951 from Mrs Annie Barlow, 6, St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, drawing the attention of the Council to the shore at her

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house, and stating that she had received serious injuries by falling into this shore; After discussion, the Council directed the Town Surveyor to carry out an inspection and submit a report concerning the matter.

ACE PRODUCTS LTD: -COMPLAINT RE DUMPING: Read letter dated 6th Feb 1951 from Ace Products Ltd. drawing the attention of the Council to the dumping of refuse in their yard by the tenants of certain houses in Castle Street. The Council instructed the Town Surveyor to carry out an inspection and submit a report in connection with the matter.

OPEN FIREPLACE - NO 4 Bungalow, St. Laurence Road. Read letter from Mr. W. Byrne, No 4, Bungalow, St Laurence Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to grant him permission to remove the range and instal an open fireplace in his house. The Town Surveyor was requested to submit a report concerning the matter.

ARBOR WEEK: Councillor Clarke stated that arrangements were being made to organise an Arbor Week throughout the country in the week commencing on March 12th. 1951, and suggested that the Council co-operate to the extent of carrying out plantations during that week. He suggested that the Council's staff should be allowed one day to carry out such work, and that the Town Clerk should communicate with the C. E. O., the De La Salle Brothers, the County Committee of Agriculture and other bodies with a view to making the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of Arbor Week, in Wicklow Town. The Council unanimously approved of Councillor Clarke's suggestions. The Manager stated that the Council already had shown its appreciation of tree-planting by carrying out plantations near the Sea Front. A space had been reserved for the purpose of a plantation adjoining the new housing scheme, at Ballynerrin. After further discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the Town Surveyor that arrangements should be made for the planting of at least one tree (preferably fruit tree) in the plot attached to each one of the Council's houses.

*W. Hudson
6/3/51*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
MINUTES

Feb.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 24th, 1951

PRESENT: Messrs W. Clarke; (Presiding) A. Finlayson; L. Sutton.

The Town Clerk stated that the Chairman (Mr. J. Olohan) and the Vice Chairman (Mr. C. W. Hudson) who were unable to be present, owing to illness, wished it to be understood that they were very much in favour of the Council's taking a prominent part in making Wicklow Arbor Week a success.

On the motion of Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson, Councillor W. Clarke was elected Chairman of the meeting.

ARBOR WEEK: Read following letter from Wicklow Arbor Week Committee:-
Wicklow Urban District Council.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

The Wicklow Arbor Week Committee having considered -at their meeting held on 20th. inst., - a report submitted by Messrs M. J. Beirne and J. Dawson relative to suitability for Tree-Planting of certain sites in the Urban District of Wicklow, wish to recommend your Council to undertake the planting of trees on the following sites:

- (1) Black Castle Site.
- (2) Site Opposite Convent (Barrow Green)
- (3) Murrrough.
- (4) Station Road.

Mise le meas,
Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.
Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Dawson had just informed him that 250 trees would be sufficient for the Black Castle Site, and that the estimated cost of the trees was as follows:-

250 trees at Blackcastle	£12-0-0
4 " " Barrow Green	3-10-0
10 " " Murrrough	8-15-0
4 " " Station Road.	3- 0-0
	<u>27- 5- 0</u>

The meeting was also informed that the Arbor Week Committee considered that in view of the short time available, it might be best for the Council to concentrate on the plantings at Blackcastle and Barrow Green.

After discussion, during which it was pointed out that if necessary, the work relating to the planting of trees on the Murrrough and on the Station Road need not be carried out immediately, it was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

" That we hereby approve of the planting of trees on the following sites:-

Black Castle	250 trees.
Barrow Green	4 "
Murrrough	10 "
Station Road	4 "

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The Town Clerk stated that a certain amount of voluntary labour would be available in connection with the preparation of the land and Fencing. This would reduce the cost considerably.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson, seconded by Councillor L Sutton and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council in accordance with Section 25(I) of the County Management Act, 1940, hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sum specified in the estimates of expenses by the following amount: (I) Corporate Estate ----- £37½ "

The meeting was informed that as some moneys were still available for Corporate Estate maintenance, it was unlikely that any special provision would have to be made in the estimates of expenses for 1951/52 to meet the cost involved.

EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE

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

That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890/1950.

W. Finlayson
6/3/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.
March 30th. 1951

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

A Chare,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd. April, 1951 at 7-30. P. M. 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 6th. March, 1951 and 21st. March, 1951. (copies herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Skibereen U. D. C. re Labour Court.
- (3) Resolution from Kinsale U. D. C. re Road Fund Grants.
- (4) Resolution from National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association re National Finance and Turf Production.
- (5) Appointment of Council's Nominee to attend and vote at General meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
- (6) Execution of Mortgage and application for Registration relating to Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to Mr. Patrick P. Finlayson.
- (7) Correspondence re Water-Main for North Quay, Wicklow.
- (8) Letter from Mr. E. Kilcoyne re proposed removal of range.
- (9) Letter from residents of the area re stream at Kilmantin Hill.
- (10) Letter from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son re dumping at Bond Street.
- (11) Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., re lease of plot of ground at North Quay for storage purposes.
- (12) Application from Mr. A. Finlayson for lease of site at Dunbur Road.
- (13) Application from Ace Products Ltd. for lease of site at junction of St. Laurence Road and New Park Road, on which site applicants propose to erect a factory.
- (14) Naming of new roads at Ballynerrin.
- (15) Consideration of matters relating to termination of yearly tenancies. (to date no further communication has been received from Solicitors acting for Dominican Convent)
- (16) Report from Town Surveyor re delelict sites at Friar's Hill.
- (17) Letter from Department of Local Government re bonus payable in connection with Direct Labour Housing Scheme.
- (18) Housing Progress Report.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING. held on 6th MARCH, 1951

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th. February, 1951, and on 24th. February, 1951 were taken as read, and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITE TO MR. JOSEPH O'CARROLL: Read letter dated 28/2/1951, from Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Tyn-y-cwm, Rathdrum, stating that he wished to obtain a lease of the Building Site marked "B" on the plan submitted with his letter of 3/2/1951.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan;
seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and Resolved:-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a lease of Building Site (Marked "B" on plan submitted by applicant) to Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Tyn-y-cwm, Rathdrum, for a term of 75 years, at an Annual Rent of £7-10-0."

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS- MR. JOSEPH O'CARROLL.

An application received from Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Tyn-y-cwm, Rathdrum, for a loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, of £1600, was submitted to the Council. The Council unanimously recommended the County Manager to approve of the maximum loan, viz £1600.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS- MR. A. CROTTY.

An application dated 21/2/1951, and submitted by Mr. A. Crotty, for a loan of £1600, under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, was considered by the Council. The plans and specification submitted with the application were examined. The Council unanimously recommended the County Manager to approve of a loan of £1600 to Mr. Crotty.

REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES: Read following letter received from Irish Transport and General Workers Union:-
Dear Comrade,

We are to request that the wages of our members employed by Wicklow Urban District Council be increased by 12/- per week.

In support of our demand we are to say that the figure claimed is what was initiated by the Congress of Irish Unions, in our endeavour to find a wage level which would offset the rising cost of living, and as the existing wage level of these workers is low in comparison to workers in comparable employment, we would be glad therefore for your very early and favourable reply in respect of this matter. Fraternaly yours etc.

etc.

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After discussion, it was decided to defer making a decision in the matter to the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on 30/3/1951. The Council directed however, that the amount equivalent to the increase requested by the Union be shown in the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses.

The Manager also stated that a communication had also been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, applying for a 12½% increase on the basic salary-scales of the Council's Officers. The Council recommended that an amount equivalent to such increase be included in the Estimate of Expenses to be submitted to the Council at the Annual Estimates Meeting on 30/3/1951.

SCAVENGING SERVICE: Read following letter received from Acting Chief Medical Officer :-

"Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

I wish to repeat my recommendation of last year that a proper refuse collection be provided by the Wicklow Urban District Council. The present system, as I have already pointed out is unsatisfactory and leads to many abuses. The introduction of the Food Hygiene Regulations makes it necessary that a proper method of refuse disposal should be available. The failure on the part of the Local Authority to provide this service militates against the success of these regulations.

I would urge that this be taken into account now, when the estimates for the year are being considered so that a proper system may be provided during the year.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. Dunleavy.

The Council was informed that the provision of a refuse collection service for all households in the town would entail the employment by the Council of an additional Carter and Assistant. The increased cost of the service- taking into account the loss of receipts at present available- would be equivalent to a rate of 1/6d. in the £.

After discussion, during which it was suggested that the provision of a cover for the refuse cart would improve the service, it was decided that a decision in the matter be deferred to the Annual Estimates Meeting. The Council recommended however, that the increase be shown in the Estimate of Expenses to be submitted to the meeting on 30/3/1951. Reference was made to the desirability of improving the refuse disposal system employed by the Local Hospitals. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Hospitals concerning the matter.

NAMING OF NEW ROADS AT BALLYNERRIN: The naming of new Roads at Ballynerrin, Wicklow was adjourned to the next monthly meeting of the Council.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: Read following report received from Town Surveyor:-

Dear Sir,

I have to report present position of the Housing at Ballynerrin:-
(1) Bungalows (8) Occupied. front walls to be coped and walls hung.

(2) Four Room 2-storey. 10 completed- 2 houses finished except for skirting and dashing. Total 12. All outoffices completed. These houses could be occupied but I think it inadvisable at present until roadway is finished. The roads are now in progress.

(3) 8 5 roomed 2 storey. 2 Houses occupied; second block of two being painted; third block of two being trimmed. (staircases etc); fourth block of two, skimming and slabbing completed. Total 8. All outoffices built; road excavated and partly filled. Fencing to be done.

Total Expenditure at date - £29,646. 7. 9.
Labour: Skilled - 15. Unskilled - 20.

(4) With regard to the remainder of the houses (26), to complete total Scheme of 80 Houses, the expenditure is now £545.12. 8. which is the cost of part materials (timber, ironmongery, sewer-pipes etc) and Labour in laying part sewers and erection of Stores.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

The Surveyor stated that it was desirable that the road should be completed before the tenants entered into occupancy of the houses.

LEASE OF PLOT AT NORTH QUAY TO WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD:

Read following letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow:-

A Chara,

I refer to interviews and correspondence in connection with the ground now actually enclosed by my clients, on site adjacent to the Quay Wall. I refer to your letter of the 8th. December, and to points raised therein, and wish to say that all points which were outstanding have now been finally completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Wall surrounding the property has now been completed, and the corners eased to the satisfaction of Messrs Haskins. A map has been lodged with you, showing the actual boundaries as they now exist, and the only matter remaining to be completed is the easing of the corner at the Eastern end of the Saw Mills Building. The dimensions have been agreed upon between my clients' Engineer and the Engineer to your Council. Both my clients and myself wish to thank your Council and its Officials for the assistance given. It is now however, necessary to straighten out the Title. The larger portion of ground is held under Lease of 12th. December, 1916, and made between your Council and Thomas M. Collier. Under this Lease, portion of the ground now in possession of my clients is leased for a term of 75 years from 29th. December, 1916, subject to the yearly rent of £20. Another portion of the property is known as "Canavan's Shed" and was leased by your Council to John Canavan by lease of 20th. August, 1935 for a period of 75 years from 25th. March, 1935, at a yearly rent of £2-0-0. The boundaries of the plot show that the property now includes a small portion of ground, the property of your Council, not included in either of the Leases mentioned above. There would be a space of approximately 17 feet, between the boundaries of the lease of the 12th. December, 1916, and the boundaries shown in the lease of the 20th. August, 1935, but it also shows that my clients would be surrendering a strip of ground approximately 10 feet wide, so as to give wider access to the Harbour, and they are also releasing a small piece of ground to ease the corner to the Quay at the Eastern end of their property. The suggestion now made is that my clients would surrender the above two mentioned leases, and in lieu thereof, would ask your Council to grant them a new lease of the property now enclosed within the plan already lodged.

By adopting this course, the Titles are put in order both from the point of view of your Council and my clients. If you desire any further information, kindly let me know.
Mise le meas. A. Cullen.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan seconded by Councillor E. Kane and Resolved:-
"That we hereby agree to accept surrender of leases ((1) Wicklow U. D. C. to Thomas M. Collier (2) Wicklow U. D. C. to John Canavan) and to grant a new lease of plot at North Quay, Wicklow, as delineated on map submitted by Town Surveyor to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £30.

Regarding the proposed demolition of urinal on the North Quay, it was decided to request Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. to contribute £25. towards the cost of a new structure to replace the existing one. The Town Surveyor was directed to select a suitable site and to obtain the consent of the Wicklow Harbour Authority to the erection of such new structure, estimated to cost £75.

LEASE OF BOG FIELD - MR. A. FINLAYSON: Read letter dated 24/1/1951 from Mr. A. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow, applying for a building lease of the area known as "The Bog Field", situated at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, on which the applicant proposed to erect a number of houses. Read following letter from Town Surveyor:-

5th. March, 1951.

Re- Application for lease of Bog Field.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 3rd. inst., regarding application for lease of "Bog Field", I write to say that in this connection there is no new road required or services.

The builder would be required to connect his main from the rear of the houses to the existing new main now laid in Dunbur Road. All his houses, (7 in all) would front on to the Dunbur Road in the appropriate plots as indicated on the large scale map which I have submitted to you.

The building frontage for these houses should be kept in line with that already being maintained in plots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. as already erected. I interviewed Mr. Finlayson on this subject, and we have agreed on this.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'Byrne. (Town Surveyor)

S. S. O'Ceallaigh Uas.,
Cleireach an Bhaile.

A map showing the seven building sites was submitted to the meeting by the Town Surveyor. After discussion it was agreed (1) that the ground rent per building site would be £5. per annum. (2) that the Lessee could not charge a sub-tenant a higher ground rent in respect of any particular site than the ground rent payable by the Lessee to the Council in respect of such site. (3) That Council's Solicitor be requested to advise concerning the type of agreement which should be prepared to allow of the leasing of -say two sites- to Mr. Finlayson, whilst granting him an option on the remainder of the land, with a view to enabling him to take further plots as the occasion for building on such sites arose. (4) that further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime, the Town Surveyor consult with Mr. Finlayson regarding Building Line, exact location of houses etc.

TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: The Town Clerk stated that the Council's Capital Account showed a Credit Balance of £328-7-II on 5/3/1951, but that it would be necessary to obtain Temporary Overdraft Accommodation.

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It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction for Overdraft Accommodation up to a limit of £5000, on Council's Capital Account, to the date of the meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd. April, 1951."

The meeting was informed that the Council's Revenue Account had been overdrawn during the quarter ended 31/12/1951 and that it would be necessary to obtain sanction to Overdraft Accommodation for that period.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction for Overdraft Accommodation up to a limit of £1000 (General Revenue Account) for the quarter ended 31/12/1950."

The Council was informed that it would be necessary to provide for excess expenditure on Roads in respect of 1950/51.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-
"That we hereby consent to the Manager exceeding the amount in the Estimate of Expenses for 1950/51 by the following amounts:-
Roads- £35.

ROAD AT SUMMER HILL: The Manager informed the meeting that Council's Solicitor had advised, that in the event of its being decided that the County Council should carry out the work of Road Restoration at Summer-Hill etc. in connection with the completion of Water-Mains Contract, it should be made clear to the Contractor, that the County would merely be acting as agents for the Contractors in the carrying out of such work. The Manager stated that the Contractors had communicated with the Urban Council, stating in writing, that the County Council would be merely acting as their agent in the execution of the work. The Town Surveyor stated that he would arrange to have the work commenced as soon as possible.

HAND BALL ALLEY: Read following letter received from Mr. J. T. Hoynes, 2, Summer Hill, Wicklow:-
12/2/1951.

To/ Urban Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to inform you on behalf of St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club that we intend to build a new Ball Alley on the old site at the Gaol, Wicklow. We have formed a Committee, and we hope to obtain funds from collections and dances, and we hope to get the work done by voluntary labour, as a Ball Alley would be a great asset to the town and to the young people. We would be very glad if you would give us a lease of the site and if possible some financial assistance. We would like to build it to the regulation size, so that we will be eligible to have the All-Ireland Championships played in Wicklow.

Trusting that you will give this matter your attention.
Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Surveyor stated that he had examined the site, and that the Club intended building a Ball Alley 50 feet wide and 80 feet long. The Manager drew the attention of the Council to their Sketch Planning Scheme. After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter pending the submission by the Club of a Sketch Plan, showing the lay-out of the proposed Alley, and details in relation to the surroundings.

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PUBLIC POUND: It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton; seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and Resolved:-
"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to Tenancy Agreement between the Council and Mrs Esther Doyle, relating to renting of a yard by the Council for use as a Pound."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Agreement. The Manager pointed out that Mrs Esther Doyle would act as Pound-keeper, and would be remunerated for her services by fees payable to her in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Pound Regulations Acts, 1938.

WATER-MAIN AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter from Department of Local Government:-

1st. March, 1951.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated 16th. ult., relative to the proposed extension of the water-supply to North Quay, Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that he has recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works, the Council's application for a loan of £700 from the Local Loans Fund.

As regards the question of the extent of the State Assistance to be afforded to the Scheme, I am to state, that a change is contemplated in the method of the subvention of Sanitary Services Works generally. There will not however, be any alteration in the actual amount of subsidy towards the cost of water supply and sewerage schemes, and it is therefore that the extension referred to will be subsidised to the extent of approximately 43 1/3rd% of the estimated cost of the work. Details of the revised arrangements will be communicated to you in due course.

Mise le meas, etc.

Read letter dated 6/3/1951 from Town Surveyor, stating that having failed to procure pipes, he had requested Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., to endeavour to obtain the pipes in order that the work could be commenced without delay. Noted.

PUBLIC LAMP AT FRIAR'S HILL: Read letter dated 5/3/1951 from Mr. M. Copeland, Friar's Hill, Wicklow, requesting the Council to provide a Public Lamp at Friar's Hill. The Council decided to consider all such applications at the Estimates meeting. The Town Surveyor stated that fourteen additional Public Lamps would be required in 1951/52.

RE-BOILER GRATE: Read letter dated 4/3/1951, from Mr. J. Byrne, 11, Castle Park, Wicklow, requesting the Council's permission to remove Boiler Range, and replace it with a Boiler Grate. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS etc. Read letter dated 5/3/1951, from Mrs P. Dunne, 12, St. Bride's Road, Wicklow, applying for Council House. The applicant enclosed a Medical Certificate from Dr. H. Teevan, M. O. H. Noted.

Read letter dated 5/3/1951 from Mr. A. E. G. Howes, St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow, applying for a Council House. Read letter dated 6/3/1951 from Rent Collector, stating (1) That Mrs Rose Morgan had gone to Liverpool on holidays for a month or two, and (2) that Mr. George Hall, who had been living with his mother at Glenview Road at Glenview Road, was again in occupancy of his house at the Murrough. Noted.

Road application from Mr. David Doyle, 20 Glenview Road for new house at Ballynerrin which had been allocated to his son-in-law, Mr. Bernard Higgins, who had indicated that he would accept tenancy of Mr. Doyle's House at No 20, Glenview Road. The Council unanimously approved of the exchange of houses and agreed that the basic rent of No 20, Glenview Road, would be increased by 50% as from the date of commencement of new tenancy.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES ETC. The attention of the Town Surveyor was drawn to the necessity for having repairs carried out to the following houses:-
(1) House occupied by Mr. W. Dickenson at No 18, St. Dominick's Road.
(2) House occupied by Mr. T. Redmond at 24, Kilmantin Road.

ARBOR WEEK: The Council was informed of the progress made by the Wicklow Arbor Week Committee in organising an Arbor Week, commencing on 12th. March, 1951.
The Manager stated that the provision of an apple tree and Plum Tree for each of the 34 new houses, already completed and occupied, would cost approximately seventeen pounds. The Council unanimously approved of the purchase and planting of such trees.

TERMINATION OF YEARLY TENANCIES: Read letter dated 2/3/1951 from Messrs Arthur O'Hagan & Son, Harcourt Street, Dublin, Solicitors, acting on behalf of the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, relative to three Notices to Quit, directed to the Community, which Notices to Quit were due to expire on 25th. March, 1951. The Council was informed that the Council's Solicitor had been requested to advise in the matter. After discussion, it was agreed
(1) That no action be taken until the Solicitor's advice would be available.
(2) That if considered necessary, a special meeting of the Council be called to deal with the matter. (3) That in the meantime, no further action be taken to recover possession of the land in question.

J. O'Hagan
2/3/51
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
MINUTES

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING held on 21st. March, 1951.

Present: Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.
Councillors C. W. Hudson; L. Sutton; A. Finlayson;
E. Kane; J. Brennan; P. Doyle.
The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

TERMINATION OF YEARLY TENANCIES- DOMINICAN CONVENT, WICKLOW:

Read following letter dated 2/3/1951 received from Messrs Arthur O'Hagan & Son, Solicitors, Harcourt Street, Dublin:-
Re- Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by the Mother Prioress, to write you in reference to three Notices to Quit directed to the Community, which expire on 25th. inst.

The field comprising 1a. 2r. 16p. Statute Measure (called Quinn's Field) held under a yearly tenancy at the yearly rent of £4-7/-, and the field comprising 3a. 3r. 10p. Statute Measure (called Pim's Field) held under a yearly tenancy at a rent of £6. have been in the occupation of the Nuns as Yearly Tenants for upwards of 35 years. These holdings can be brought under the Land Acts, and we now call upon the Council to furnish the necessary particulars to the Land Commission, failing which, our clients will make the necessary application to the Land Commission.

We are aware, that the holding known as Pim's Field is the subject of the Agreement dated 7th. August 1936 but this field has been in occupation of our clients as tenants since 1915, and the Agreement made in 1936 was intended principally to effect the surrender by our clients of the Yearly Tenancy they then had of another field, containing 6 acres at a yearly rent of £15-15-0.

As regards the other field, containing 4a.2r.2p. (called Keogh's Field) rent of £7-10-0 we have some doubt whether it comes under the Land Acts or not, but assuming a satisfactory arrangement is made by the Council by bringing Quinn's Field and Pim's Field under the Land Acts our clients would be prepared to surrender their tenancy in Keogh's Field which is far away from the convent. The other two fields are so much part of the Convent Lands that they are necessary amenities being worked in connection with the Convent's Farming and have always so been.

We refer you to the Council's letter of 28th. September, 1949, returning our Clients' cheque for the rents due, to 29/9/1949, and stating that it was not intended to accept these rents until a lease had been granted. Our clients have always been anxious and willing to pay the rents due by them under their tenancies, and if you will now send us particulars of whatever rents are due, same will be paid at once.

After all the years that our clients have been tenants to the Council they would much regret that any dispute should now arise, and they are always agreeable to conform to any reasonable requirements of the Council. We omitted to mention above, that Quinn's Field is at present under tillage.

Yours faithfully,

A. O'Hagan & Son.

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

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Read following letter dated 12/3/1951 received from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.:-

Re- Land held by the Dominican Convent,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query herein.
The reason the Council terminated the Yearly Tenancies is to prevent people from availing of the provisions of the Land Acts.

Actually, the Convent have acquired much of the Council's property by this method, resulting in the Council, when they wish to build houses having to pay large figures for building sites.

The property should never have been let on a Yearly Tenancy basis: it should have been either eleven months letting or a lease. Either of these methods would preclude the provisions of the Land Acts being enforced.

We therefore think that the Council should not agree to a Yearly letting of any of their property to anyone.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

Read following letter dated 20/3/1951 received from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,

Re- Dominican Convent.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to above.
As the Convent are, apparently, prepared to surrender Kehoe's field, we suggest that the two other fields be leased to the convent. The Council have power to grant a lease for a period not exceeding 31 years.

If the Council were to agree to these two fields being dealt with under the Lands Acts they would of course, be handing over complete control of same, and they would be bound to accept whatever price would be fixed by the Land Commission.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCarroll & Co.

J. J. O'Kelly Esq.,
Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Read lengthy report, dated 21/3/1951 from Town Surveyor, relating to Council's land at present occupied by the following tenants:-

Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
Mrs Julia A. Doyle.
Mr Henry Hamilton.
Miss Dorothy Hall.

The report gave particulars of the situation and area of the various holdings and referred to their intended future use as indicated on the Town Planning Sketch Development Plan. The Town Surveyor also submitted maps showing the location of the fields in question. The County Manager indicated, that whilst this was a matter for decision by the members of the Council, he considered, as already advised, that these yearly lettings should be terminated.

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After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Olohan; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we convey to the Dominican Convent, Wicklow the following views of the Council:-

We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, having carefully considered the various matters relating to the termination of the Yearly Tenancies, hereby agree (1) To accept from the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, the surrender of the field known as "Kough's Field", containing 4 acres, 2 roods, 2 perches or thereabouts; (2) To grant leases for terms of 31 years to the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, in respect of (a) field known as Quinn's Field, containing 1 acre, 2 roods, 16 perches or thereabouts, and (b) field called "Pim's Field" containing 3 acres, 3 roods, 10 perches or thereabouts, the rents to be the same as in the cases of the Yearly Tenancies viz- £4-7-0 and £6-0-0 per annum respectively"

Signed. J. Olohan (Chairman)

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: The following resolution was passed in silence all members standing:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan;
seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. James Nichols, a former esteemed member and Official of the Council, and that as a mark of respect, no further business be transacted at this meeting."

(Signed) J. Olohan (Chairman)

J. Olohan
3/3/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.

April 27th. 1951.

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, 1st. May, 1951,
at 7.30. P.M. 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 Meetings held on 30th. March, 1951 and 3rd. April 1951 (copies herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Tralee U. D. C. re sale of Artizans' Dwellings to existing tenants.
- (3) Resolution from Bray U. D. C. re School Meals Scheme.
- (4) Letter from E. S. B. re additional Public Lamps.
- (5) Letter dated 17/4/1951 from Ace Products Ltd., re rent of site for proposed new factory.
- (6) Letter from Shanrock Fertilizers Ltd., re plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow.
- (7) Letters from Council's Solicitors re lease of building sites at Dunbur Road to Mr. A. Finlayson.
- (8) Letter from Messrs Arthur O'Hagan & Son, Solicitors, applying for a lease of the three fields held by Dominican Convent, Wicklow under Yearly Tenancies.
- (9) Letter dated 19/4/1951 from Department of Local Government re Fore-shore protection works.
- (10) Letter from Council's Solicitor re Public Park at Black Castle, Wicklow.
- (11) Letter from Department of Local Government inviting the views of Councils on the operation of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1948.
- (12) Selection of tenants of vacant new Houses at St. Laurence Park.
- (13) Housing Progress Report.
- (14) Application for Lease of site for Hand Ball Alley.

- (15) Selection of Road or Roads on which it is proposed to spend £1900 in respect of improvement works.
- (16) Correspondence re Derelict Sites at Friar's Hill, Wicklow.
- (17) Schedule of Uncollected Rates.